

Dear Families,

I hope that you experienced an enjoyable half-term and managed to find time to relax with your friends and families.

This half-term gets very busy as we approach, dare I say the word, Christmas! This brief newsletter will highlight the term so far. Please remember to check class pages under the curriculum section on the website to see the updates made by class teachers about the children's learning.



This week, children enjoyed 'Scare the Teacher' day and raised £102 in total. A very big thank you to everyone for your support.

Best Wishes  
Darren Heatley



### Anyone Famous Out There?

The building works are fast approaching completion and I am keen to know if there are any connections to a local celebrity who would be able to join in with an opening ceremony. Details of this are under discussion but if you can help or know of someone who could be approached, please email the school office with more information. Thank you.

### Reminder for Maths Workshop - Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November



Ms Daughtry will be leading the Mathematics Workshop on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November from 9.00am which will last about an hour. This opportunity is open to Year 1 and Year 2 families and will also introduce a new initiative to support learning in and out of school called 'Numbots'. This will be launched to the children in an assembly later the same day and further information about 'logins' will be in book bags. We hope they will love it!

### Remembrance Day

The school council will be selling poppies next week at lunchtime, for those children who would like to buy one. You can send a donation into school with their child in their bookbags.

## Anti-Bullying Week - Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November



The theme this year is “Make A Noise About Bullying” and this will be explored and learnt about by all children and adults. Wearing odd socks on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November will be an opportunity for the children to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and illustrate what makes us all unique! This will be further explained in an assembly (which will

include, virtually, the much-loved Andy & The Odd Socks Band.) This will be followed by activities throughout the week to understand what makes people unique and how being different is acceptable. It will also refocus how to stay safe online, as well as looking at cyber bullying. To find out more about anti bullying week please see link/ <https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week-2023-make-noise-about-bullying/anti-bullying-week-2023-make-noise-about-bullying>

## Children In Need - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November

This year we will be participating in Children in Need by wearing something spotty (aka mufti) in return for a £1 donation. We will also be having a cake sale after school in the playground. Please bring cake donations into school and leave in the Nest but remember we are a nut free school. Thank you.



## Christmas Create & Make with Parents - 24<sup>th</sup> November

Parents, carers, friends of family or any other named adult who you decide to invite, if you are unable to make it, are welcome to join their child's class on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November to enjoy an afternoon of creating and making something Christmassy! The class teacher will have organised the resources for the activity, so you only need to come along and enjoy learning with your child. Please arrive for a start time of 2.00pm and complete the online [form](#) to indicate who will be coming, as we only have space for 1 adult per child. It is very important to complete this so that we know which children to pair up if you are unable to make it.

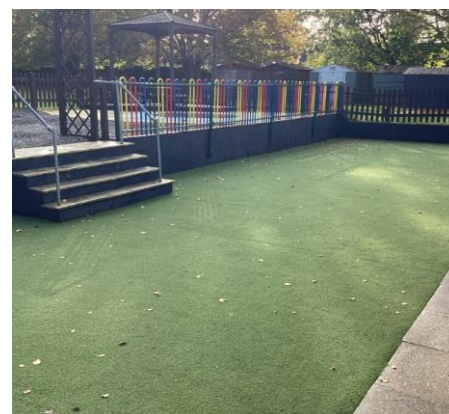
- Reception parents, please enter via the doors to the main hall, the same as for learning together meetings and the recent open event.
- Year 1 parents please enter your child's class via the doors facing the outside learning areas.
- Year 2 parents please enter via the outside areas for Black Bears and Brown Bears.

## PTA Update



We did it with your help!

Following the PTA AGM last month, the new surfaced area for Reception and Year 1 was laid over half term. Here you can see Reception children enjoying it. The space is now ready and awaiting a delivery of more storage furniture.



Another big thank you for your continued support, we couldn't do it without you.

Please look out for a flyer being sent home in bookbags today detailing our annual Christmas Tree sale. This again, provides much needed support to the PTA, so if you normally have a real tree, why not buy it from us and support the school.

### The First Nowell Christmas Project

The filming of children singing one verse and the chorus of a special version of The First Nowell, written by Reverend Simon Willetts will take place on:

***Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November for Reception & Year 1 and Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November for Year 2 children.***

Please make sure that your child wears a Christmas Jumper on this day to add to the excitement.

### The Surrey Wellbeing Partnership



PARENT WELLBEING  
SERVICE

The Parent Wellbeing service is part of the Barnardo's service currently offering support to parents/carers across Surrey. The service supports parents/carers whose young people are experiencing difficulties with their emotional wellbeing and mental health. We empower and help to upskill parents to become a protective factor for their young people. Please see the school's website to download more information.

### Safeguarding

Please be reminded that no mobile phones may be used in the playground, as tempting as it is to check once you have dropped your child off. This is to safeguard yourself as much as safeguarding the children.

C-SPA on: [0300 470 9100](tel:03004709100)

Alternatively, please see the link below: <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/children/contact-childrens-services>

### ACADEMIC CALENDAR FOR 2023 -2024

#### AUTUMN 2023

Start of Term: 5 September 2023

Half Term: 23 to 27 October 2023

End of Term: 15 December 2023

#### SPRING 2024

Start of Term: 2 January 2024

Half Term: 12 to 16 February 2024

End of Term: 28 March 2024

#### SUMMER 2024

Start of Term: 16 April 2024

Half Term: 27 May to 31 May 2024

End of Term: 21 July 2024

#### INSET Days for 2023-24

**Spring Term:** Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024 (after Easter Holidays)

**Summer Term:** Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024 & Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024.