



16th December 2022

Dear Parents,

We have got to what has been the busiest week, not just of this year, but of many years.

Every child has been involved in some way or another with the wonderful Christmas celebrations which rolled out across the week. There was an event every single day and so you can imagine how tired the whole school community are going to be by 3:15pm today! Many of you will have helped, attended or both throughout the week as well and I hope that you all enjoyed this, much more traditional celebration of Christmas than had been possible over the previous few years.



Infant School Nativity

Never before have I seen Evil Sprout try to ruin Christmas, but we were saved by the fearless Super Parsnip and all was well in the end. Even our heavily pregnant Mary managed a safe delivery on the day! The little ones performed no less than three times to groups of visitors and in many cases, understudies had to step in as sickness swept through the school.

Carol Service

A complete contrast to the Nativity, held in St Mary's Church, this was a time to reflect on the Christmas story, read from the Bible by Year 5 children and to think about some of the symbolism of Christmas. The Phase 2 children entered by candlelight with choristers singing the first verse of Once in Royal David's City. This was a service rather than a performance and as such the parents in attendance joined us for traditional carols and prayers. The church was full to overflowing and on one of the coldest nights of the year, we all left a little warmer for this spiritual experience.



Present Delivery Around The Village

The Year 6 children kindly delivered presents to some of the senior members of our community and wished them Merry Christmas on behalf of the School and the Parish Trust. Lots of lovely thank you cards have been received in return.

Junior School Nativity

The Year 3 and 4 nativity play "Shine" was a glorious success. The singing was outstanding, the costumes sparkly and the performances brought a smile to many faces. The children have put so much effort into learning their roles and the songs, so it was joyous to see so many parents come along to watch and enjoy the performances.

Christmas Lunches and Jumpers

The children and staff in both schools brightened everything up on Wednesday and Thursday in their festive outfits and enjoyed lovely Christmas lunches. It's a long-held tradition for teaching staff to serve the Christmas lunches that day before enjoying their own and there is always a rousing three cheers for the cooks who work so hard to provide over three hundred meals with all the trimmings.



Junior School Trip to The Pantomime

As I write, the Junior School is silent as all the children are off to see Jack and the Beanstalk at South Hill Park - Oh yes, they are! I am certain that they will have a fantastic end to their week at this show.

Still to come

There are now only two days left of term. The Junior School finishes at 1:30pm on Tuesday 20th December and the Infant School at 1:40pm the same day.

Before that we have an Inter-House Carol Competition at the Junior School on Monday and PITA Report Cards being sent home with children that same afternoon.

And Finally

If you have been as busy as school has been recently I am sure you too are looking forward to a few weeks holiday. All our staff will be off over the Christmas break - including the office staff. They too need to be nurtured, recharge their batteries and enjoy precious time with families. Mrs Slyfield and Mrs Dehaes often read emails coming in late at night and at weekends (especially when we had our Covid Alert mail boxes in operation). However, they are under strict instructions not to do so this year. If you should email into school please do not expect a response until the Inset day back, Wednesday 4th January 2023!

May I take this opportunity to thank you all for your incredible support this term. We have had an amazing time with our pupils flourishing in their learning and personal development, living out our Christian values of Grace, Courage and Friendship and working as a whole school community for the benefit of the children. I wish you all a wonderful Christmas and every blessing for the New Year.

Merry Christmas

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EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHER



Infant School

95.87%

Junior School

95.37%

Obviously we are in the winter months and sickness is to be expected but concerningly our whole school attendance has now fallen below the expected national level of 96%. Attendance is monitored in school and if your child should drop below 90% you will be notified by the School leadership team (currently this is 3 days absence).

With Covid still around and the recent Strep A outbreak, it is helpful if you could give detailed information when informing the office of sickness, rather than poorly or unwell.

Please ensure that you ask the office for a leave of absence request form for all absence except sickness and medical appointments.



We are pleased to advise you that the Infant School raised £72.83 and the Junior School raised £109.22 for the Poppy Appeal this year, contributing to the £6,678.17 raised in the local area.

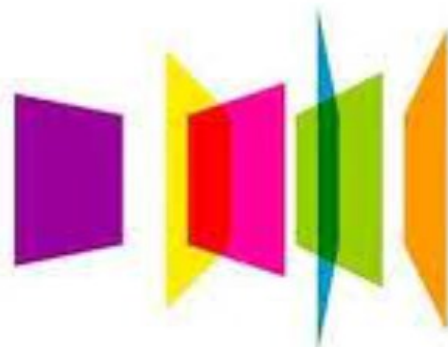


We are really pleased to advise you that our justgiving page for Children In Need raised an impressive £944.



