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8th December 2023

Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are well and truly into the Christmas activities at school! There has been much fun and excitement this week and more to come next week. We are working hard to maintain learning and usual routines throughout the festive period to support all of our children in enjoying the festive fun.

The children in KS1 and KS2 are looking forward to sharing their performances with you next week

RECEPTION NATIVITY

Reception performed their nativity concert at St. Mark's Church on Friday. The children loved dressing up in their costumes and representing different characters from the nativity story.

They sang songs and carols and finished off with a rendition of 'We wish you a Merry Christmas'.

We'd like to say a big thank you to Mrs. Pennington who volunteered her time to accompany the children on the piano.







DATES COMING UP School Calendar

11 Dec

Dress rehearsals (Children only)

Deadline for Phyllis Tuckwell Sponsorship

12 & 13 Dec

KS1 and KS2 Performances

Pre-booked Tickets only

15 Dec

Deadline for Y6 Residential deposit payment

End of Term 1.30pm

2 Jan

Spring Term starts for all

4 Jan

Choir Rehearsals start

15 Jan

INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED

16 Jan

Afterschool Clubs Start

23 Jan

Y3 Butser Ancient Farm Trip

30 Jan

Young Voices Concert

5-9 Feb

Y6 Bikeability

12-16 Feb

HALF TERM HOLIDAY

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

We enjoyed a delicious Christmas lunch this week. The Twelve 15 team cooked up a storm which was devoured by both children and staff.

The children were treated to a specially decorated lunch hall and service from all of the staff. It was quite a treat to be waited on by their teachers.

They loved it!

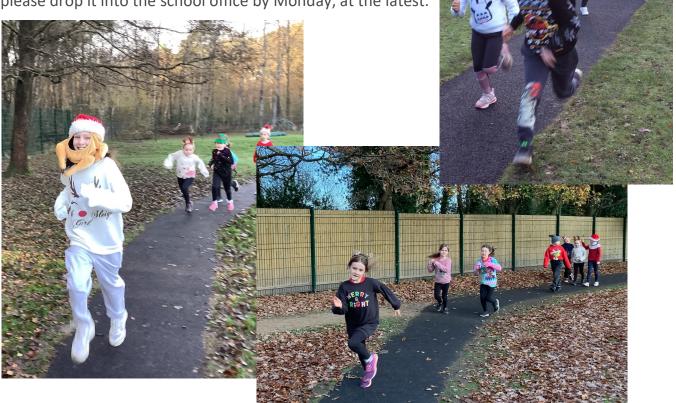


CHRISTMAS RUN

The children participated in the Christmas Run this week, raising money for Phyliss Tuckwell Hospice. The children were amazing and ran laps of the field with such determination and

perseverance. Thank you to all of you who supported your child in collecting sponsor money and to those of you who were able to come along on the day. Once we have the total raised we will let you know.

If you have not yet brought sponsor money into school, please drop it into the school office by Monday, at the latest.



PANTOMIME

The children were treated to an excellent performance of Little Red Riding Hood on Wednesday. The performance was full of fun and the usual pantomime antics. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all!





FOW CHRISTMAS FAIR



Friends of Wyke would like to thank you all for supporting the Christmas Fair.

It was great to see so many children and their families enjoying the stalls and visiting Father Christmas. We would also like to say a big thank you to all the volunteers, staff and governors who gave up their time to help out. We couldn't have done it without you!

YEAR 1 PREPAREROBO WORKSHOP

Last Friday, Year 1 spent the morning learning how to build a robot using Mechanical Lego.

The children had to work as a team to design and build the robot making sure that they had all the components that it needed (a brain, wheels, eyes etc - with much more technical names).

They had to do a lot of problem solving and ensure that they were communicating effectively in order to create their robot.

The children had to persevere and show resilience when it didn't always go to plan.



When they had finally managed to get all the components in the right place, they were able to let their robot loose. The robots moved around the classroom avoiding lots of obstacles.

The children found it hilarious. It was a great experience for the children and they all had such a great time.

STAFFING UPDATE

I am delighted to inform you that Juliet Bugg will be taking on the Reception Teacher role, beginning in January 2024. Juliet is excited to be returning to teaching following a break from the profession, while her children were young.

