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Pyrford C of E Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Super Squirrels!



We have really enjoyed welcoming our new and returning Squirrels. They have settled so well and they are having fun exploring our lovely environment.



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Headteacher's Letter

Dear Parents,

I hope this newsletter finds you well and apologies for the slight delay in delivery! Last week was very busy, full of learning, dodging rain showers and beautiful singing in Assembly.

Last Monday we looked at the Topsy Turvy nature of some of Jesus' teaching during his Sermon on the Mount and how he presented the core behaviours that God wanted in his kingdom, from considering the downtrodden valuable (blessed are the poor, meek and persecuted), recognising that humility holds the key to greatness (the first will be last, and the last will be first) to responding to hate with love (love your enemies). It was an assembly full of thinking and we considered what behaviours are important in school and the wider world.

I was lucky enough to join my first PTA zoom meeting this week as well and it was good to hear about all the plans they have for the year and how they contribute to school life. It seems that we are incredibly lucky at Pyrford to have such an active group and I look forward to seeing events in action over the coming year. I am sure they are always looking for further help and, as many hands make light work, do make sure to answer their calls for assistance!

This week has also seen me undertake some important school jobs, such as meeting with all the teachers to set targets for the year as well as meeting all the potential School Captain candidates as part of our selection process. Hopefully, this will be completed shortly and we will be able to announce the chosen ones.

Next week sees our first parents evenings of the year and this is a really good way of opening up important dialogue with the class teachers about your child's learning. It's important to remember the importance of the relationship between school and home and make sure that our children understand how we can work together to make sure they can be successful. I know the team have put a huge amount of time into settling the children in and beginning to understand their learning needs and they will be glad to share these with you next week.

Have a wonderful week!

Mr. D

Gavin Dutton
Headteacher

Footnotes

Parking

I was quite appalled when I was sent some photographs of parents parking illegally around the school towards the end of the week. We had parents blocking driveways and parking on double yellow lines - both of which are illegal and incredibly unsafe for all of the community, especially our children. I have encouraged the person who contacted me to pass the details and photographs on to the local traffic enforcement team, but I also want to implore all our families to take road safety seriously before we have an accident. This includes how and where you park.



Internet Matters have produced "The ABC online safety checklist" with some useful guidance about parental controls, balancing screen time and chatting to your children about their online activities. Please speak to your class teacher if you have any concerns about your child's safety online.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/abc-online-safety-checklist/>

Breaktime Snacks

It has been really lovely settling into a new school and it is clear that there are many aspects of the school to be proud of, but I was quite astonished by the snacks that the children have been bringing to school. At break time I have seen a host of unhealthy, sugary snacks and want to take this opportunity to remind all parents that providing your child with a healthy snack is an essential part of your role. It helps with their growth, development and learning. Studies have shown that access to healthy snacks

- Boosts academic performance - by preventing energy dips
- Promotes healthy growth and development
- Leads to good habits in adult life
- Prevents hunger
- Improves behaviour and mood

Parents Evening Meetings

Thank you to all those who have already booked appointments. The booking line will remain open until Tuesday morning <https://pyrfordcofe.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Meetings will be in person in your child's classroom. Mrs Hope's meeting will be in the Conference Room (on the first floor at the rear of the building). She will meet with parents in their pre-school year only, as she will have met, or will be meeting, with parents of younger children at Squirrels.

Please enter the school via the rear doors and make your way to your child's classroom. Please contact us in the office if you have any queries.



School Harvest Service

Friday 13th October

Children are invited to bring donations for the foodbank

ITEMS THEY NEED (very urgent items are starred)

Multi pack crisps *
Small size laundry detergent, non bio type *
Tinned ham and spam *
Bars of chocolate & chocolate snack bars *
Deodorant (male & female) *
Hot Chocolate
Tinned meat meals
Tinned vegan & vegetarian meals
Disposable razors (male & female)
Tinned custard
Peanut butter
Tinned rice pudding
Cooking oil
Long life sponge puddings
Tinned salmon
Long life milk full type (blue)
Long life fruit juice
Honey

ITEMS THEY HAVE PLENTY OF

Tea bags
Soup
Porridge
Tinned pulses
Cereal
Pasta
Jars of cooking sauce
Bubble bath
Baked beans

Golden Book Awards



N SQUIRRELS - Nico Kale Parron Nico loves to create pictures. He uses the tools available to cut, colour and stick. He uses scissors with great control to cut paper. Well done Nico!

