



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Christmas Performances

The children have performed brilliantly this week in all of their Christmas shows. KS2 sang beautifully at our market on Monday afternoon, raising a super £257.70 across the Key Stage, which will go back into classes. Reception and KS1 put on amazing shows for their grown ups too. Thank you for all your support from home with these performances. Special thanks to all of the staff who have supported the children over the last few weeks.

Christmas Dinner

Christmas dinner was another success this week. A huge thank you to the kitchen staff and special thanks to the SSA for donating the crackers this year.

Christmas Jumper Day

£128 was donated to our jumper day on Wednesday for Save the Children; thank you. If you forgot, please send it in next week.

Big Tree Night - Window Display

On Wednesday 13th December, the Year 6 Leaders walked to Shepperton High Street to judge the best Christmas shop window display for the Big Tree Night competition. They all looked great, however, my favourite was Colour Me Crazy because it was really eye-catching. One shop even tried to bribe us with a chocolate! By Kaira (6R)



Choir Concert

Last Friday evening, Miss Parsons and I had the pleasure of attending Just Play's Christmas Concert at Addlestone Community Centre. Just Play are the company who lead our guitar clubs and choir. Several Saxon children showcased their progress alongside children from other schools in front of an audience of approx. 200 people. Our children did brilliantly and Miss Parsons and I were incredibly proud. Very well done to them all.

SSA Discos

As I write, the children in Reception and KS1 are having a great time at their Christmas party, enjoying the silent disco too. They've also had a special visitor all the way from the North Pole! Thank you to the SSA and all the volunteers who helped the children have a special afternoon. £255 was raised for our mufti today. Thank you everyone for donating.

Young Carers

Our Young Carers group were treated to a special Christmas party yesterday. A huge thank you to Hasbro who provided all of the entertainment and fun for the children, and to Shelly for all her hard work supporting this group of children in our school; they had a great time!

Times Tables Rockstars

Mrs Hartshorn has emailed families with an update about TTRS and some new information about how it's being included in home learning. Please look out for this email. A little practise everyday really does make a huge difference when it comes to learning times tables and children being able to recall these facts quickly when solving problems.

KEY DATES

December

Mon 18th 9am KS1 Celebration Assembly – invited families only

Tues 19th 9am KS2 Celebration Assembly – invited families only

1:45pm End of Term for all

January

Thurs 4th Children return to school

Wed 17th Panto for all children

Mon 22nd – Fri 26th 9:00 – 10:00am Y1 Stay, Play & Learn

Fri 26th Year 3 Sleepover

Mon 29th – Fri 2nd Maths Week

Mon 29th – Fri 2nd Y4 TTRS Battle

February

Mon 5th – Fri 9th 9:00 – 9:30am Reception Stay, Play & Learn

Mon 5th – Fri 9th Y3, 4 & 5 Maths Assessments

Mon 12th – Fri 16th Half Term

Mon 19th Children return to school

Tues 20th 4:00 – 7:00pm Progress Meetings

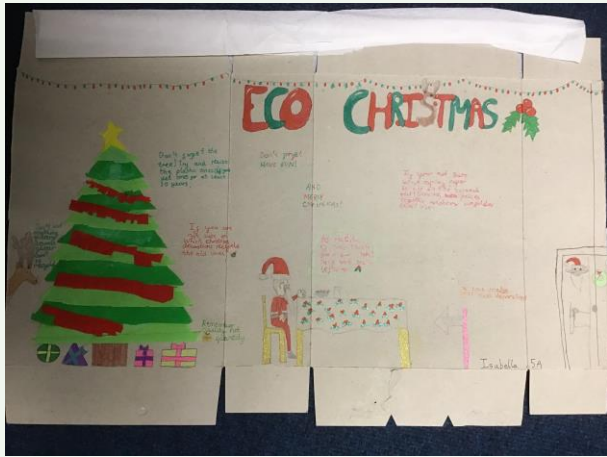
Wed 21st 3:40 – 6:30pm Progress Meetings

Writing Challenge

Following the success of the Summer Reading Challenge, we are introducing a Winter Writing Challenge for the festive break. All of the details will be emailed out next week and shared in class too. There will be prizes for silver and gold writers!