Juliet's current Learning Support Assistant role will be taken on by Jess Adams.

CURRICULUM INFORMATION SESSION

A recording of a curriculum information session held for parents and carers in the autumn term 2023, along with the accompanying presentation slides is available here:

<u>Parent & Carer Information Session</u> (thekiteacademytrust.org)



ATTENDANCE UPDATE



Last week our attendance was 96.13% and we had 15 lates.

Well done to **Year 4 for winning the Attendance Cup** with an excellent attendance of **98.86**%.

QUESTIONS REGARDING TRANSITION TO SOUTH FARNHAM EDUCATION TRUST (SFET)

Please use this email address should you have any questions you would like answered by the Governors: wyke.kite.academy

Questions and answers will be published on the school website here: <u>Academy Trust</u> <u>Transition Q&A</u>

Please note, the email address is not for questions about individual children or current school matters. These questions should be directed through the usual channels.

CLUBS

A reminder that Autumn Clubs have now finished.

Choir will continue into the spring term and parents do not need to re-apply. Due to the Young Voices event, Choir will start with an extra practice on Thursday 4th January, then weekly from Wednesday 10th January.

We are currently putting together the clubs list for **Spring Term** and have some new external clubs starting. Booking for school-led clubs will open the first week of the new term, with clubs starting week commencing Tuesday 16th January (Monday 15th is an INSET day). Booking details will follow in the new year.



10 years of Cook Stars!

Cook Stars will be running a cookery club open to pupils in Year 3 and 4 in the Spring term.

"Our classes are very hands-on with everyone making their own dish from scratch and creating something to be proud of! Everything is provided at our classes, so children can simply come along and get cooking."

Cook Stars	Mondays	Y3 & Y4	£81	Book Here
Boogie Pumps	Tuesdays	Y1-6	£63	Book Here
Football Club	Thursdays	Y1-3	£54	Book Here





SAFEGUARDING

National Online Safety have published a very useful guide for parents on the use of YouTube Kids.



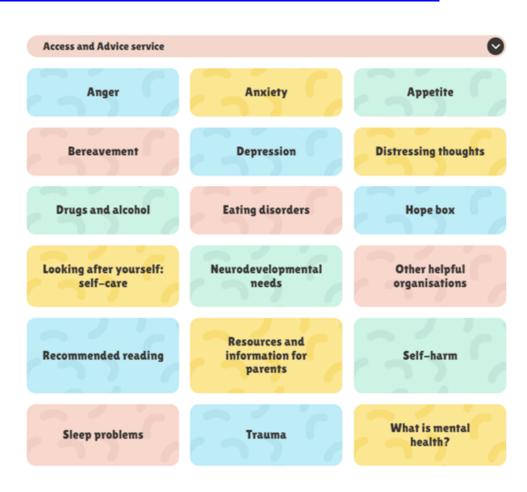
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SEND UPDATE

Mindworks Surrey is a central emotional wellbeing and mental health service for supporting children and young people. It includes services such as CAMHS. Their website includes a range of information that children and families may find helpful. Visit www.mindworks-surrey.org/advice-information-and-resources

If you feel your child's emotional wellbeing and mental health are at crisis point,
Mindworks have a 24/7 crisis helpline.

www.mindworks
-surrey.org/i-am
-parentfamilymembercarer/
we-need-helpnow-were-crisis



SURREY LIBRARY'S WINTER READING CHALLENGE



The Winter Mini Challenge is a free online, bitesize reading challenge, encouraging children to keep up good reading habits or discover the joy of reading. The Challenge is run through The Reading Agency's year-round children's website, where children can find fun activities and earn rewards for reading.

It is easy to take part in the Winter Mini Challenge. Children simply read three books or more of their choice between 1 December 2023 and 19 February 2024 and add them to their online profile on the Reaching their reading goal will unlock a limited-edition virtual badge and a special Winter Mini Challenge certificate to print off and keep.

