

# Wray Common Primary School Newsletter



Inspiring Lifelong Learning

## CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

### YEAR 2

Year 2 this week have been making dragon eyes using various materials for calving, sculpting and pattern printing.



### CAN'T SEE IN THE DARK? — YEAR 4 TO THE RESCUE

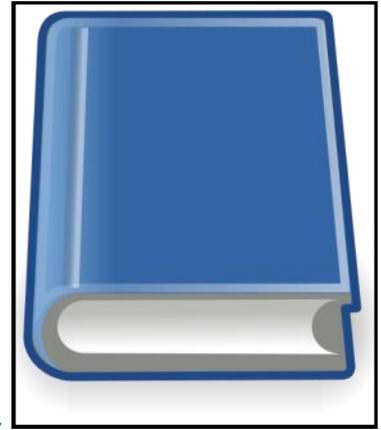
Year 4 have been busy designing and making working torches using their knowledge of simple circuits from their Science topic this half term. They started off by conducting some 'market research' via Zoom with Years 3, 5 and 6 to find out what people liked and disliked about a range of designs in order to design their own torches taking into account this feedback. Next was the design process, considering how to make the torches functional yet fun and appealing. The best bit came next...the making! Year 4 worked so hard using a range of Design and Technology skills to create their torch shells before adding in their complete circuits afterwards. We think they all look fantastic!



### CLASS READERS

It is the turn of 5SE this week to share with you a little bit about their class reader:

This half term we are reading 'Floodland' by Marcus Sedgwick. Imagine that a few years from now England is covered by water and Norwich is an island! In this book we meet a young girl called Zoe, who was separated from her parents, and is now trying to survive the best she can. Alone and desperate she finds a derelict boat and escapes to Eels Island. However, Eels Island, led by the strange boy Dooby, is full of danger too. In a story of courage and determination, we are constantly left wondering what will happen next. Will Zoe escape? Will she find her parents? And who is William? Year 5 are very much looking forward to reading the rest of the book.



"I really like the character of Zoe because although she has faced many hardships, she is still strong and determined." - Lily D

"I particularly like the character of Zoe because she is determined, inquisitive and a strong female character." - Grace

"I am enjoying this book because it has a lot of suspense and mystery. Also, we don't know the fate of the characters yet." Kavish

"I am enjoying the book because at the end of each chapter there is a cliff hanger and it is making me really inquisitive to find out what happens next." - Edward

"I really like the characters of Dooby, Spat and Munchkin. I am excited to find out what happens in the last half of the story." - Izaak

### COVID-19

We, the Wray Common community - the school, children and parents, continue to make our best efforts to stay as Covid-secure as possible. Thank you all!

**An important reminder - when someone in your household displays any Covid-19 symptoms (fever, cough, loss of taste or smell), your entire household must self-isolate - do not send any child within the household to school.**

### END OF TERM PICK-UP TIMES

End of term is Friday 18th December, please see each Year Groups pick up times below:

Class	Entrance and Exit	Enter Class	Register	Exit Class
RS & RVG	Infant play-ground	8.45	8.55	1.30
YEAR 1		8.40	8.50	1.25
YEAR 2		8.35	8.45	1.20
YEAR 3	Junior play-ground	8.30	8.40	1.30
YEAR 4		8.35	8.45	1.35
YEAR 5		8.45	8.55	1.45
YEAR 6		8.40	8.50	1.40

### NATIVITY REMINDER

Please can Parents and Carers of Reception and Year 1 children return their consent forms that were sent out via Tucasi for children to take part and for their nativity to be filmed. Please can consent forms be returned by Monday 7th December.

We are delighted that the Friends are arranging for a professional video to be made to allow you the chance you see your child in full splendour! They will be asking for a donation of £5.00 to help cover the cost. Many thanks to the Friends.



## CLASS READERS

This week 4P would like to share the book that they have been reading as a class. They are very excited about this book because it's called 'The Christmasaurus' by Tom Fletcher. If you love stories about dinosaurs and Christmas then this is the perfect combination for you. You might be wondering how you get a dinosaur at Christmas time because we all know that dinosaurs died out millions of years ago, after a meteor hit the earth...

Lucas loved the ideas of this.

My favourite part was when the meteor hit earth and one egg survived. I like this because I think it would be great to find an egg and hatch a dinosaur myself.

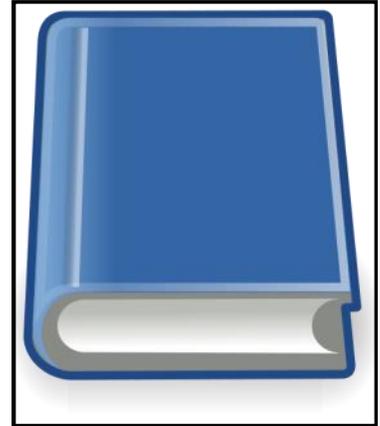
Henry's favourite part was reading about the main character's family.

William Trundle's father is crazy about Christmas. So much so, he puts up their Christmas tree in July. I would love to do that!

Amira's imagination was captured by the elves in the story.

