

Wray Common Primary School Newsletter



Inspiring Lifelong Learning

CHRISTMAS EDITION



Is this a winning ticket?



Lots of yummy cakes!

Welcome to our final Newsletter of 2016! With Christmas, literally, just around the corner, there has been lots happening in school to get us all in the Christmas spirit, starting with the Christmas Fayre last Friday evening. The event was very well attended with people keen to get their hands on the Christmas items the children had made in class. The chocolate tombola was a favourite with the younger members of the crowd and Father Christmas was kept extremely busy in his grotto listening to the Christmas wishes of his young visitors. A huge thank you goes to Bernie Stevenson, Lucy Hill and Sarah Oken and the members of the Friends' committee for organising and running the event and also to the staff and volunteers who helped the evening run so smoothly. Nearly £2000 was raised, so thank you for your support!



Santa's little helpers



The man himself!

A CHRISTMAS MIRACLE IN TOWN

Both of our Year 1 and Reception Nativity performances were a 'sell out' this week and the audiences were treated to some wonderful singing and acting. The Year 1 children told the story of the very first Christmas and were supported brilliantly by Reception who sang two lovely songs. Congratulations to all of the children and to the Year 1 Team who put on a brilliant production and thank you to all of the parents/carers who helped with costumes and for supporting the children in learning their words! We would also like to thank Mrs Swann and Mr and Mrs Oken for serving refreshments before the performances. A magnificent £370.44 was raised during the retiring collection for The National Autistic Society - thank you for your generosity.



CAROLS ROUND THE TREE

Our 'Carols Round The Tree' concert is on Monday evening next week and yesterday, the whole school enjoyed a performance by the School Choir in preparation for Monday's concert. If your child is a member of the Choir and has not yet returned their permission slip for the concert, please return it to the school office by Monday morning. Earlier this week, our Year 6 choir members entertained the residents of Wray Common Residential and Nursing Home with a selection of Christmas carols and songs. Our thanks to Mr Bruce and Mrs Robinson for making this happen and to the children for being wonderful Wray Common ambassadors.



THANK YOU, REDHILL REDSTONE ROTARY

Year 5 were joined by two members of the Redhill Redstone Rotary Club on Wednesday afternoon who came in to present the children with an Usborne Illustrated Dictionary 4 Life. Redhill Redstone Rotary has supported Dictionaries 4 Life over many years and currently supplies 350 dictionaries each year to children from five local primary schools. We hope that the dictionaries will encourage the children to develop autonomy and confidence as a learner and thank the Rotary Club for their kindness and generosity.



RANGERS REPORT

Mosaic madness has ensued at Rangers this week. Children have been working hard all week long. It finally looks like all the pieces are coming together. Rangers would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas! Ho Ho Ho!

SAVE THE DATE

For those of you who have volunteered at school over the last few years, you might be wondering what has happened to 'Parent Pies', our thank you to parent/carers who give up their time to come into school to help? Well, please don't think that we have forgotten you; we have simply moved the date to the first half of next term. If you currently volunteer in school, or you will be volunteering next half term, an invitation will be coming your way for Thursday 9th February.



KS1 FRUIT AND VEG

With the countdown to Christmas underway, please note that there will be no fruit or vegetables delivered to school for mid-morning break next Tuesday or Wednesday. Please send your child in with a piece of fruit or vegetable on those two days. Thank you.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR HOME SCHOOL LINK WORKER

Welcare are continuing their 'Messy Play' group at Timperley Gardens Scout Hut every Thursday morning. Sessions start again in the New Year on Thursday 12th January from 10:00 am - 11:30 am. There is no charge, but a suggested donation of £1. Join them for lots of sensory and messy activities for under 5s. A reminder - there is a 4 week Parenting Puzzle workshop in mid January, supporting positive, constructive relationships and confident parenting. Please contact Welcare if you are interested or call Miss Forward (HSLW). Wishing you all a very happy, healthy and peaceful Christmas and New Year.



HELP!

The school office is slowly disappearing under a mountain of medication! If, in the past, you have brought in items of non-prescribed medication for your child and it is no longer required, please would you collect them from the school office before the end of term. We would also ask that you check the expiry dates on any prescribed medication (including inhalers) that we hold for your child and replace any out of date items. Thank you.



WHOLE SCHOOL CAROL SERVICE

For any parents/carers who have kindly offered to help with the walk to and from St. Matthew's Church on Monday, please meet at Main Reception at 12:45 p.m. ready for a briefing from Mrs Edwardes before going to the classrooms to help with the children. If you have any form of high visibility clothing (jacket or cycling sash etc), please wear it for the walk to and from the church. Don't worry if you don't have any such clothing, and please don't go out and buy anything new; we will lend you something from school.

LAST POSTING DATE

Please note that the last date for posting Christmas cards in the School Christmas Post Box is Tuesday 20th December. Please make sure that the children put the recipients name and class clearly on the envelope to help our Year 6 postal workers at this very busy time of year!



