

# Newsletter



Autumn Term 2024 - No.12 - Friday 29th November 2024

 <b>Upcoming Events</b>	
30th Nov	Choir Performance at Yateley Christmas Market
3rd Dec	WISPA Secret Santa
5th Dec	9:15am - Year R Christmas Performance
6th Dec	9:15am - Year R Christmas Performance
13th Dec	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
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
<u>7th Jan</u>	8:45am - Start of Spring Term
<u>15th Jan</u>	7:00pm - 8:00pm WISPA Committee Meeting

Dear Parents,

With just three weeks to go before the end of term and still so much to do, **excitement** is certainly building across the school. This week classrooms have been busy as always (alongside the hall with Nativity rehearsals in full swing!) and there are a few details overleaf.

In addition to this, I must mention that our Year 1s set out on their **local walks** to the post box as part of their learning inspired by the story of Jack and the Beanstalk. The children were so excited to have the opportunity to actually post their letters to *The Giant* and I wish to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers who joined our classes - your support is greatly appreciated and we highly value the chance to make the children's learning memorable and meaningful.

I also wish to take this opportunity to thank our local Scout group (3rd Bramshill) for donating our Christmas tree which was delivered today and will take pride of place in the hall. Following the success of the WISPA Christmas Decoration Competition (details overleaf) the tree will be looking fabulous next week alongside the class decorations that the children have made in school.

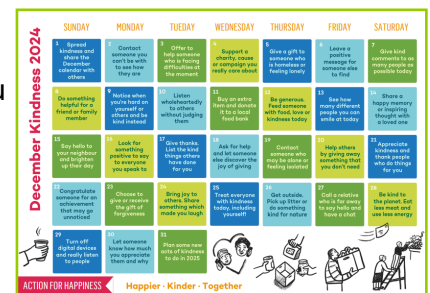
In terms of our **family support**, as we draw closer to Christmas, Mrs Kirby has themed December's Parent Pages around the stresses and strains of the festive season with some useful advice and support. Whilst we love the fun of Christmas, we also recognise that for some it is a very challenging time; please do find five minutes to have a read; there are some very wise words which I hope will be useful and offer a little understanding and support! We have also attached next month's **Action for Happiness December Kindness** which provides a daily reminder of ways we can all spread a little kindness...what is it they say? In a world where you can be anything, be kind.

Have a great weekend. I hope to see lots of you at the **Yateley Christmas Market** on Saturday where our wonderful School Choir will be performing!

Kind regards,



Miss Jo Redman, Executive Headteacher



## A few reminders...

- **Year 2 Parents** - Please remember that applications are now open for you to apply for your child's **Year 3 school place**, please [click here to apply](#) if you have not yet done so and don't forget that if you need any clarification with the application process, please pop in to the School Office and a staff member will be happy to help.
- Please don't forget that **TODAY** is the deadline for ordering a **Christmas Lunch** for your child... if you wish to order a meal for your child(ren), please [click here](#).
- **Gymnastics Club** and **Judo Club** have now both finished for the term.
- **Mackenzie Smith Colouring Competition** entries need to be handed in to a member of staff by Monday 2nd December as they are being collected for judging - good luck one and all, we certainly have some talented pupils!



# What have we been learning?

## Reception

Year R has been a very busy hive of excitement and anticipation these past few weeks as we prepare for our Christmas performances. To help us with any potential performance wobbles; we have been using our class worry monster 'TED' to help us clearly articulate any worries to a trusted adult. This also links to the stories we have been exploring in drawing club 'My Worry Monster' and 'Daisy's Dragons', which have taught the children to share their feelings before they get too big. We now understand the important role each emotion has to play as well as know some techniques to help us safely express ourselves.



Miss Ridley., Year R Class Teacher

## Year 1

We have had a busy week in Year 1. In English we have continued our focus on traditional tales, reading Hansel and Gretel and writing descriptions of both the witch and the gingerbread house. In Maths we have been finding one more or one less than a given number and recording our answers in a number sentence. We have also practised counting in 2s and 10s. We were very excited that in Geography we went on a local area walk. We walked to the post box to post a letter to The Giant that the Jolly Postman had dropped. During our walk we looked for human and physical features in the local environment.



