



# Newsletter



Autumn Term 2024 - No.14 - Friday 13th December 2024

 <b>Upcoming Events</b>	
13th Dec	4:30pm - 6:30pm WISPA Christmas Fair
17th Dec	9:15am Year 1 Christmas Performance
18th Dec	9:15am Year 1 Christmas Performance
18th Dec	6:00pm Year 2 Christmas Performance at St Peter's Church
20th Dec	Year Group Parties
20th Dec	End of Autumn Term 3:15pm
6th Jan 2025	Inset Day (school closed to all pupils for staff training)
7th Jan	8:45am - Start of Spring Term
15th Jan	Application Deadline for Year R and Year 3 Places
15th Jan	7:00pm - 8:00pm WISPA Committee Meeting
16th Jan	9:00 - 10:00am Chit-Chat, Tea and Cake at WJS (Boundaries)
16th Jan	3:15pm - Year R WISPA Cake Sale
<u>17th Jan</u>	3:15pm - Year R WISPA Cake Sale (if required)
<u>20th Jan</u>	Spring Term Clubs start

Dear Parents,

Another week sprinkled with **festive cheer** has whizzed by unaffected by the chilly temperatures and rather soggy dark days. In addition to the year group learning highlights overleaf, our 'posties' have been busy delivering Christmas cards, themed activities have been completed and of course, rehearsals for the Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity performances have continued so the hall has been alive with wonderful singing (making excellent use of our new WISPA funded screen and sound system!)

Today has been a particularly memorable highlight with our annual **Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day!** As you can see from the photographs overleaf, the children (and staff!) had a wonderful time celebrating the festive season in all their finery. We have also welcomed our amazing WISPA team into school this afternoon to set up for our greatly anticipated **Christmas Fair**. I promise to share more details next week but I absolutely must take this opportunity to thank each and every volunteer (but particularly the Committee) who have worked so hard to arrange this community event which we are all looking forward to.

In other **community news**, Christmas came early in the form of an extremely generous donation of £275 from **Bistro 19** in Yateley who held a social event in aid of our school. On behalf of all of the children we would like to say a huge thank you for this and promise to put it to good use in terms of some resources that the children will enjoy!

Looking to the **last week of term**, as always the diary is jam-packed and is destined to end the year most positively; our Year 1 pupils will be performing their *Big Little Nativity* whilst the Year 2s will be story telling their version of *Hey Ewe!* at St Peter's Church on Wednesday evening. In addition to this, all of our children will be celebrating in their class parties. Please remember a synopsis of details and arrangements was emailed to you in November in the form of our **Festive Fun Letter**, so if you have any queries, this should provide key details.

Looking ahead to the new term, I hope you all received our timetable for our **Spring term clubs** earlier this week. Club messages have been sent out and places are ready for payment via Arbor but there are still places available in Cartoon Drawing, Singing, Drama, Street Dance, Book Club and WeeKicks Football so if your child would like to join in, please let us know as soon as possible so that registers can be arranged. After the success of this term, I am looking forward to our children enjoying these new club opportunities.

We hope to see you at the Christmas Fair and have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,

Miss Jo Redman, Executive Headteacher

## A few reminders...

- All remaining **clubs** (with the exception of SCL) are now finished for this term. If your child has been successful in obtaining a place on a club in the Spring Term then you will have received an Arbor in-app message this week confirming payment information.
- To support our safeguarding measures, please remember to **contact the school office directly** to advise of any **absence (before 9:00am)**
- Any **alternative collection arrangements** must also be communicated via the office or classroom doors because as previously communicated ClassDojo cannot always be checked during the school day due to teaching commitments.

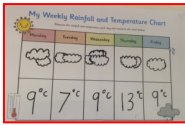
# What have we been learning?

## Reception

To be completely honest, this week Reception has been a Christmas-filled hub as we continue our celebrations!

In addition to this, simultaneously we have been very busy bees: exploring weather and making comparisons between temperatures; spotting shapes in the environment and their properties; enjoying our new outdoor equipment; and, delving deeper into numbers 1-5.

Miss Phillimore, Year R Class Teacher



## Year 1

Although this week we have been busy rehearsing for our Christmas play in RE, we have also continued our learning about the Nativity focussing on the journey of the wise men. In our writing lessons we were inspired by the story of 'The Jolly Christmas Postman' and we then used time connectives to retell the story in our own words. In



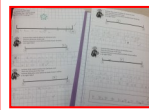
Maths, we have been learning to use a numberline to add 2 numbers. We have enjoyed DT this week, designing a Christmas themed split pin puppet which we are looking forward to making next week. Miss Brammer, Year 1 Team Leader and Class Teacher



## Year 2

Year 2 became authors this week and wrote their own narratives about a magical portal door which led to their own imaginative world! The children were very excited and the teachers had a wonderful time reading them! In Maths, Postman Pete needed some help finding the house numbers to deliver his cards. The children helped him by finding where a number would go on a blank number line. We learnt about the special Jewish celebration Hanukkah in RE and created our own Menorah using special gold paper. Hopefully the children will be able to tell you all about it.

Mrs Anderson, Year 2 Class Teacher



## WISPA NEWS...

WISPA have been SO busy preparing for our Christmas Fair and cannot wait to welcome you after school today!



We would also like to say thank you so much for the donation from WISPA to fund these rather snazzy puddle suits for Year R. The children love learning in our fabulous outdoor environment and these certainly add to the fun which can sometimes get a little mucky!



We would also like to say a massive thank you to BISTRO 19 who have made a donation of £275.00 from a fundraiser they held last weekend in aid of our school.



## Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day... with a rather special visitor!

So much fun was had today with our greatly anticipated Christmas Lunch! We would like to say

thank you to Linda, Lucy and our magic kitchen fairies who created such a memorable meal.

To add to the excitement of the day (and supported by WISPA), following our lunch, a rather special visitor and his elf friend popped in to say hello to all of the classes across the school... what an absolutely fabulous Friday!



## SCL Provision

If you are looking for some Christmas holiday childcare please be aware SCL are hosting a club at our school.

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## LET'S CELEBRATE...

With our Christmas Fair this afternoon and preparations for Year 1 and Year 2 Nativities in full swing, we were not able to host our Celebration Assembly today so there are no certificates to share.

### Out of School Achievements

However, we are once again delighted to share a fantastic out of school achievements this week...

Congratulations to our super swimmers **Zac Fitzsimmons** who has achieved his STANley 4 Award, **Isla Cruickshank** who has achieved her Level 1 and 2 STANley Swimming Awards, **Henry Jones** who has achieved his STANley 1 and 2 badges, **Chayse Hickey** who has achieved his STANley 4 Badge and Certificate, **Finley Kennedy** who has achieved his STANley 1 Badge and Certificate, **Libby Watts** who has achieved her Level 4, **Layla Goble** who has achieved her Level 5, **Elsie Fitzsimmons** who has achieved her Level 6 and **Hattie Hughes** who has achieved her 4 metres award in swimming.

Well done also to **Chayse Hickey** who came first place in his Christmas Judo Competition achieving gold - what a star!

## Attendance Awards

This week's attendance winners are...

**Woodpecker Class** and **Rabbit Class**  
... both with an almost perfect 99%.

Well done to you both!