

Wray Common Primary School Newsletter



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CHRISTMAS IS COMING ...

FESTIVE FUN AT THE FAYRE

The countdown to Christmas has truly begun with the Friends Christmas Fayre kicking off the festive celebrations last Friday. A huge thank you to the Friends for organising and running this event, with a special mention to Sophie Swann and her team for all of their hard work, before, during and after the event. In excess of £1700 was raised!



DRAGON CAPERS

There was great excitement in Year 2 earlier this week, as a Welsh Green Dragon was spotted causing havoc in our school grounds. Ace Reporter, Amabel from 2C gives her account of the event.

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DRAGON ALERT AT WRAY COMMON SCHOOL

by Amabel, Ace Reporter

Yesterday, at Wray Common School, we had a mighty dragon break into our outstanding school.

The dragon made lots of trouble by stealing lots of yummy food from the school kitchen and let scorch marks on the grass. Why would the dragon be doing this to us? We believe the dragon is a Welsh Green Dragon.

The dragon did this at 2:00 a.m. This dragon made lots of changes to the environment in the school; he burnt all of the sunflowers and melted the bin in the kitchen!

Mr. Fensom's dog chased after the dragon when the school alarm went off. Mr. Fensom was very surprised and scared when he saw the breath taking dragon. Mr Fensom said, "I was not expecting this to happen. This is very surprising!"

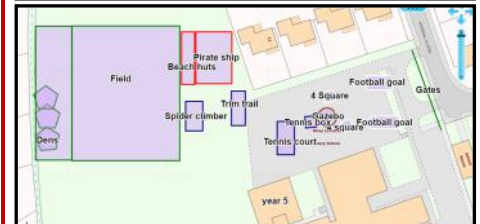
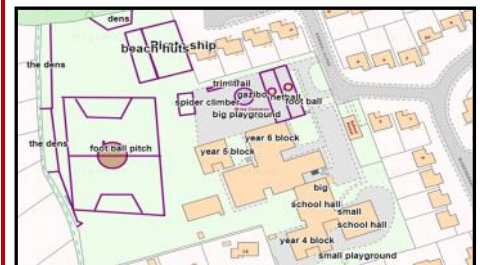
Mr. Murphy was also very surprised but very angry. "Why would this dragon be in our school? Why couldn't he just go to another school?"

After all of that trouble, the police had to come in and discuss what had happened and now we are in peace, so we don't have to worry about the dragon anymore. I wonder what trouble the dragon will make in the future?



MAPPING IN YEAR 5

The children in Year 5 have been honing their mapping skills this week and spent time out on the school playground looking for and identifying different features. They then used Digimaps to plot these features to create their own map of the playground.



RANGERS REPORT

The Rangers have excelled in their giving back project this festive season. The Rangers raised over £100 for the Friends of Wray Common last week at the Christmas Fayre, so a very big thank you to all of you who popped in and bought some cookies and candles from us!

Don't forget, we're open next week including an extended session on Friday; come and join us for some festive fun!

Dates for next half term (including February half term) are now live. Please note that the way we accept childcare vouchers and tax free childcare has now changed. For more information on these changes and to book please [click here](#) or visit www.campglide.co.uk



A LITTLE 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.



THANK YOU VERY MUCH

Christmas is a time of giving and goodwill and we would like to say a massive thank you to all of you who donated so generously to the Redhill Food Bank. These gifts have now been taken to St. Matthew's Church ready to help local families and individuals this Christmastime.



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 12:40 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 cycling, sash etc), please wear it for the walk. If you don't have any such clothing, please don't go out and buy anything new, we will lend you something from school. Thank you in advance for your help - we couldn't do it without you.

CAROLS ROUND THE TREE

Here is an invitation for you to join us for our 'Carols Round The Tree' concert on Monday evening, 17th Dec. The Choir will be performing some festive songs and carols and there will be some small group and solo performances also, as well as some poetry reading. If you would like to join us for this festive celebration, mulled wine and mince pies will be served in the foyer at Main Reception from 5:30 p.m. with 'curtain up' at 6:00 p.m. The estimated finish time is 7:15 p.m. We look forward to seeing you for some festive carol singing! If your child is performing in the concert, please make sure that you have completed and returned their permission slip.



SCHOOL LED CLUBS

You should have received an email yesterday containing details of the clubs your child/ren have been allocated for next term. Please look out for it and return slips and payment ASAP.

LUNCHTIME PLAY LEADER VACANCY

We have the opportunity for an energetic and enthusiastic individual to join our friendly and caring Lunchtime Team.

Working from 11:30 a.m. until 1.15 p.m. every day, you will;

- set up tables in the lunch halls
- help to get play equipment ready outside in preparation for our children's lunchtime play
- engage children in play through leading games and activities

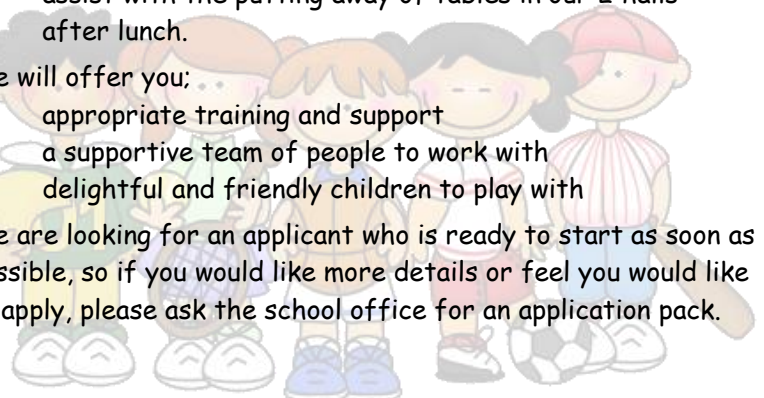
You may also be asked to;

- supervise children in the hall eating their meals
- assist with the putting away of tables in our 2 halls after lunch.

