

# Wray Common Primary School Newsletter



Inspiring Lifelong Learning

## AYLMERTON WAS AWESOME!

With winter woollies, thermals and wellies packed, our Year 5 children set off early last Wednesday morning to Aylmerton Field Study Centre in Norfolk. They spent three days together enjoying team building activities, den building, taking part in a river study of the River Glaven, piloting boats on the Broads and watching seals and their pups on Horsey Beach.



Not only were the days jam packed with activities, but so were the evenings; a Twilight Safari Adventure on the first night and a magical story-telling session on the second. For some of the children this was their first time away from home and all of them, without exception, were brilliantly behaved and a joy to take away. The staff who accompanied the trip were extremely proud of the children; their resilience and positivity shone through in quite adverse weather conditions and I think that they all had an experience they will never forget!



## WATERWORKS



Two members of the education team from South East Surrey Water came to school this week to speak to our Year 5 children as part of their 'Go With the Flow' topic. They learnt about the water cycle, where our water comes from, water treatment, how much water we each use, why we need to save water and how this can be achieved. The children were all given a SES water bottle as a reminder of their workshop. Thank you SES Water for your invaluable talk!



## RANGERS REPORT

The countdown to Christmas has begun and the children have been getting into the Christmas spirit this week! They have been baking vanilla cookies and creating scented candles ready to sell at the Christmas Fayre this evening. They have also been very creative making decorations and some children even decided to make their own Christmas tree! We are looking forward to seeing you at the Fayre later on this evening.



## AN UPDATE FROM OUR GOVERNORS

Governors from the Teaching and Learning Committee met this week. They received a presentation from Miss Batchelor on the school's approach to teaching Maths and were able to consider how this method was driving up standards within the classroom. They received a formal report from Mr. Murphy which contained data analysis of pupil progress and attainment and a progress report on the School Development Plan. Governors questioned Mr. Murphy on the data to ensure the school is providing the right support for children across the year groups. Governors reported on the monitoring they had carried out this term relating to safeguarding, inclusion, reading, the curriculum, PSHCE and special educational needs. They approved the following policies which were due for review with some minor changes being made: Behaviour Policy and Sex and Relationships Education Policy. The next meeting of the governors is in January.



## ADMISSIONS REMINDER

We have been asked by Surrey Admissions to remind you that the closing date for Reception and Junior applications for September 2018 entry is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018. The admissions team especially welcome online applications, but parents can also request a paper application form or seek impartial help in completing an application via the Surrey Schools & Childcare Service (0300 200 1004). Full information is available on Surrey's website at [www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions)



## ENGLISH FOR EAL FAMILIES

If you are a parent from an 'English as an Additional Language' family, then here is a course you might be interested in. The course runs for 5 weeks (starting on 10<sup>th</sup> Jan 2018) and will be held at Wray Common School. Parents/Carers will be able to find out about education in England and will learn new skills to help them be more confident when helping their children with school work. The course will also provide an opportunity to meet new people and help parents/carers improve their own skills. There is no charge for the course, so please follow this [link](#) for more details and a booking form which will need to be filled in and returned to the school office. (Booking forms are also available to collect from the school office.)



## A MESSAGE FROM OUR HSLW

Please note that WELCARE, our local children's centre, has now released their Spring Term programme. Sign up now for the **PARENTING PUZZLE** 10 week programme starting in January, also a **HENRY** 8 week course starting in January - Healthy Exercise and Nutrition for the Really Young. This is an evidence based programme, giving children a healthy start in life and preventing obesity. Also, WELCARE's usual drop-ins - Bumps and Babes, Stay and Play, Messy Play, Playlink and the Toy Libraries. Details available from Miss Forward and the school office.

## FRIENDS OF WRAY COMMON

Don't forget that the Christmas Fayre is this evening, with the arrival of our very special guest and his little elfin helpers at 5:00 p.m. Ho, Ho, Ho!



Day	Time	Notes
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	1:30 p.m.	Year 5 and 6 Choir members to sing at Wray Common Residential and Nursing Home (during school time - normal pick-up time from school)
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	During school day	Reception & Year 1 Nativity Dress Rehearsals to the school
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9:20 a.m.  2:15 p.m.	Year 1 Nativity Performance in the Large Hall <i>Coffee will be available before the performance</i>  Reception Nativity Performance in the Large Hall Children will return to class to change after their performance in time to go home at normal pick-up time. <b>Please park considerately and keep our local roads clear for emergency vehicles.</b>
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9:20 a.m.  2:15 p.m.	Reception Nativity Performance in the Large Hall <i>Coffee will be available before the performance</i>  Year 1 Nativity Performance in the Large Hall Children will return to class to change after their performance in time to go home at normal pick-up time. <b>Please park considerately and keep our local roads clear for emergency vehicles.</b>
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	1:45 p.m.  6:00 p.m.	Whole School Carol Service (children and staff only) at St Matthew's Church. The children will be walking down from 1:00p.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! As we are walking down, we would be most grateful for any parents who could walk with us, to and from the church. (Please let the office know if you can help).  Family Carols Around the Tree - join us from 5:30 p.m. for mulled wine and mince pies before the concert at 6:00 p.m. <b>Please park considerately and keep our local roads clear for emergency vehicles.</b>
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> 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 Christmas lunch. The staff will join the children for lunch promoting a festive, family atmosphere!
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Doors open 12:35 p.m.  1:35 p.m. 1:40 p.m.	<b>LAST DAY OF TERM</b> Celebration Medals Assembly  End of Day for Reception, Year 1 and 2 End of Day for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6



## CLUBS FOR THE NEW TERM

Club letters detailing clubs for the Spring Term will be coming home on Monday. Please send your reply slips back to the school office by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December indicating your child's preferences so that clubs can be sorted and ready to start on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January. Letters for Musical Theatre, Chess Club, Jazz Dance, Gymnastics and After School Swimming will be available to collect from the school office, where details for French Club, Spanish Club and Badminton will also be available.



## DATES FOR NEXT WEEK

Mon 11 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 & 6 Choir to Wray Common Nursing Home (during school time)	
	Flu Immunisation Programme Reception to Year 4 ( <i>please ensure you have returned your permission form</i> )	
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 Nativity	9:20 a.m.
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## SCHOOL SWIMMING

School swimming has finished for this term now. As some of you may be aware, we had to close our pool at the end of last week and all of this week due to low water levels caused by a leak. Any sessions missed due to our pool closure will be caught up in the Spring Term, details of which will be published at the beginning of term.