Miss Brammer, Year 1 Team Leader and Class

## Year 2

This week we watched a video without any words all about a girl that goes on an incredible journey to a different land. The children were absolutely mesmerised! We then used this stimulus to predict what would happen next in the story and we thought carefully about adjectives to describe the little girl.

In Maths we have been looking at place value. We have been using our number knowledge to solve problems mentally with different strategies.

In Science we conducted an experiment to see how the steepness of a slope affects how far a car will travel. We explored how using a force would make it go further.



Mrs Goddard, Year 2 Class Teacher

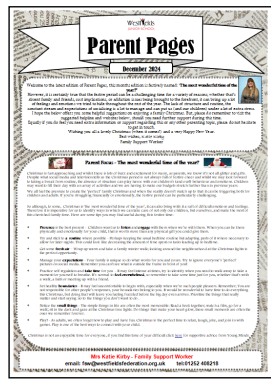


## WISPA NEWS...

Our super WISPA Team have certainly been exceptionally busy with so much festive fun and preparation this week! We were delighted to receive 74 fabulous decorations in this year's competition. With so many creative entries it was a very difficult decision but we are delighted to announce the year group winners:  
**Year R - Oliver Junior**  
**Year 1 - Matthew Moloney**  
**Year 2 - William Trevatt**  
 Congratulations to you all!



**PARENT PAGES**  
 Please remember to take a look at December's Parent Pages from our Family Support Worker Mrs Kirby...



## Community News...

Please take a look at these local events...

**Christingle**  
 AT YATELEY MANOR SCHOOL  
 DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup> 10AM  
 YATELEY MANOR SCHOOL, READING ROAD, YATELEY, GU46 7UQ  
**FREE REFRESHMENTS AFTER THE SERVICE!**  
 PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN RE-USABLE HOT DRINK CUP WITH YOU

**CHRISTMAS TREES**  
 Every Saturday and Sunday from 23rd November 9:30-16:00  
 On The Green outside the Dog and Partridge  
 Supporting local Scouts  
 All of our trees are fresh, top quality, non-drip, locally sourced (in Basingstoke) Nordmann Fir.  
 Prices starting from just £35.  
 Delivery & disposal/recycling service.  
 Raising funds for: 3rd Bramshill Scout Group, Yateley Green  
**ORDER NOW AT:**  
[trees.3rdbramshill.org](http://trees.3rdbramshill.org)

**YATELEY CHRISTMAS MARKET**  
 SATURDAY 30TH NOVEMBER  
 3:00 - 6:00 P.M.  
 CHURCH END GREEN BY DOG & PARTRIDGE PUB  
 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON  
 CAROL SINGING  
 SCHOOL CHOIRS  
 AMUSEMENTS  
 GIFT AND FOOD STALLS  
 CHRISTMAS GOODIES  
 AND MUCH MORE...  
 YATELEY & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB

Our School Choir would love to see you at Yateley Christmas Market on Saturday afternoon!

## LET'S CELEBRATE...



Our wonderful pupils have once again worked hard throughout this week in terms of their learning so in our Celebration Assembly this afternoon, our Learning Superstars were presented with certificates for showing various exceptional learning behaviours (copies are on display in the entrance area). This week's proud award winners are:

- Year R:** Rhea Banks, Lily Rundle and Charlie Hollis
  - Year 1:** Blythe Koidis, Harry Robinson and Saoirse Horgan-Bennun
  - Year 2:** Hugo Stanley, Harper Wager and Felix Tearall
- Out of School Achievements**

Once again we are delighted to share a fantastic out of school achievements this week... Congratulations to **Lennie Taylor** who was *Star of the Week* at his gymnastics club.



## Attendance Awards

This week's attendance winners are...

### Owl Class



... with a very good 95%.

**Well done to you all!**  
**Let's hope for a 100% next week!**