R BEECH - Ben Hilyard Ben bounds into school with the biggest smile on his face every morning, excited for the day ahead. His enthusiasm for learning is a pleasure to see.

R HAZEL - Erica Kale Parron for being a real Hazel Class Superstar. She's got amazing manners, always tries her best and has a go at lots of different activities. Well done Erica!



1 OAK - Hattie Awcock for her excellent design of what 'The Thing' could be in our Power of Reading text *Emily Brown and the Thing*. She described her painting very well and used the colours to create a fascinating picture. Well done Hattie!

1 PINE - Alexander Cole We have been reading *Emily Brown and The Thing*. Alexander imagined what 'The Thing' might be using playdough. He used sticks effectively to create the body of a starfish.

2 CEDAR - Edward Bligh for trying really hard with the quick brush stroke technique we used in class to create a painting in the style of Claude Monet. He should be proud of the Landscape he created - well

done Edward!

2 HAWTHORN - Belle Comiskey for painting this wonderful landscape in the style of Claude Monet. She used quick brush strokes to copy his technique. Well done Belle!

3 ELM - Noah Tubasei We have been writing the untold adventure story of what happened to Jack when he crawled out of Antony Browne's tunnel. Noah wrote a brilliant narrative that is full of action and excitement, using well-chosen vocabulary and interesting sentences. Great work Noah!

3 MAPLE - Manha Awan for her excellent work in Maths. She was able to count in 50s forwards and backwards with ease. Well done!

4 ALDER - Poppy Murray for working very hard to show her imagination and creativity in her retell of our suspense story, *Wolves*. She used brilliant adjectives and beautifully joined her writing. Well done Poppy!

4 LARCH - Matilda Magowan We have been thinking about ways we can create suspense in our writing. Matilda wrote a very effective story and worked so hard to include the techniques we learned about in class. Wonderful writing Matilda!

5 CHERRY - William Igboebisi for working really hard in Maths so far this year and has impressed Miss Dennis with his enthusiasm and drive. He always looks for an extra challenge and will offer help and support to those around him. Well done William. Keep up the great work!



5 ROWAN - Vraj Lakhwani for his fantastic work in Art. We have been looking at how Monet used colour to create mood and light in his paintings and used his work as our inspiration. Vraj tried really hard to use different watercolour techniques to show reflections and light and took his time to ensure his cityscape was detailed. Well done Vraj!

5 WILLOW - Amelie Coventy for the amazing artwork she created, inspired by Monet. She listened carefully in lessons and showed care in creating a cityscape using watercolour techniques.

6 HOLLY - Sebastian Fongo for working hard on his diary entry. The tone of his diary is just like that of Ted, in our book, and Sebastian used some excellent vocabulary to show how Ted is feeling. This is a fabulous piece of work Sebastian.



6 LAUREL - Hibah Mushtaq In RE she showed her understanding of the Holy Trinity - the Christian belief that God can be known as three distinct persons (Father, Son and Holy Spirit), yet God is still one. Well done Hibah, keep up the great work!

RECEPTION PLEA

If you have any of the following to donate to Reception, they would be very grateful - donations can be dropped at the office
Happyland Toys * Car garages * Pirate ships * Small world people/animals * Dolls (Barbie)



Free School Meals



Are you entitled?

(benefits you get)

Did you know your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following?

