



Newsletter



Autumn Term 2024 - No.11 - Friday 22nd November 2024

 Upcoming Events	
23rd Nov	Deadline for Doughies Pizza and Cookie Kit Orders
27th Nov	WISPA Christmas Tree Decoration Competition Deadline
29th Nov	Doughies Pizza and Cookie Kit Orders Sent Home
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
<u>17th Dec</u>	9:15am Year 1 Christmas Performance
<u>18th Dec</u>	9:15am Year 1 Christmas Performance
<u>18th Dec</u>	6:00pm Year 2 Christmas Performance at St Peter's Church
<u>20th Dec</u>	Year Group Parties
<u>20th Dec</u>	End of Autumn Term 3:15pm
<u>6th Jan 2025</u>	INSET Day

Dear Parents,

The term is flying by and there is so much to squeeze in! This week we have all enjoyed sharing some learning about road safety as part of our extended curriculum and Nativity rehearsals are well underway. We have also concluded the week with a celebration of **Time to Shine Day** and we were excited to welcome no less than 287 family members to our classrooms this afternoon to share the children's achievements since September and participate in some learning activities in our **Open Session**; thank you one and all (there are a few photographs of all the fun overleaf).

In community news, on Wednesday afternoon, we were delighted to welcome Gill from St Peter's Church who once again led an **interactive assembly** which built upon last week's learning about friendship and kindness. In particular, the keen volunteers loved taking on roles of characters in the story.

In governor news, our **Children and Learning Committee** met on Thursday morning. The agenda was rather long with a number of policies to be ratified and reviews of our professional development for staff, curriculum overviews, safeguarding statistics and curriculum action plans as well as updates of our Strategic Plan and PE & Sports Premium Funding documentation.

On Thursday morning, we welcomed 26 more families to our final timetabled **Prospective Parent Meeting and Tour**. Once again, this was a fantastic opportunity for us to share a sample of life at WIS and an overview of our vision and approach. As always, I love any opportunity to talk about our fabulous school but today this was made all the more special as I was able to share a slideshow and presentation on our brand new (rather whizzy!) new screen in the hall. I must mention that this is yet another development that has been possible as a result of fundraising by WISPA and I wish to take this opportunity to thank the Committee and all of our family members who made this possible through their support - thank you! We are all looking forward to making use of the screen and sound system; Year R were next to benefit as they were practising their Nativity with excellent sound quality and I know all of the children (and parent audiences) moving forward will benefit.



Have a lovely weekend!

Kind regards,

Miss Jo Redman, Executive Headteacher

A few reminders...

- If your child will not be attending school, please inform us of the reason for your child(ren)'s absence by 9.00 am each day to support our safeguarding procedures.
- Please remember to **name all school uniform** items just in case they become misplaced - the lost property boxes are very busy!

Road Safety Week & Time to Shine

Today the whole school stood out brightly against the cold and grey weather as we all enjoyed 'Be Bright, Be Seen Day'. Each year at WIS we take this opportunity to remind all of our children how important it is to stay safe when out and about near roads; wear bright clothes and be aware of how difficult it might be to be seen in the dark, (especially at this time of the year!)



In addition to some lovely classroom based activities, today the whole school came together for a special assembly to share how bright everyone looked and to discuss how we can be extra careful when outside, especially on the dark evenings.

Mrs Mallett, PSHE Co-ordinator

Road Safety Week



WISPA NEWS...

A bucket of fun and trivia was had last Friday evening at our joint **Parent Quiz** hosted at the Juniors. With fantastic numbers of teams, the event was a huge success and Mr Chaplin once again thoroughly enjoyed his role as the Quizmaster!



We are delighted that in addition to the social aspects, the event also raised an impressive £336 which will be shared across the two schools. I would like to thank everyone who supported the event and congratulate the winning team for their fantastic overall score!

Don't forget the deadline for our **Christmas Tree Decoration Competition** is Wednesday 27th November 2024! Please bring your named decoration to the school office with your £1.00 entry fee.



Christmas Lunch



Further to the full details shared last week, please remember that Christmas Lunch orders cannot be accepted after **Friday 29th November 2024**. If you wish for your child to join in the fun, please [click here](#) to confirm your child's lunch option. If you have not placed your order by this date, you will need to send your child in with a packed lunch on the day.

Community News...

CHRISTMAS TREES
 Every Saturday and Sunday from 23rd November 9:30-16:00
 On The Green outside the Dog and Partridge
 10% DISCOUNT ON PRE-ORDERS BEFORE 30TH NOVEMBER
 Supporting local Scouts
 All of our trees are fresh, top quality, non-drop locally sourced (nr. 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

We are once again proud to support our local Scout group with the sale of Christmas trees by sharing their details... So if you are going to purchase a real tree this year, please consider supporting this local community group...

...We have also been asked to share information from **Spotlight UK** with our families:

SPOTLIGHT UK
 Creating positive memories
Discounted Family Fun upto half price off
 Ninja Warrior Flip Out Donutting
 Atmosphere Trampoline Park Cinema trips
 High Score Arcade Bowling
 Clip N Climb Basingstoke Aquadrome
 Days Out including Chessington, Legoland 4 Kingdoms and more
AND MORE...
 For discounted family fun activities sign up for our gold membership - one off yearly price of £7.50 for up to half price off fun activities
www.spotlightuk.org or email activities@spotlightuk.org

LET'S CELEBRATE...

We have all enjoyed a successful week but rather than holding our Celebration Assembly today, Mrs Mallett lead a special **Time to Shine Road Safety Assembly** so there are not any Star of the Week Certificates to share today. However, we must celebrate our busy 'Open Sessions' this afternoon. Thank you to everyone who was able to visit their child(ren)'s classrooms to share their successes this afternoon!



Out of School Achievements...

Congratulations to **Georgina Crowley** who has achieved her 5m badge and certificate for swimming, what a superstar!

Attendance Awards

This week's attendance winners are...

Woodpecker Class, Owl Class and Robin Class

... with a very good 98%.

Well done to you all!