Eco Group

Following Mrs Williams' plea for our passionate Eco Warriors to join her in tackling environmental issues at school, there are a number of children who have joined the Eco Group for the rest of this year. They all had to express why they wanted to join in a creative, eco-friendly way: this is just one of the entries we had, made with a recycled cereal box!



All the other entries are on Facebook. Well done to the following children: Wylly, Issac, Ezra, Niamh (Y3); Tyler, Scarlett (Y4); Rohyn, Rayav, Olivia, Janna, Sofia, Marilyn, Imogen, River, Isabella (Y5); Jessie R, Joe, Erica & Lucy (Y6)

New Reception Admissions

If your child was born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020 they will be due to start school in September 2024. You can apply now for a primary school place and the closing date for on-time applications to primary schools is 15th January 2024. To make your application, please click on this link:

<https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/eAdmissions/app>

However, 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, Mon-Fri 9am-5pm). Full information is available on Surrey's website at

www.surreycc.gov.uk/primaryadmissions

Applications received after the closing date without good reason will be treated as late and will not be considered until all on time applications have been processed. This may jeopardise the chance of a parent being offered one of their preferred schools for their child.

Darley Dene Primary School in Addlestone is recruiting

Are you ambitious and keen to make a difference? We are seeking to appoint a highly enthusiastic, proactive, flexible and reliable individual for the role of Teaching Assistant. This is an opportunity for an individual who is patient and emotionally resilient to join our friendly, inclusive and inspirational team of teaching and support staff. For more information please see:

<https://www.eteach.com/job/teaching-assistant-1390677>

Lumen Learning Trust is recruiting

We are looking to appoint a member of staff to support in the delivery of P.E. lessons across the five Lumen Learning Trust (LLT) schools, this is an exciting role for anyone who is interested in coaching and developing youth sport. This role is supported by Sports Premium funding and therefore is a fixed term contract, expiring on 31st August 2025. There is the possibility that the contract will be extended subject to the funding from the DfE continuing. <https://www.eteach.com/job/sports-coach-1389220>

Oracy Question of the Week

'What is your favourite ice cream flavour and why?'

You're going to come in contact with an awful lot of people who are at their absolute breaking point this season. Friends, family, co-workers, teachers, strangers in the grocery store, retail workers.

While it may be the merriest time of the year for some, it's the saddest, loneliest, most stressful, most heartbreaking for so many others.

We're all busy, but we're not too busy to be kind, caring and patient. Remember the best thing you can give someone right now is love.

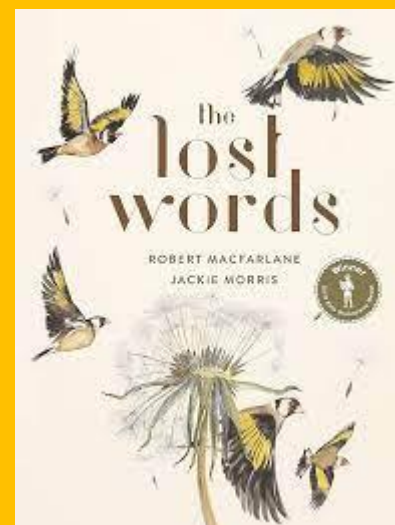
Recommended Reads

This week's recommendation is from Miss Margetts and is called 'The Lost Words' by Robert McFarlane.

A timeless, beautifully designed Christmas present for children and adults alike, The Lost Words is a gift that will be poured over and cherished for years to come.

All over the country, there are words disappearing from children's lives. These are the words of the natural world; Dandelion, Otter, Bramble and Acorn, all gone. A wild landscape of imagination and play is rapidly fading from our children's minds.

The Lost Words stands against the disappearance of wild childhood. It is a joyful celebration - in art and word - of nearby nature and its wonders. With acrostic spell-poems by award-winning writer Robert Macfarlane and illustrations by Jackie Morris, this enchanting book evokes the irreplaceable magic of language and nature for all ages.



