

18th November 2022

Dear Parents,

This half term is phenomenally exciting for the children and busy for the whole school community.

Since our last Newsletter, just two weeks ago, we have had academic reviews, visits from reindeers, time to reflect at our Remembrance Services, trips, sports fixtures and PJ Day!

READING

As part of the Schools Learning Alliance, we regularly participate in school improvement reviews. This means that we are either visiting other schools to look deeply at their teaching and learning in a specific area or we are hosting a review ourselves. On Tuesday 8th November we welcomed Headteacher and Subject Leader colleagues from The Piggott School, Hawkedon Primary School and Church End Primary School who came to perform a Subject Review on our reading across both schools. This was a rigorous examination of our reading provision and we were delighted that the report recognised that 'reading is at the heart of our educational offer.'

To consolidate our children's skills in reading we are again encouraging parents to volunteer to read with pupils at both schools. Ms O'Byrne led a training session for parent volunteers at the Infant School this week and was overwhelmed by the number of volunteers who came along to the meeting.

If you would like to join this group and help our children continue to flourish in reading, please contact the school offices for more details.



REMEMBRANCE SERVICES

Opportunities to gather together for reflection and worship are crucial for every one of us but they are the life blood of a church school. Both schools held services to commemorate the men and women who gave their lives for their country. We recognised too that war still rages in parts of the world today and directly affects some of our own school families. Children read poems, led their school community in prayers and displayed the poppy artwork which had been completed in both schools.

SPORT

Reading Football Club hosted a Year 5/6 Boys Football Tournament on the new 3G pitch at Cantley Park in Wokingham last Friday, 11th November 2022. There were 32 schools participating in the tournament and I am delighted to report that our boys team got to the semi-finals and achieved a fantastic 3rd place result. Not only was Mr Hawtin pleased with the outcome but proud of the Grace, Courage and Friendship shown by all the boys representing our school.



REINDEER

Thank you to Mr Cardy and his team from Riverways Farm. They and their beautiful reindeer endured dreadful weather to get the Christmas season started once again this year. We simply cannot get enough of these majestic animals and the children learn so much from the visit. Pictures follow in the newsletter.

CHILDREN IN NEED

Everyone had a wonderful day yesterday, cosy and perhaps a little too warm, dressed in PJs, onesies and fluffy dressing gowns. It was all for a worthy cause of course because the money raised was for Children in Need. It did make for a colourful sight in the playground as we rehearsed our Fire Drill and nearly three hundred children and staff, across both schools, filed out and stood in silence dressed as unicorns, avocados (who knew) and dragons. The children were fantastic and we raised a considerable sum for the charity. Pictures follow in the newsletter

After all this hard work and learning, I wish you a restful weekend and look forward to seeing you next week.

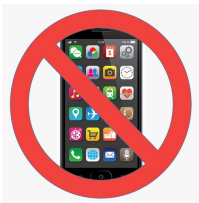
Kind regards

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EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHER

MOBILE PHONES IN SCHOOL



We want to remind parents and pupils alike that mobile phones are not allowed in school.

If your child walks to and from school and you feel a phone is needed for these journeys, please e mail the office and let us know. The phone must be handed to the class teacher at the beginning of the day and will be returned at home time.

Any other contact with parents must be made through the school offices.



Following the recent information provided regarding attendance, I would like to advise you that whole school attendance currently sits at: -

Infant School	96.95%	Junior School	96.14%
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Please ensure that you ask the office for a leave of absence request form for all absence except sickness and medical appointments.