The library team encourage every child and responsible adult to visit their local library to collect a prize once they have reached their online goal. Bring along your printed certificate or show it to a staff member or volunteer on a device like a mobile phone, and they can collect a prize (suitable for 3+ year olds, available in most of our libraries, and as long as stock lasts). Please note your child must be a library member to collect their prize. If your child isn't a member yet, you can join the library online or at your local library. Library membership is free.

Kite Academy Trust

Family Support Worker Come & Ask session

Do you need help with sleep routines or fussy eaters? Is your child showing signs of anxiety or challenging behaviour? Is there a specific area around home life and meeting your child's needs you would like some support with? Maybe you just need reassurance that you are doing the best for your child. This is the perfect opportunity to have an informal conversation with a Family Support Worker from our Trust.

Come & Ask sessions

Our Kite Family Support Workers will be holding Come & Ask sessions fortnightly during the Autumn term. One-hour appointments are available every other Thursday morning between 9:00am and 1:30pm. During the Come & Ask session, you will have the opportunity to share what the concern is, discuss it and look at ways to address the situation.

All appointments can be booked via Eventbrite using the link below.



Thursday 4th January 2024

Thursday 18th January 2024

Thursday 1st February 2024

Thursday 22nd February 2024

Thursday 7th March 2024

Thursday 21st March 2024

These appointments can be held virtually through Microsoft Teams*, by telephone or face to face.

(*You do not require a Microsoft account to be able to access this.)

Booking Link: https://KFHComeandAsk.eventbrite.co.uk

The Kite Family Hub is located next to Mytchett Primary & Nursery Academy, Hamesmoor Road, Mytchett, GU16 6JB

St Michael's Pirbright and St Mark's Wyke

CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2023

SUNDAY

DECEMBER

Christingle Family Services 9.30am - St Michael & All Angels', Pirbright

11.15am - St Mark's, Wyke

SUNDAY

Nine Lessons Services

10.00am - St Mark's, Wyke 6.00pm - St Michael & All Angels', Pirbright

Carol Singing in the Churchyard 6.00pm - St Michael & All Angels', Pirbright

DECEMBER

Crib Services

3.00pm - St Mark's, Wyke 3.30pm - St Michael & All Angels', Pirbright 5.00pm - St Michael & All Angels', Pirbright

Joint Midnight Service

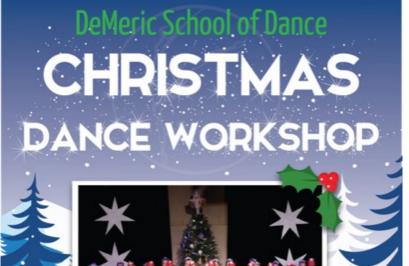
11.30pm - St Michael & All Angels', Pirbright

Family Communion Services

9.30am - St Michael & All Angels', Pirbright 11.15am - St Mark's, Wyke

Pirbright & Wyke Parish Office: 01483 811777 / office@stmarkswyke.org.uk

* No morning Services



Tuesday 19th December 2023

9:45am -3pm at Farnham Maltings

SINGING MUSICAL THEATRE STREETDANCE ACRO

BOLLYWOOD CREATIVE MOVEMENT & CHOREOGRAPHY



We are holding a 1 day Christmas Dance Workshop on Tuesday 19th December, from 9.45am - 3pm at the Farnham Maltings.

The emphasis is on enjoyment with visiting teachers and professional dancers to take the classes. This is open to every child over 5 years and is designed to be a fun time when the children can experience many forms of stagecraft. It is also opened to children who do not attend Demeric School of Dance.

Please bring a packed lunch and nut-free snacks. Children will also need to wear suitable clothing i.e leggings, t-shirts or Dancewear (skirts and dresses are not suitable), ballet, jazz shoes or bare feet.

The cost will be £35. We hope this will be a popular event, places will be given on a first come first served basis on receipt of the form below.

For any other information please email info@demericdance.co.uk or call 07798 774 515.

The deadline for returning this form is Friday 15th December 2023.

CHRISTMAS DANCE WORKSHOP 2023

Cash/Cheque enclosed:		BACS: 08-92-50 / 6854266
Child's Name:		
DOB:	Class/ Friend:	
Parent's signature:		
Medical Information:		
Contact Tel No, Email & A	ddress:	