- ◆ Income Support
- ◆ Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- ◆ Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- ◆ Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- ◆ the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- ◆ Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- ◆ Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- ◆ Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any

Frequently Asked Questions re Free School Meals

- ◆ **In addition, the following pupils will be protected against losing their free school meals as follows:**
- ◆ Pupils who were eligible on 1st April 2018 or who became eligible since then continue to receive free meals even if their household is no longer eligible under the benefits/low earnings criteria up until March 2025 and then until the end of their current phase of education. New Applicants for free school meals on or after 1st April 2018 who are in receipt of Universal Credit and have earnings above the earned income threshold (as noted above) will not be eligible for free school meals.
- ◆ **Can an infant pupil be eligible for benefit-related free school meals even though they receive Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM)?**
- ◆ Yes! Any pupil, who attends school for at least one full day a week and whose parents match the eligibility criteria, can receive benefits-related free school meals. An infant pupil who is eligible will then be protected (under transitional protection) and will continue to receive free school meals even when they are no longer eligible for UIFSM i.e. when they move to Year 3. They will also be entitled to vouchers to cover the holiday periods.
- ◆ **Are nursery pupils eligible for benefits-related free school meals?**
- ◆ If a pupil attends a maintained nursery (including academies), for at least one full day a week (before and after the lunch break) and their parents are in receipt of a qualifying benefit then the pupil is eligible for benefits-related free school meals.
- ◆ **Do both parents have to be eligible?**
- ◆ As long as both parents have parental responsibility for the specific pupil, we can use either parent's information to help determine eligibility, giving the pupil the best chance to receive free school meal entitlement.

Please come and speak to the office or email s.alexander@pyrford.surrey.sch.uk if you think your child is entitled to free school meals.

We understand that the cost of living crisis is affecting many families. Please come and talk to us if you would like to discuss any financial worries. You can ask at the office or email l.vymetal@pyrford.surrey.sch.uk. We are here to support you and your child.



CHRISTMAS DATES

Fri 6 Dec @ 9am **ENGAGE** assembly

Tue 10 Dec @ 2:30pm

Squirrels Sing Christmas

Wed 11 Dec @ 10am **EYFS Play**

Wed 11 Dec @ 1:30pm **KS1 Play**

Thu 12 Dec @ 1:30 pm **KS2 Carol Concert**

Fri 13 Dec **Christmas Lunch &
Christmas Jumper Day**

Fri 13 Dec @ 2:30pm

Squirrels Sing Christmas

Tue 17 Dec a.m. **EYFS Elf Visit**

Tue 17 Dec p.m. **Christmas Film
Afternoon**

Wed 18 Dec **Christmas
Pause Day**

Fri 20 Dec @ 9am

Christmas Service @ CoGS

AUTUMN TERM DATES		
Tue 1 Oct		Y1-3 Perform Drama Workshops
Tue 1 Oct	15:30-17:30	Parents Evening (not Cherry & Holly)
Wed 2 Oct	15:30-17:30	Parents Evening (Year 4, Cherry & Holly only)
Thu 3 Oct	15:30-19:30	Parents Evening (not Year 4)
Wed 9 Oct		Y4 Saxons Workshop
Fri 11 Oct	09:00	Harvest Service @ CoGS
Fri 11 Oct		Football Tournament (selected children)
Thu 10 & Fri 11 Oct		Y6 Screen Printing Workshop
Mon 14 Oct		Y4 Netball Team to Tournament @ Halstead
Mon 14 Oct	15:45-17:15	Hockey Tournament (selected children) @ Charterhouse School
Tue 15 Oct	20:00	Friends of Pyrford Primary School AGM
Wed 16 Oct		Y6 Netball Team to Tournament @ Greenfield
Thu 17 Oct		Y3 to Butser Farm
Fri 18 Oct	19:30-22:00	PTA Quiz Night
Wed 23 Oct		Y5 Wonderdome Visit
Thu 24 Oct		Y3 Romans & Celts Day
Fri 25 Oct		INSET DAY
Mon 28 Oct - Fri 1 Nov		HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Mon 4 Nov	13:40-16:00	Y4 Football Team Tournament @ Halstead
Tue 12 Nov		Individual Pupil Photos
Wed 13 Nov		Individual Pupil Photos
Wed 13 Nov	13:15-16:15	Y6 Boys Football Team Tournament @ Greenfield
Fri 15 Nov		Y5 Birds of Prey Visit
Wed 20 Nov		Flu Vaccinations
Thu 21 Nov		Y2 Fire of London Workshop
Thu 28 Nov	13:15-16:15	Y4 Boys Football Team Tournament @ Greenfield
Thu 5 Dec		Y4 Netball Team Tournament @ Greenfield
Fri 6 Dec	09:00	ENGAGE Christmas Assembly
Sat 7 Dec		PTA Christmas Fair
Tue 10 Dec	14:30	Squirrels Sing Christmas
Wed 11 Dec	10:00	EYFS Christmas Play
Wed 11 Dec	13:30	KS1 Christmas Play
Thu 12 Dec	13:30	KS2 Carol Concert
Fri 13 Dec		Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day
Fri 13 Dec	14:30	Squirrels Sing Christmas
Tue 17 Dec	am	EYFS Elf Visit
Tue 17 Dec	pm	Christmas Film Afternoon