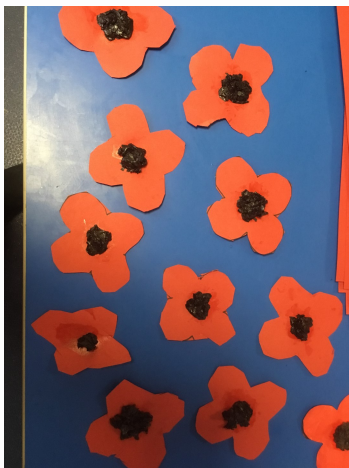
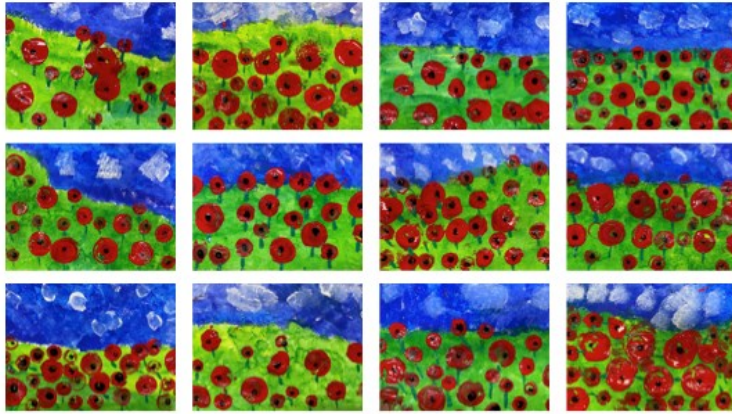


DATE	EVENT	VENUE	TIME
26 th November 2022	Christmas Fayre	Junior School	1:00pm - 4:00pm
1st December 2022	One Snowy Night Infant Pantomime	Norden Farm	During School morning
2nd December 2022	Tree Decorating Assembly	Infant School	Afternoon—pupils only
5th December 2022	Salvation Army Toy Assembly	Infant School	Morning—pupils only Please bring in toys that morning—details to follow
7 th December 2022	Infant School Christingle	St Mary's Church	2:00pm - 2:30pm
9th December 2022	PTA Break the Rules Day	Both Schools	All day
12th December 2022	Infant Nativity Rehearsal	Infant School	9.30am For parents with toddlers & prams—restricted space
13 th December 2022	Infant Nativity	Infant School	2:00pm 2 adults per child
13 th December 2022	Carol Service Year 5&6	St Mary's Church	6:00pm
14th December 2022	Junior Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day	Junior School	Lunchtime
14 th December 2022	Infant Nativity	Infant School	9:30am 2 adults per child
15th December 2022	Infant Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day	Infant School	Lunchtime
15 th December 2022	Junior Christmas Play Years 3&4	Junior School	6:00pm
16th December 2022	Jack & The Beanstalk Junior Pantomime	South Hill Park	During School morning
20th December 2022	End of Term	Both Schools	Juniors end 1.30pm Infants end 1.40pm



 **RIVERWAYS FARM REINDEER VISIT** 







CHILDREN IN NEED 2022 PYJAMA DAY





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JOIN US FOR THE ROBERT PIGGOTT
INFANT & JUNIOR SCHOOL

Christmas Fayre

SATURDAY 26TH NOVEMBER
1 - 4 PM

**MINCE PIES, MULLED WINE, CHRISTMAS CRAFTS,
FESTIVE STALLS & LOTS MORE!**

ROBERT PIGGOTT JUNIOR SCHOOL
WARGRAVE
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Christmas Fayre Key Info


- ➔ **Cash encouraged**
- ➔ **Donations requested**
- ➔ **Contact your Class Reps or Jennifer Wootton to volunteer**

Further details on next page

Get Involved

 Find us on Facebook at "Robert Piggott PTA"

 Join us on the "PTA Helping Hands" WhatsApp group. Please ask your class rep or a PTA member for the invite link.

 Check out our new webpage:
<https://www.robertpiggott.wokingham.sch.uk/pta/>



ROBERT PIGGOTT
PTA



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We are so looking forward to the Christmas Fayre, one of the school's biggest fundraisers of the year and a village tradition. But we need your help! Please bring any of the following donations to the school offices or contact Jennifer Wootton on 07811767716 or one of your Class Reps to contribute or get involved.



- ➡ Good condition Teddies & Dolls of any size or shape 🧸
- ➡ Complete jigsaw puzzles 🧩
- ➡ Good condition books for all ages; children's books especially sought after, but happy to take craft books, cooking books, etc. 📖
- ➡ Dressing up costumes of all types 👑👗👖
- ➡ Games and Toys 🎮🎲🎯
- ➡ Bottles for our tombola / raffle 🍷🍷🍷
- ➡ Christmas Jumpers - this was a HUGE success last year, please donate children's and adults 🎄👶
- ➡ Christmas/ Festive Pyjamas - children's and adults 🧸👶



We would also love any gifts you can donate through your work, including smaller items like:



- ★ Candles
- ★ Small gifts
- ★ Trinkets
- ★ Etc.