HONOUR BOOK



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| 1B | Nathan Potter | For persevering with his Maths when using 'dienes' to help him make a 2 digit number. |
| | Olivia Fisher | For showing courage throughout the Nativity and speaking very clearly. |
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| 1S | Thora Orme | For a fantastic 'Crocodile Tooth' fudge recipe with amazing cursive writing. |
| | Megan Williams | For a fantastic Innkeeper performance and always being kind, caring and helpful. |
| 1W | Kavish Kardile | For persevering with his writing, focusing on using capital letters correctly throughout. What an improvement! |
| | Jack Woods | For showing his Wray common values all half-term and for making fantastic progress with his learning! |
| 2E | Chirag Nadig | For excellent effort in Maths. |
| | Indie Knights | For showing such a hard working attitude in her learning all term. |
| 2ML | Saoirse Cosens | Fantastic independent work on multiplication problems. |
| | Harry Woodley | Fantastic writing of his own invented dragon story. |
| | Hansika Prageshan | For putting forward her fantastic ideas during our poetry week. |
| 3HW | Megan Kellett | For progressing in her reading workshop and explaining the differences between facts and opinions. |
| | Alexis Samuels | For reflecting on her artwork and improving it. |
| 3W | Billy Kirk | For an amazing piece of writing using inverted commas. |
| | Scarlett Gaffney | For an amazing piece of writing including speech. |
| | Zachary Houghton | For developing his independence in English and Maths. |
| 4A | Maisy McKerracher | For using excellent times table practice in multiplication problems. |
| | Rhys Howells | For creative persuasive writing and a great learning attitude. |
| | Callan Morley | For captivating description in his explanation text. |
| | Oscar Rush-Kellett | For wonderful use of multiplication facts. |
| 4RW | Luke Fuller | For always being the first to respond to the 'stop sign'. |
| | Lillie Rerrie | For always being cheerful, having a positive attitude and making people laugh. |
| | Christina Jarvis | For fantastic reading in Project X group. |
| 4Sq | Louise Ayub-Batt | For persevering with her popcorn project. |
| | Millie Hodges | For a fabulous product brief. |
| | Liam Watson | For demonstrating good perseverance in his writing. |
| | Millie Hodges | For using brilliant formal language in her explanation conclusion. |
| 5B | Jessica Wiltshire-Fisher | For fantastic guided reading work with Mrs Selby. |
| | Jonas Penton | For fantastic guided reading work with Mrs Selby. |
| | Romano Young | For fantastic guided reading work with Mrs Selby. |
| | Christopher Terry | For super team work to create a poem about a waterfall. |
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| 5M | Ella Scrase | Super determination in Maths. Well done, Ella! |
| | Sienna Khaled | Super attitude towards all of her learning. |
| | Morgan Royer-Kennedy | For amazing word choices in this morning's poetry lesson- well done! |
| 5S | Amy Denby | For persevering with some tricky maths problems. |
| | Owen Dewson | For his fantastic description in English this week. |
| | Ella Renshaw | For her fantastic description in English this week. |
| 6C | Hannah Taylor | For enthusiastic participation during 'talk for writing' activities. |
| | Charley Dance | For working hard to find common denominators for fractions. |
| | Emma Hosein | For a passionate and powerful WW2 letter and reading. |
| | Louis Barbot-Doherty | For an emotional and engaging WW2 letter. |
| 6R | Jamie Bennett | For great enthusiasm and focus when text mapping a letter. |
| | Emily Macklin | For cracking fraction multiplication. |
| | Jessica Goodsell | For fantastic progress with her maths learning this term. Well done, Jessica! |
| | Lexie Potter | For fantastic progress with her maths learning this term. Well done, Lexie! |



| Day | Time | Notes |
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| Mon 19th Dec | 1:45 p.m. | Whole School Carol Service (children and staff only) at St Matthew's Church. The children will be walking down from 1:00 p.m. This is for ALL children (unless we have your slip returned withdrawing your child for religious reasons—in which case those children remain at school for their own activity). Warm coats, hats and gloves please! |
| | 6:00 p.m. | Join us from 5:30 p.m. for mulled wine and mince pies before Family Carols Around the Tree at 6:00 p.m. Please park considerately and keep our local roads clear for emergency vehicles. |
| Tues 20th Dec | From 11:30 | School Christmas Lunch—for those children who normally have a school hot meal and for those who have paid for this special meal. The staff will join the children for this meal promoting a festive, family atmosphere! |
| Wed 21st Dec | | LAST DAY OF TERM |
| | 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. | Individual class celebrations/activities - no change of clothes required. |
| | Doors open 12:35 p.m. | Celebration Medals Assembly |
| | 1:35 p.m. 1:40 p.m. | End of Day for Reception, Year 1 and 2 End of Day for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 |

FRIENDS OF WRAY COMMON FUND RAISING

A festive thank you to everyone who came along and helped us at this fun family event. There are too many individuals to thank personally, but it goes without saying that it's a huge team effort to pull this type of event together. So **HUGE** thanks go to:

- * parents and carers for donations and help with sorting and running stalls
- * to children and teaching/support staff for making the Christmas items to sell
- * the office staff for their support

And a special thanks to Michelle and Di in the kitchen as well as Mr Fensom for their good humoured help with all of our demands. Merry Christmas Everyone! *Bernie Stevenson Co-Chair*



FIRST WEEK BACK 2017

Tues 3rd Jan INSET Day (no school for children)
 Wed 4th Jan School Starts for children
 Freshwater Theatre Company in school visiting Year 2 (a.m. only)
 Thurs 5th Jan Choir 8:00 a.m.
 Karate (1st session) 3:30 p.m.
 School swimming starts again on Monday 9th January for Years 1, 2, 4 and 6

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Best Wishes for a Happy and Healthy New Year!