AUTUMN TERM DATES		
Wed 18 Dec		Christmas Pause Day
Fri 20 Dec	09:00	Christmas Service @ CoGS
Fri 20 Dec	12:00	Last Day of Autumn Term
Mon 23 Dec - Fri 3 Jan		CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

SPRING TERM DATES		
Mon 6 Jan		First Day of Spring Term
Thu 23 Jan		Y1 to Windsor Castle
Wed 29 Jan		INSET DAY
Thu 13 Feb		Y6 Greeks Workshop
Mon 17 - Fri 21 Feb		HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Wed 5 Mar		Y5 Vikings Workshop
Wed 12 - Fri 14 Mar		Y4 Hindleap Warren Residential
Thu 13 Mar		Y2 to Brooklands Museum
Wed 19 Mar		YN & YR Little City Visit
Fri 4 Apr	12:00	Last Day of Spring Term
Mon 7 - Mon 21 Apr		EASTER HOLIDAY

SUMMER TERM DATES		
Tue 22 Apr		First Day of Summer Term
Fri 25 Apr		Y5 Tudor Workshop @ RGS (1 class)
Fri 2 May		Y5 Tudor Workshop @ RGS (1 class)
Fri 9 May		YR to Godstone Farm
Fri 16 May		Y5 Tudor Workshop @ RGS (1 class)
Mon 26 -		HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Thu 12 Jun		Y2 to The Lookout Discovery Centre
Tue 17 Jun		Y6 Leavers' Service @ Cathedral
Fri 20 Jun		Y4 Chinese Dragon Workshop
Tue 24 Jun		Y6 Lego Stem Workshop
Fri 27 Jun		Y5 to Wildwood
Mon 30 Jun		INSET DAY
Tue 1 &		Forest School - 1 class per day
Fri 4 Jul		Y3 Outdoor Learning Activity Day
Mon 7 -		Y6 Marchants Hill Residential
Fri 18 Jul	12:00	Last Day of Summer Term

Is your child in year 6?

If so, you need to apply online for a secondary school place by **31 October 2024**. Applying on time gives you a better chance of getting one of your preferred schools.

If you live in Surrey, you can find out all you need to know about school admissions and apply online at surreycc.gov.uk/admissions or you can call us on 0300 200 1004.



Apply online
apply on time by
31 October 2024



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NOTICE OF FRIENDS OF PYRFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL (FPPS) AGM

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Friends of Pyrford Primary School (FPPS) will be held on Tuesday 15th October 2024 at 8pm (with welcome drinks from 7:30pm).

The meeting will be held in person at Pyrford Primary School. The matters to be discussed include election of committee members, updating the constitution, FPPS finances, forthcoming fundraising events and any requests for funding received from the school.

All parents / carers of children currently attending Pyrford Primary School and all staff are welcome to attend.