We will offer you;

- appropriate training and support
- a supportive team of people to work with
- delightful and friendly children to play with

We are looking for an applicant who is ready to start as soon as possible, so if you would like more details or feel you would like to apply, please ask the school office for an application pack.



COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS

Day	Time	Notes
Mon 17 th 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. Please park considerately and keep our local roads clear for emergency vehicles.
Tues 18 th 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. Please park considerately and keep our local roads clear for emergency vehicles.
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Thurs 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!
Fri 21 st Dec	Doors open 12:40 p.m.	LAST DAY OF TERM 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

DON'T FORGET ...

There are catch-up swimming sessions for 1W and Year 6 next week. 6B and 6R will swim on Tuesday at their normal swimming times and 1W and 6Br will swim on Wednesday at their normal swimming times. Swimming for everyone else has finished until after the Christmas holidays.



CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Don't forget that our Christmas Lunch is next Thursday, 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!

HONOUR BOOK



1S	Xavier	For reflecting on his writing and therefore making progress.
	Albert	For always being a great role model for other children.
	Molly	For performing creative balances during P.E.
	Jaxon	For super reasoning when comparing numbers to 20.
	Nell	For using time starters when writing instructions to make fudge.
1VG	Erin	What a fantastic effort in Maths, with lots of great discussion!
	Nathan	For constantly improving his writing and reflecting.
	Lily	For a fantastic effort when exploring a variety of resources in Maths.
1W	Daisy	For always trying her best and contributing to class discussions. Keep it up!
	Sree Sanvi	For explaining her maths method clearly to her learning partners when comparing numbers.
	Felix	For explaining his maths method clearly to his learning partners when comparing numbers.
2C	Elliott	For thoughtful predictions in Guided Reading.
	Felix	For showing fantastic self control this week and challenging himself to reflect.
	Annabella	For persevering and working really hard on her dragon story writing.
2E	Rhys	For super effort in all aspects of learning.
	Jessica	For great writing in English and adding lots of descriptive words.
	Ruben	For improving his focus in lessons.
3F	Katie	For thinking hard about her book review for the class display.
	Holly	For creating and innovating her own tools for her setting description. It sounded great!
	Katie P	For an amazing sentence in her descriptive setting.
3LS	Amira	For settling in well and making a great start to her time in 3F.
	Thora	For persevering in Maths when she found problem solving tricky.
	Sienna	For sharing her lovely ideas during 3LS's setting work.
	Sophie	For using senses to describe the setting of Pompeii.
	Chris	For persevering during Maths to partition a 2 digit number when multiplying.
3R	George	For a beautiful simile about Mount Vesuvius.
	Jack L	For being a great learning partner by offering to share his ideas for writing.
	Lily D	For a fantastic setting description of the eruption of Mount Vesuvius.
	Eden	Well done, Eden - you really used your senses to bring your writing alive!
4E	Charlie	For his amazing focus and thoughtfulness in his reading workshop discussions and his detailed answers.
	Henry C	For his amazing ideas and collaboration when creating his personification poem on a <i>fork</i> .
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4M	William O	For an imaginative and detailed explanation text on his robot that cleans his bedroom.
	William W	For his amazing poem personifying a classroom object.
5B	Zachary	For really working hard on his independence in Maths and being successful in doing so.
5TE	Evie	For writing a detailed and interesting recount of her trip to Aylmerton.
	Abeera	For making good progress with multiplication (from 2 weeks ago).
6B	Tym	For his enthusiastic and thoughtful contributions to a discussion about the tools needed for newspaper reporting.
	Joseph	For showing a great attitude to his maths learning, resulting in good progress in fractions.
	Lucy	For the accurate use of reported and direct speech to add detail and atmosphere to an event.
	Davina	For her great contributions in English and her great ideas in her inside/outside war poems.
	Amber	For her great contributions in English and her great ideas in her inside/outside war poems.
6Br	Isaac	For the accurate use of reported and direct speech to convey human reactions to a newsworthy event.
	Connie	For the accurate use of reported and direct speech to convey human reactions to a newsworthy event.
	Thomas	For his beautiful poetry. Mrs Roberts loved your fist sentence - it was captivating!
	Anusha	For working hard with her fraction multiplication—you've got it! Well done!
6R	Oliver	For being an expert in all things to with fractions.
	Jessica	For her wonderful newspaper writing style—you've really nailed it!

Well Done!

FRIENDS OF WRAY COMMON

Two dates for your diary - the next Friends Committee Meeting is on Wednesday 16th January 2019 at 7:00 p.m. and the annual Friends Quiz Night is on Saturday 9th March. More details of the Quiz Night will follow, but save the date as it is an evening not to be missed!!