Golden Learning Celebration

Well done to all our Learners of the Week!

KS1

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| <i>RB</i> | <i>Toby & Felix</i> |
| <i>RGM</i> | <i>Sanuki & Johnny</i> |
| <i>1JK</i> | <i>Thomas & Isaias</i> |
| <i>1K</i> | <i>Kendall & Daisy</i> |
| <i>2B</i> | <i>Teddy T & Raymond</i> |
| <i>2DM</i> | <i>Ben & Lola</i> |

KS2

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| <i>3C</i> | <i>Leighton & Ava Qui</i> |
| <i>3W</i> | <i>Bonnie & Frankie</i> |
| <i>4K</i> | <i>Jacob & Katie</i> |
| <i>4P</i> | <i>Shray & Madeleine</i> |
| <i>5A</i> | <i>Ellie & Methuki</i> |
| <i>5P</i> | <i>Yuhasa & Madison</i> |
| <i>6L</i> | <i>Amaury & Mia</i> |
| <i>6R</i> | <i>Emily & Finn</i> |



Stay on Green

Consistently demonstrating green behaviour choices throughout the entire week and therefore receiving a golden leaf this week were: Betsy (RB); Noah (1JK); Bonnie & Beau (2DM); Eddie, Henry, Ellie, Ryder & Amelia (4P) and George K & William (6R) - very well done to all of these children!

There will be one last brief newsletter on Tuesday to capture the last couple of days of term. Don't forget we break up on Tuesday 19th December at 1:45pm for all children.

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Morris
Headteacher

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Children and Young People's Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health Service



If you need support now, here's what to do

If you're in immediate danger: call 999

If you have an urgent need, call our crisis team on 0800 915 4644. It's open 24 hours a day – 7 days a week.

If you're not in a crisis, but still need support ...

If you do not need urgent support, you can talk to your mental health lead in school. They are there to listen and support you with your mental health and wellbeing. If you do not know who this is, talk to a member of school staff you trust and they will be able to help you.

Visit our website, www.mindworks-surrey.org – this offers a wide range of information which can help your mental health and wellbeing. We have resources such as [My Safety Plan](#) and [self-help tips](#) to help guide you through your wellbeing during challenging times. You'll find links to useful websites, recommended reading, plus coping strategies to help you through difficult times.

We are partnered with Kooth, who are a digital mental health platform providing confidential support for all young people. Here you can access forums, activity centres, messaging and live counselling. You can get support when you need it, with no waiting lists or need to be referred by an adult. Visit www.kooth.com for more information.

Sometimes it might feel easier to message/ text about how you are feeling and there are many places you can do this:

- **Shout**: is a free, confidential, 24/7 text support service for anyone in the UK who is struggling to cope. To start a conversation, text the word 'SHOUT' to 85258.
- **Chat Health**: is a safe and easy way for you to speak to a qualified health professional. They provide information about services near you that can provide support. Contact them through their website www.chathealth.nhs.uk

The CYP (Children & Young People) Haven is a safe space for any child or young people aged 10-18 to go where they can talk about worries and mental health in a confidential, friendly and supportive place. Scan the QR code for more information.



We also work closely with young people groups such as Amplify, their contact email amplify.mindworks@sabp.nhs.uk and Surrey Youth Voice, where your voice can help us help other young people's mental health and wellbeing services across Surrey and North East Hampshire. Contact them on 01483 519 464 or user.voice@surreycc.gov.uk

Mindworks Surrey provides a dedicated out-of-hours helpline for parents and carers of children with suspected or diagnosed neurodevelopmental needs such as ASD and or ADHD. It's open 5 pm-11 pm, seven days a week. Call 0300 222 5755.

Mindworks Surrey also offers a range of groups and youth clubs for both children and young people. These are all open to self-referral and you can find out more information on our website by scanning the QR code.



The Mindworks Access and Advice Team can also provide support in signposting you to more help. Call them on 0300 222 5755.

Find out more at mindworks-surrey.org





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