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FRIENDS OF PYRFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL PRESENT OUR

CHRISTMAS FAIR

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY 7TH
DECEMBER

MORE TO FOLLOW!

SCHOOL UNIFORM

PRE-LOVED UNIFORM SHOP

Good quality pre-loved uniform items available in a range of sizes

The PTA are now running the uniform shop

- Email: pyrforduniform@gmail.com with your request
- Collections/donations: meet at the portacabin (back playground) on Fridays at 3pm
- Cash or card accepted - proceeds go to the school!

EMAIL: PYRFORDUNIFORM@GMAIL.COM

FRIENDS OF PYRFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL PRESENT

AUTUMN QUIZ NIGHT

*Early birds!
Sign up before
1 Oct to get a
free bottle for
your table!*

Friday 18 October
7.30 – 10pm School Hall

£10 PER PERSON

TEAMS OF MAXIMUM 8 PEOPLE

**No team? Email us (pyrfordptaevents@gmail.com)
and we'll find you one!**

Scan the QR Code and get booking!
Pizza can also be ordered in advance

Drinks and snacks will be available to buy
Please bring your own drinking glasses
Card only payments please



YOUTH CLUB JNR

FOR SCHOOL YEAR'S 4/5 AND 6

TUCK SHOP ->

50P ENTRANCE FEE

6:30pm - 7:45pm

@ CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Dear PARENTS:- We need four parents per night to have the appropriate adult to child ratio in our Church Safeguarding policy. So, if you have not already volunteered this year, PLEASE LOOK and SEE if you might be free once this term, that would be WONDERFUL!

If free, you can email suzanne@wisleywithpyrford.org or fill in this slip and return it at Youth Club Jnr. Many thanks.
Name & contact no/email _____
I would be available to help on Friday _____ (date)

SEPTEMBER
Friday 20th September 6:30pm-7:45pm
@ the church of the good shepherd

OCTOBER
Friday 4th October 6:30pm-7:45pm
@ the church of the good shepherd
Friday 18th October 6:20pm-8:00pm
TRIP OUT BOWLING~ GUILDFORD SPECTRUM

NOVEMBER
Friday 15th November 6:30pm-7:45pm
@ the church of the good shepherd
Friday 29th November 6:30pm-7:45pm
@ the church of the good shepherd

DECEMBER
Friday 13th December 6:30pm-7:45pm
@ the church of the good shepherd

The Light Fantastic

Thursday 31st October
6pm-7:30pm

Music, Food, Fun, Worship,
Prayer, Craft, Fireworks, Jesus

@The Church of the Good Shepherd, Coldharbour Road, GU22 8SP

6:00pm Together in Church
6:30pm Food & Fun in Hall & Church
7:00pm Fireworks watch from the School Field

MEN'S CURRY NIGHT

'FELLOWSHIP & FAITH'

Thursday 3rd October 2024
7.30 for 8.00 pm
Church of the Good Shepherd, Pyrford
RSVP: currynight@wisleywithpyrford.org

Do join us as we enjoy fellowship, beer and fantastic Curry from New Hawell – Heritage Cuisine of India!

Tots Praise!

Tuesday Mornings,
10 to 11:30am

@ the Church of the Good Shepherd,
Coldharbour Road, Pyrford GU22 8SP

Songs, puppets, story, cake, coffee, juice,

We'd love to see you.

Any enquiries Suzanne at the Parish Office 01932 356166
Suzanne@wisleywithpyrford.org

For Carers and little ones.
Toys, Refreshments, Craft, Chat.

PYRFORD TOTS STAY & PLAY

Wednesdays
(Term Time)
10:35am – 12noon

At the Church of the Good Shepherd Hall, Pyrford
GU22 8SP

£2 donation per family

We'd love to see you at the Coffee Shop

Friday Mornings (term time)
At the Church of the Good Shepherd, Pyrford

- 9:00am to 11:00am. Hall and play area in Church are open.
- 9:00am-10:30am. Cooked Breakfasts served.