And lastly, we would be very grateful for any donations of higher value items like:



- ★ Wine Tours
- ★ Gift Vouchers
- ★ Experiences
- ★ Etc.



Companies donating higher value items will be thanked in the school newsletter and online.

All donations can be dropped to the school offices, or please contact Jennifer Wootton on 07811767716 to arrange collection.

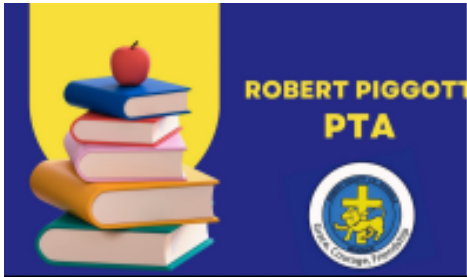
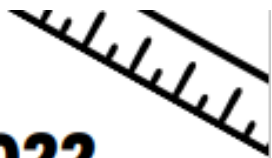


Thank you in advance for all the donations and your support in making this event a huge success. We can't do it without you! ✨



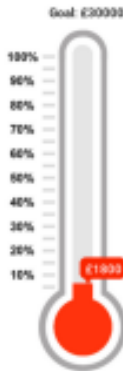
UPCOMING EVENTS NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

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|  18th Nov: Cake Sale,
after school <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Turtle Doves (Infants)• Cherry (Juniors) |  26th Nov:
Christmas Fayre,
1-4PM, Junior School |  9th Dec: Break the Rules Day (more info forthcoming from your Class Reps!) |
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FUNDRAISING



We have raised over **£1800** for the school this year, thanks to sponsorship, Christmas card sales, Bags2School, second hand uniform sales, and the school disco. What a great start!

MATCH FUNDING

Match funding allows employers to match funds raised at PTA events and is **one of the most efficient ways to raise much needed funds for the school**. Please see the **letter emailed by Lisa earlier this week for more details**.

We are particularly looking for **match funding for the Christmas Fayre!** Please contact Anjali at anjalihughes@gmail.com or any member of the PTA if you'd like to take part.

MATCH FUNDING

Do you or your partner work for a **tech company, construction company, bank, building society, insurance company, supermarket, utility provider, phone company, consultancy, retail store, or car manufacturer?**

These companies and many more, big and small, are known to offer match funding schemes.

Please contact Anjali or any member of the PTA to discuss match funding opportunities anjalihughes@gmail.com



SCHOOL DISCO SUCCESS!



Our first school disco since 2019 was a grand success, with so many students attending and having a great time. Huge thanks to **Gemma Skinner** for organising, and to **Ross Parrett** for DJing, as well as to **a host of parent volunteers who made the night possible, and wonderful staff who donated their time**. We raised a whopping **£800** for the school! More discos are planned for the upcoming terms, stay tuned!



PLEASE BE ADVISED SCHOOL STILL RUNS 19TH AND 20TH DECEMBER SO THE CAMP WOULD BE FOR 21ST-23RD DECEMBER

WINTER CAMPS



WOKINGHAM

19th December - 23rd December 2022 & 3rd
January 2023.

HOW TO BOOK

Visit www.getactivesports.com and register yourself and your child, if you're new to GetActive. Sign in with the usual logins if you have used us before.

Select your nearest venue and view live availability.

Select the days and session times required.

VENUES, TIMES & PRICES

8am - 3:30pm £28.45 OR 8am- 6pm £31.45

- Shinfield St Marys, RG2 9EJ
- Radstock Primary, RG6 5UZ
- Willowbank infants, RG5 4RW
- Robert Piggott Infants, RG10 8ED
- Hillside Primary, RG6 4HQ

WHAT WE'RE UP TO..

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| Football | Gaming |
| Tennis | Mad Science |
| Team Games | Jewellery making |
| Hockey | Arts & Crafts |
| Basketball | Lava Lamps |
| Rounders | Dress Up |

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