

CRAWLEY RIDGE JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Message from Mrs Knight

Dear Parents & Carers,

We are now in the last weeks of the autumn term and our Christmas celebrations are well under way.

It was lovely to welcome so many families to the Christmas Bazaar on Friday. The evening was very busy with lots of games and stalls for all ages and it made a great start to the festive season.

Indeed, the PTA have been working very hard this half term. Movie night at the beginning of November was attended by nearly 100 children; all of whom enjoyed 'Pets 2' and a very large bag of popcorn! The children enjoyed coming back into the school and looked very comfortable in their onesies and blankets. Year 3 baked delicious cakes to sell after school and tonight there is a wreath making evening. The term will finish with the PTA raffle.

The money raised by the PTA pays for the extras that the school cannot afford and we are grateful for everyone's hard work. There are already plans for a series of events next week and, again, all help, however small, is much appreciated.

Forest School

Our Forest School has now been fully up and running for a term. Year 3 children have been using their forest school sessions to support the book they are studying in English. This practical approach to comprehension has brought texts alive as well as developing team work amongst the classes as they settle into the junior school. Year 5 will start their sessions after Christmas. The after school club continues to be very popular and the dark nights are adding to the fun.

Uniform

The children are looking smart, but a reminder that socks should be grey or white and knee length if they are worn with a skirt. Tights can be grey or black. Ankle socks can be worn with trousers, but trainer socks are not part of our uniform. Our uniform policy can be found on our website.

Looking Ahead

There are a number of things coming up , so please make a note of the details below.

Friday 6th December— children should come to school in their uniform, but they can swap their brown sweatshirt or cardigan for a Christmas jumper for a donation to the PTA hamper raffle (please see separate sheet attached) They also need a pair of jogging bottoms to put on in the afternoon to take part in the Reindeer Run for the Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice. Please send in a bag for muddy trainers and clothing. Children are welcome to wear their PE kit for the run. **CHILDREN SHOULD BRING THEIR SPONSOR MONEY IN ON FRIDAY** as it will be taken away by the staff from Phyllis Tuckwell who will be supporting the run.


Christmas Production— There will be a separate letter for parents with children in the Christmas production this year. All of the children in the school will see the production on Monday morning when we will also be joined by the year 2 pupils from Crawley Ridge Infant School.

Friday 13th December—The PTA will draw the raffle during the assembly and winners will be informed throughout the day. At lunchtime, the children will enjoy their Christmas lunch. Please ensure that you have informed the office if you wish your child to have a meal on that day. Children should wear their usual school uniform.

Tuesday 17th December— The children will walk to St Pauls Church for our annual carol service. Due to space restraints, I'm afraid it is not possible to accommodate parents at this service. If you **do not** want your child to attend the service, please inform the school office as soon as possible. After the service, we will have our Christmas party day. More details of the day will follow.

Term ends at 2pm on Wednesday 18th December.

Kind regards



Sue Knight

Head Teacher.



Year 3 have been studying living things and there was great excitement when the Spirit of the Wild Zoo came to visit last Friday. The children held snakes and tarantulas as well as flying birds of prey. Following the visit, the children immediately started to use pastels to recreate the patterns from the animals' coats. .

Year 4 enjoyed a trip to High Cross church in Camberley and learnt about how churches work as part of a community. The children were able to compare the church with St Pauls, which they visited in year 3. This rounded up their studies of Camberley town and they are now studying contrasting settlements in Kenya.

Year 5 have continued with their Egyptian topic and have had great fun making Canopic jars with Modroc. They have also been studying the River Nile and comparing it to the River Thames. The children are building up an impressive bank of knowledge on the geography of rivers and Ancient Egyptian civilization. Year 5 are also practising as the choir for the Christmas Production.

Year 6 developed their understanding of life during World War 2 with a trip to Henley Fort outside Guildford. The children spent half the day as an air raid warden and the other half as a soldier in the home guard. The children's work from this trip is on display in the entrance hall and is well worth a look. Year 6 are also very busy rehearsing for the Christmas Production and can't wait to perform for an audience.

Dates:

Friday 6th December— Reindeer Run and Christmas Jumper Day (PTA raffle Donations)

Tuesday 10th, Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th December— Christmas Production

Friday 13th December— PTA Raffle Draw and Christmas Lunch

Tuesday 17th December— Christmas Party Day and Carol Service at St Paul's Church

Wednesday 18th December— Term ends at 2pm

Dates:

Monday 6th January— Term starts for all pupils.

Tuesday 7th January— Bollywood Dance Workshop for year 6.

Wednesday 8th January— SATS information evening for parents of Year 6 pupils.

Monday 13th January— Year 6 to Neasden Temple

Tuesday 14th January— Year 4 cake sale

Thursday 23rd January— Young Voices Concert.