



West Byfleet Junior School

Week ending: Friday 8 December 2023



PTA and PFA Christmas Fayre

A huge thank you to everyone who braved the freezing temperatures last Saturday to attend our annual Christmas Fayre shared with WBIS.

Christmas Jumper Day

A big thank you to everyone who wore Christmas Jumpers today. It really helped to get the festive season underway. £52.15 has been raised for Save the Children Fund, if you wish to make a donation please send cash in a named sealed envelope to the school office by Tuesday 12 December. We are unable to accept payments online on School Money for Mufti days. Thank you.

Guildford Cathedral

Our artwork is safely in its location outside the Children's chapel at Guildford Cathedral, please visit anytime between now and 3 February 2024. There is a lot of lovely artwork from all the schools in the local area - definitely worth a visit. Once again thank you to Aaron for his inspirational idea.



Choir visit to Emma's House and Rodwell Residential Care Home

On Wednesday this week, 14 children visited Emma's House & Rodwell Residential Care Home, to sing to the residents. They sang a variety of Christmas Songs, from Rudolph to When a Child is Born. They performed professionally and were focussed throughout, they then spent time socialising with the residents and staff. The Manager commented on how well mannered the children were.



Christmas Wreath for St Johns Community Festival

Many thanks to Miss Heatley, some of the children from Darwin Class and Eiryls-May (Shakespeare) for contributing to our wonderful Christmas Wreath on the theme "We Three Kings". The Festival will be open to the public on Saturday 9 December to Tuesday 12 December, between 2.30-7.30pm.

Higgins Partnership

On Tuesday, the Pupil Leaders took part in interviews with representatives from the Higgins Partnership. The children asked questions on behalf of the community. We all learned a lot about the development known as "Botanical Place". Many thanks to the Higgins Partnership for delivering two assemblies to the children. Here is what we learnt:

130 people work at the site at the moment.

They will be planting trees and small bushes to go in the central area between two buildings known as "The Cut".

There will be seating in this central area for use by the whole community.

There are 11 units planned as shops but they do not know yet what type of shops.

There is a new library planned which will front onto the Old Woking Road.

The highest part of the construction is 90 feet high and there are 8 levels.

They took over the project in August 2022.

They started planning in 2021 for completion in 2025 and predict the completion of the project in Spring 2025.

There will be 1, 2 and 3 bedroom flats for 197 residents aged over 55.

There will be a small swimming pool located in the residents leisure area.

There will definitely be a coffee shop. There will be between 70-80 flats in total.

Christmas Carol Concerts

Our annual Christmas Carol Concerts are being held at St Johns Church on Thursday 14 December, the Year 3 & 4 concert starts at 9.15am and the Year 5 & 6 concert starts at 11am. Parents and friends are very welcome to join in with our traditional celebration of Christmas.

Christmas Dinner

Our lovely Christmas dinners will be on Wednesday 13 December for Years 5&6 and Thursday 14 December for Years 3 & 4. Thank you in advance to Olive Dining for preparing the dinners, and to our wonderful PTA for providing the Christmas crackers.

IMPORTANT REMINDER!

Autumn Term finishes at 1.20pm on Friday 15 December.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Diary Reminders & Updates
Newsletter week ending Friday 8 December 2023
Please check weekly, as dates are occasionally subject to change

DATE	YR GP/CLASS	EVENT	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Mon 11 Dec	Eden	Forest Schools -session 1	Children to arrive in Forest School kit and bring uniform in bag
Mon 11 Dec		Parent Rep Meeting with Mrs Frommholz	09:30 (via zoom)
Mon 11 Dec	Y5	"Shakespeare Rocks" Production	1:45-15:00
Tue 12 Dec	Y5	"Shakespeare Rocks" Production	09:15-10:30
Tue 12 Dec	Y5	"Shakespeare Rocks" Production	18:30-19:45
Wed 13 Dec		Years 5 & 6 Christmas Lunch	
Thur 14 Dec	Y3 & Y4	Years 3 & 4 Carol Service	09:15-10:15
Thur 14 Dec	Y5 & Y6	Years 5 & 6 Carol Service	11:00-12:00
Thur 14 Dec		Years 3 and 4 Christmas Lunch	
Fri 15 Dec		Enrichment Morning	
Fri 15 Dec		School Finishes for Holidays No Discovery Club	13:20



Thank You

We are pleased to announce that
our joint Christmas Fayre raised an amazing

£7300

This money will be split across West Byfleet Infant
and Junior school to further enrich the children's
learning journey.