We are pleased to advise you that the Infant Harvest sale raised £134.56 which was donated to the Wargave Lunch-eon Club who will put it towards providing Christmas lunch to their members.

We raised an incredible £125 with the collection at the Year 5/6 Carol Service for Reading's Home-less charity Launchpad and this has been boosted by £65 after the Year 3/4 Christmas Nativity.



Launchpad



CHRISTMAS ART CAMP

Christmas Fun for 5-12 Year Olds
Sketching Drawing Painting Cutting Sticking Printing
 Let your children discover their festive creativity, exploring a variety of mixed media.

Saturday 17th December
9.30 – 3.30

If there is demand, I could also do Sunday 18th!

Robert Piggott Junior School, Wargrave RG10 8DY
 Contact Jo Hall for more details
 Jomaundrell@hotmail.com 07703 534716

SPORTS CLUB



ROBERT PIGGOTT JUNIOR
SCHOOL EXTRA
CURRICULUM CLUBS

9th Jan - 22nd March



Football

Monday. Years 3-6. 9th Jan - 20th March (Excluding 13th Feb)

Our fantastic football club will help develop your child with the skills needed for becoming a competitive footballer. In these sessions your child will progress through a series of skills throughout the duration of the course from passing with all parts of your feet, dribbling, shooting, 1v1, 2v2, 3v3 matches suitable for all ages. You can also track your child's progress through our grading system.

Netball

Wednesday. Years 3-6. 11th Jan - 22nd March (Excluding 15th Feb)

Netball is an exciting, fast and skilful game of fair contest. It is a team game in which each player strives to keep or gain possession of the ball. It is a fantastic and fun sport with sessions which will teach your child hand eye coordination, ball skills including catching techniques, passing and match play. You can also track your child's progress through our grading system.

PRICE
£65.00

TIMES
**3:15pm -
4:15pm**

WHAT TO BRING
**Water Bottle
PE Kit
Sports Specific Kit (optional)**

HOW TO BOOK

Simply head over to our website www.getactivesports.com and select your child's school. Find this under parents tab.

Select the activity you require and then click "Book now". If you would like to book over the phone, call our lovely team on 011344 860868

Christmas recycling

Cross out the 5 items that **should not** be placed in your home recycling bin



Batteries & lights need to go to the Recycling Centres; coffee cup & Christmas cracker bits need to go into the rubbish and crushed sprouts need to go into the food bin.



Christmas recycling wordsearch

There is a lot of rubbish created at Christmas, but not all of it can be recycled. Check out our Naughty and Nice lists, and find them in the wordsearch.



- SWEETWRAPPERS
- PLASTICBOTTLE
- CRISPPACKET
- POLYSTYRENE
- PLASTICTUB
- CARDBOARD
- SWEETTIN
- CRACKERS
- GLITTER
- NAPKINS
- BAUBLES
- TINSEL
- CARDS
- CAN



recycle more

...this Christmas.



Santa's Naughty List

Below is a lot of waste created at Christmas. Check out Santa's Naughty List of items that cannot be recycled in the dry recycling bin.



- Pulled Christmas crackers
- Used napkins
- Sweet wrappers
- Crisp packets
- Biscuit wrappers
- Broken glass (wrap to prevent harm)
- Metallic wrapping paper
- Polystyrene
- Broken decorations
- Old tinsels
- Baubles

Ask your parent to take these items to the bottle banks:

- Glass
- Jars

Ask your parent to take these items to the recycling centre:

- Broken fairy lights
- Batteries



Santa's Nice List

There is a lot of waste created at Christmas. Check out Santa's Nice List of what can be recycled.



In your dry recycling bin:

- Plastic bottles
- Plastic food tubs/trays
- Sweet / biscuit tins
- Food tins and beer cans
- Wrapping paper & Christmas card no foil / glitter
- Cardboard boxes
- Foil trays
- Cartons

In your food waste recycling bin:

- Leftover food that cannot be reused or reheated
- Fruit and veg peelings including spuds and sprouts
- Turkey bones & egg shells

In your garden waste recycling bin:

- Holly and ivy
- Christmas tree (no decorations)

At the bottle banks:

- Empty bottles and jars

