

Wray Common Primary School Newsletter



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COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS



ALL THE FUN OF THE FAYRE

The countdown to Christmas has truly begun with the Friends Christmas Fayre kicking off the festive celebrations last Friday. The event was really well attended and the two school halls were filled to bursting with children jostling to purchase the items they had been making in class. Father Christmas, accompanied by some of his elves, was kept extremely busy in his grotto as children waited patiently to share their Christmas wishes with him. A huge thank you 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. In excess of £2000 was raised - thank you for your support!

A DEFINITE 'AAHH' MOMENT

It was the turn of our youngest children to shine this week as our Reception and Year 1 classes took to the stage in their Nativity productions. Reception performed 'The Nativity' by Niki Davies and Year 1 brought the Christmas story to life in 'Busy, Busy, Bethlehem' also by Niki Davies. We welcomed over 400 parents, friends and family to the four performances on Wednesday and Thursday and they were treated to some beautiful singing and excellent storytelling by the children. As you know, these events don't just happen; a great deal of thought, planning and hard work goes in to preparing the children for their performances, so a very big thank you to the Reception and Year 1 teams.



CHRISTMAS CHEER

Children from our School Choir delighted residents of the Wray Common Nursing and Residential Home on Monday afternoon when they performed a selection of carols and Christmas songs. Miss Venables directed the Choir and was skilfully accompanied by Mrs Robinson on her clarinet and Mrs Laing on her flute. It was a lovely way to start the festivities and the residents enjoyed a good old sing-a-long too! Thank you, Miss Venables, for organising this event.





| Day | Time | Notes |
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| Mon 18 th 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. Please park considerately and keep our local roads clear for emergency vehicles. |
| Wed 20 th 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 st Dec | Doors open 12:35 p.m. 1:35 p.m. 1:40 p.m. | LAST DAY OF TERM Celebration Medals Assembly 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 a **HUGE** thank you to everyone involved:

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

We would like to give special thanks to Michelle and Di in the kitchen and to Mr Fensom for their good humoured help with all of our demands. Merry Christmas Everyone! *Bernie Stevenson*



SCHOOL LUNCHES

There is still some dinner money outstanding from this term; if you are owing money, please make payment as soon as possible. Please note that dinner money for next half term is **£60.75** and payable in advance. Payment can be made via Tucasi, by cash or by cheques made payable to Surrey County Council.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Don't forget that our Christmas Lunch is next Wednesday, so if your child normally has a packed lunch and you have signed them up for a Christmas dinner, there is no need to pack a lunch that day!

ENGLISH FOR EAL FAMILIES

This is a reminder about the free course that is running in the new year for our parents who have English as an Additional Language. The course runs for 5 weeks (starting on 10th Jan 2018) and will be held at Wray Common School. 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.)

