

# Wray Common Primary School Newsletter



Inspiring Lifelong Learning

## YEAR 5 GO ON AN ADVENTURE

Last Wednesday, our intrepid Year 5 children, together with seven equally intrepid members of staff, set off for the wilds of Norfolk. They travelled in style (in the luxury coaches of Norwich City Football Club no less) and arrived at Aylmerton Field Study Centre in time for lunch. They were to spend the next few days taking part in many activities including team building, den building, carrying out a river study of the River Glaven, piloting boats on the Broads and observing seals and their pups on Horsey Beach, of which there were quite literally thousands!



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. I'm sure that the children all returned home with stories and memories that will remain with them for many years to come.





## RANGERS REPORT

We put on our Chef hats at Rangers last week and made some delicious spaghetti! We look forward to seeing you all at the Christmas Fair today and hope you will visit us at our stall where we will be selling cookies and candles. Dates for next half term and February Half Term Holidays go live 12<sup>th</sup> December at 12:00 p.m.. Please book early to avoid disappointment - [click here](#).

## CLUBS FOR THE NEW TERM

Club letters detailing clubs for the Spring Term were emailed home this week. Please send your reply slips back to the school office no later than the end of the day on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December indicating your child's preferences so that clubs can be sorted and ready to start on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January. Letters for Musical Theatre, Chess Club, Street 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. Please [click here](#) to access the letter.



## HOLMESDALE COMMUNITY INFANT SCHOOL HEADTEACHER PRE-ADVERT



Holmesdale Community Infant School is a popular and successful primary and nursery school with 412 pupils located in Reigate, Surrey.

As a founder member of the Greensand Multi Academy Trust, a group of local schools in Reigate, we are committed to challenging, supporting and collaborating with each other to enrich the lives of our children.

We are also part of SESTA (South East Teaching Schools Alliance). This means that we work with 5 other local Outstanding schools and colleges to provide support and professional development for schools in the local area.

Our school is looking to appoint an inspiring new headteacher from September 2019 due to our current headteacher retiring.

We would very much welcome any interested candidates to visit in advance of the advert being published in Spring 2019. Further details can be found on [www.eteach.com](http://www.eteach.com) / job ref. 1020034

## COMMUNITY MATTERS

Yippee is YMCA East Surrey's warm and welcoming play scheme for children aged 5-11 with a wide range of disabilities and complex needs in East Surrey and West Sussex. Please [click here](#) for information on their Spring Term Saturday Activity Days.

## SCHOOL DINNERS FOR NEXT TERM

We hope your child has enjoyed school dinners this term and will continue to have school dinners after Christmas. The cost of a school dinner will be £2.30 per day; if your child will be having a school dinner every day, the cost for the half term from 7<sup>th</sup> January - 14<sup>th</sup> February is £66.70. Please can we remind parents/carers that all dinners should be paid for in advance. Payments can be made online from w/c 17<sup>th</sup> December, by cheque made payable to Surrey County Council or in cash at the School Office. Thank you.

## ADMISSIONS REMINDER

We have been asked by Surrey Admissions to remind you that the closing date for Reception and Junior applications for September 2019 entry is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019. 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)



SURREY  
COUNTY COUNCIL

## DATES FOR NEXT WEEK

- Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Selected Choir members to sing at Wray Common Nursing Home (during school time)
- Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Sports Leader Training at Donyngs  
Depart from school at 8:15 a.m.
- Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> Nativity Dress Rehearsals to the school (both Reception and Year 1)



## LOST YOUR GLASSES?

We have a few pairs of glasses in Lost Property that have not been claimed. If they are not claimed by the end of term, we will donate them to charity.

What do you call a potato wearing glasses?



## FRIENDS OF WRAY COMMON

THE CHRISTMAS FAYRE IS TONIGHT AT 5:00 P.M. - SEE YOU THERE FOR LOTS OF FESTIVE FUN!!



## A HELPING HAND THIS CHRISTMAS

A reminder that Wray Common is supporting the Redhill Foodbank Christmas Appeal this year. From Monday, please bring your donations to school and leave them with your class teacher. Each class will then decorate a box (or boxes if they have a lot of items) and place their donations inside ready for collection on Friday. Here is a reminder of suitable donations:

Tins of meat, fish, spaghetti, Fray Bentos pies, macaroni cheese and rice pudding

Cream crackers

Sweet biscuits

Small packets of noodles

Tomato ketchup

Cooking oil

Deodorant

Shampoo

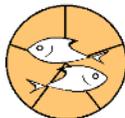
Sugar

Coffee

Long-life cartons of apple juice and orange juice

Washing up liquid

Thank you in advance for helping us to support this local charity.



## VOLUNTEER SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

### A CHANGE OF DATE

In order for us to accommodate as many of our parent/carer volunteers as possible, Mrs Brackenbury has changed the date of the next Safeguarding Training. This session will now take place on **Friday 11th January 2019 at 2:00 p.m.** and not next Thursday as previously communicated. If you have not already attended our Safeguarding training, then please put this date in your diary and leave your name with the school office to say that you can attend.

## SCHOOL SWIMMING

Next week is the last week of swimming before Christmas. Swimming lessons for our current classes will re-start on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019, our first day of term. Please note that there is a catch-up session for 6B and 6R on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December and a catch-up for 1W and 6Br on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December (normal swimming times apply). These are catch-up sessions for when Year 6 were at PGL. Emma Miller also wanted to remind parents/carers that her After School Swimming clubs will run as normal next week.

## MORE FROM AYL MERTON



## MORE COMMUNITY MATTERS ...

For details of the services at St. Matthew's Church this Christmas time, please [click here](#).





Day	Time	Notes
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	1:30 p.m.	Selected Choir members to sing at Wray Common Residential and Nursing Home (during school time - normal pick-up time from school)
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	During school day	Reception & Year 1 Nativity Dress Rehearsals to the school
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> 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 1:00p.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).
	6:00 p.m.	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>
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9:20 a.m.	Reception Nativity Performance in the Large Hall <i>Coffee will be available before the performance</i>
	2:10 p.m.	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>
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9:20 a.m.	Year 1 Nativity Performance in the Large Hall <i>Coffee will be available before the performance</i>
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Thurs 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!
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Doors open 12:40 p.m.	<b>LAST DAY OF TERM</b> Celebration Medals Assembly
	1:35 p.m.	End of Day for Reception, Year 1 and 2
	1:40 p.m.	End of Day for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6