My favourite part was reading about the elves who help Santa. They have 'presents seeds' and the elves plant these and then they pick the presents, once the plants have grown in the ice.

4P really recommend this book as it is funny and exciting and they can't wait to hear how all the parts of the story are going to come together. They hope that they have tempted you to read this great book.



## WRAY COMMON CITIZENS

4 children from Wray Common School—Scarlett in Year 3 along with George, Harriet in Year 5 and Georgina in Year 2 are cycling 250km in a team, along with four other friends from Reigate Parish and Earlswood schools. They're going to do it between 19th - 23rd December. They've set themselves a challenging distance and want to raise as much as possible for Strikey Stork and Renewed Hope. They wanted to raise money to ensure that local families in need get the chance to have a lovely Christmas.

If anyone would like to sponsor them, their Just Giving page is:

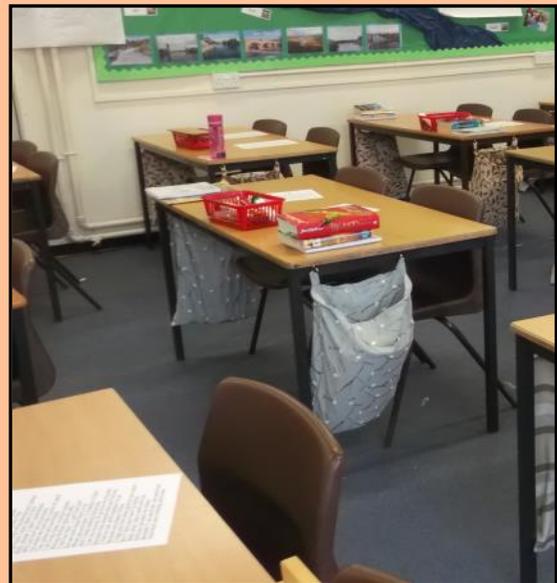
<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/8kidsandanepicride>

We will of course let you know how they get on.



## BUSY BAGS

Thank you so much for the lovely Busy Bags which you have continued to donate to school - there are certainly some very talented stitchers in our school community. We have started to distribute them to classes - Mr Fensom has been busy drilling holes for the hooks. Mrs Shevel is delighted at how tidy and organised 5SE's classroom now looks with no trip hazards and how quickly the class can now be ready for their learning. She cannot thank you enough!



## FRIENDS OF WRAY COMMON

Please do not forget to order your Christmas Raffle Tickets and Goodie Bags <http://bit.ly/FWCjingle> to support the school and kids this Christmas.

## WRAY COMMON PE AND SPORTS HOODIES

From next week, we will be introducing hoodies for the children to wear instead of their usual cardigan/sweatshirts— **on their PE days only**. These are optional and are priced from £16.50.



In line with our uniform policy, black/grey tracksuit bottoms can be worn on PE days.

To order your hoodie please follow the link below:

<https://www.pbuniform-online.co.uk/wraycommon>

Any problems please contact the office.



## CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Please return any Christmas lunch slips by 9:00am Monday 7th December, requests received after this time will not be accepted.

If you already have school dinners on the relevant days you do not need to do anything.

Christmas lunch for KS1 is on Wednesday 16th and KS2 on Thursday 17th December.

## COMMUNITY MATTERS

This December our Bike it Officer from Sustrans is running a 'bling your bike' competition. Children are encouraged to decorate their bicycles at home in a Christmas theme and parents can send in pictures of their children's bicycle in order to enter the competition.

For full details of the competition and to enter please visit:

<https://share.sustrans.org.uk/share/public/?file=0e8d62a5> (password = blingyourbike)



## HONOUR BOOK

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| 1P  | Evie              | For producing amazing writing independently this week.  |
| 1W  | Katie             | For fantastic writing all about Crispy Christmas trees!   |
| 2B  | Joshua            | For his amazing use of descriptive toolkit when writing the story of Kassim and the Hungry dragon.  |
| 2S  | Matylida          | For using impressive expanded noun phrases when planning her adventure story.   |
| 3B  | William           | For really focusing on his handwriting and making a massive improvement - keep it up!   |
| 3F  | Jaxon             | For great perseverance in maths. You nailed our target method column multiplication!  |
| 3R  | Archie            | For a brilliant PE lesson with Mr Martin - you were super focused throughout.   |
| 4F  | Handwriting stars | For all the handwriting stars of 4F (you know who you are) for working so hard on your handwriting this week - great progress, well done! |
| 4P  | Lola              | For working so hard on her explanation text writing this week. Well done for including topic vocabulary, time adverbs and conjunctions.   |
| 5B  | Phoebe            | For an amazing, informative and well-presented non-chronological report about the curious Pine Marten.                                    |
| 5G  | Zackary           | For the amazing amount of care and effort that he put into creating his non-chronological report about Roe Deer.                          |
| 5SE | Kavish            | For an excellent, informative non-chronological report. A great piece of writing Kavish, well done.                                       |
| 6C  | Harry T           | For a great attitude to learning new maths methods and applying them.   |
| 6E  | Nathanial         | For his determined focus this week in all lessons; it has been noticed. You are challenging yourself to achieve your best.                |



**Well Done!**