Thank you for all your support
WBIS PFA & WBSJ PTA




A HUGE thank you to everyone who came to the Christmas Fayre on Saturday, we hope you had a wonderful time!

Thank you to every single person who helped before, during and after, you are truly appreciated and helped to raise a staggering **£7300** which will benefit the children in both the Infants and Juniors!

Thank you all so much,
WBIS PFA & WBSJ PTA

Hobgoblin Theatre Visit

Thanks to our wonderful PTA, on Monday 4 December we watched an amazing Hobgoblin performance of 'A Great Christmas Robbery' which has got us excited for the festive season!

Many thanks to the PTA for paying for this experience for us!

Problem of the Week and TTR Rock Stars Leader board

PowerPoints can be found on the pupil zone section of the website.

Stars of the Week for Years 3 & 4

PowerPoints can be found on the pupil zone section of the website.

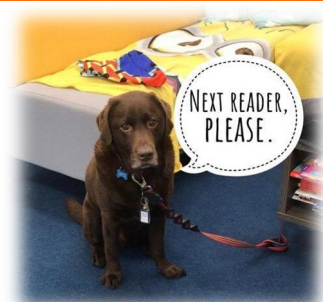
Unauthorised Absence from School

Just to remind parents/carers that if you take your child/ren out of school without authority for five or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), you will be liable to receive a penalty notice.

Currently the amount payable under a penalty notice is £60.00 per parent/carer per child if paid within 21 days. Thereafter the amount increases to £120.00 if paid between 21 and 28 days. If the penalty notice remains unpaid after 28 days, the Local Authority will consider a prosecution in the Magistrates Court. Please note that penalty notices are issued per parent/carer per child so a family of two parents and two children will receive 4 penalty notices. Surrey County Council is not responsible for authorising pupil absence and therefore cannot withdraw any Penalty Notice requests without the written permission of the Headteacher.

Bentley, our Pat Dog:

Well done to Eden and Tate children for entertaining Bentley the last few weeks, he has enjoyed hearing the children read to him.



Forest Schools: Year 3 Tate have been out in the woodland with Whittle & Spark for forest school. We've watched autumn turning to winter. From gorgeous autumn leaf wild art with wonderful made up stories to share with each other we've moved to frosty days where we've sparked a fire and kept jumping and moving to keep warm. We've learnt to keep safe in the woods as we make and explore. Learning to whittle using first knives has been lots of fun and we loved the marvellous magical willow wands we created.



Thank you to all the parents who gave up their time to attend our SEND Coffee Meeting on Tuesday 21 November.

We hope you found the advice and strategies to support Sensory Needs and Sensory Regulation useful.

If you were unable to attend and would like more information, please take a look at the presentation on our school website following this link:

<https://www.westbyfleetjunior.org.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=11937&type=pdf>

As you may be aware there is currently The Covid Enquiry taking place and if you wish to contribute to this then please follow the links below.

<https://covid19.public-inquiry.uk/every-story-matters/>

<https://covid19.public-inquiry.uk/support/>



It's time to get creative.

We need some more Art work for our wonderful Art Gallery!

The theme for all competition entries is:
'Winter Wonderland'.

You can do drawings, paintings, sketches, collage, printing, photography... Anything you're inspired by! Please make sure it is either A4 or A3.

The judges will be looking for the most creative/inventive use of your artistic talent; but remember all artwork must depict
'Winter Wonderland'.

All entries must be given to Miss Heatley by
Wednesday 10 January.

There will be a prize for each year group winner.