



WEST BYFLEET INFANT SCHOOL

Friday 2nd December 2016—Autumn Newsletter No 12

We Believe in Success. Teachers who love to teach..... Children who love to learn.....

This Week.....

Thank you so much to everyone who organised, came to, contributed and helped with the Christmas Fair. It was a wonderful event that raised valuable funds for the Infant & Junior schools and we hope you all enjoyed it! We would like to say a huge thank you to our wonderful PFA for working so hard and supporting our school.

This week the children have been busy rehearsing for their Christmas Performance next week. It is going to be fantastic! Next Week is Christmas Performance week—we look forward to seeing you all there. Doors open at the church at 5:45pm for the 6pm performance on Tuesday. After the afternoon performance on Wednesday you are welcome to take your children home straight from the church but if you are not attending the children will return to school with their teachers. Wingbats children will be taken to Wingbats as usual. Just a reminder that younger siblings are welcome at the afternoon performance but will not be admitted to the evening performance.

Thank you for your support & co-operation.

Useful Dates:

Mon 5th Dec—No Forest Schools this week

Mon 5th Dec—School Production to Stoop Court Yr 1 and 2

Tues 6th Dec—School Production to parents 2pm Yr R/
6pm Yr 1 & 2 at St John's Church

Weds 7th Dec—School Production—2pm Yr 1 & 2 at St John's Church

Monday 12th Dec—Forest school Centipedes class

Tues 13th Dec—Christmas Story round the tree 5.45pm to 6.30pm—drop off & pick up from your usual class entrance

Fri 16th Dec—Christmas Jumper Day—bring a donation for Save The Children

Tues 20th Dec—School Christmas Lunch

Weds 21st Dec—Christmas Party Day (bring a party packed lunch & wear party clothes suitable for outdoor play), Santa visiting! End of term finish at 2.15pm, no Wingbats session

Parking

We ask that parents/carers do not park in the designated disabled parking spaces in Camphill Road unless they are blue badge holder as we have received reports that genuinely disabled people have been unable to use the spaces. We know that parking in the area is difficult but ask that parents show consideration for others in our local community. Many thanks for your co-operation.

Christmas Donations:

This year we will be collecting for the following charities at our Christmas Performances:

Action Aid for our pupil sponsorship, BLISS for babies born premature or sick and The Fountain Centre at The Royal Surrey Hospital which offers information, support, counselling and complementary therapies to cancer patients and their loved ones. We thank you for your generosity.

Winter Warmth

In this very cold weather, please ensure your children come into school with named, warm coats, gloves, hats etc so that they can comfortably play outside at break time. Thank you.

Question of the Week

How big do you think the tallest Christmas tree in the world is?

Thank you for your help in discussing this fun question with your children.





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Eco News

During the last few checks of the playground, the Eco Team have noticed that rubbish has been a problem, particularly at playtime, with children dropping fruit skins and milk cartons. The team discussed this at length and decided that the school needed a new bin and some litter pickers to ensure that no rubbish is left on the floor. GOOD NEWS! The new monster bin turned up towards the end of last week and the litter pickers have been a great success in helping the children keep their playground tidy.



Early Birds—Childcare Vouchers



We are delighted to advise you that you can now use childcare vouchers at Early birds. If you would like to take advantage of this please email Debbie Jones (01932 343260)—Debbie.jones@west-byfleet-infant.surrey.sch.uk, giving the name of your childcare provider, your full name, postcode and name of your employer.

Safeguarding—Dropping off and Picking Up Children

The school prides itself in having an open door policy for parents to speak to staff, however in order to safeguard our children we would ask you to be mindful of the following safeguarding guidelines when picking up and dropping off your children:

- Please wait until all the pupils have been safely dismissed before you speak to a member of staff.
- If you need to enter the school you must enter via the front school office and be signed in (this includes use of the toilet facilities).
- In order for staff to dismiss our pupils safely it is helpful if parents stand back and do not stand too near the dismissal exit.
- If parents have messages for their class teacher but don't need to speak to them in person, can they please be written down and handed in or given via the school office, emailed or a message left on the answerphone.

Communication with Parents and Open Door Policy

As most of you know we have a very open door policy here at the Infant School and all our staff are extremely approachable and eager to help you sort out any issues, however big or small. If you have any issues or concerns please speak directly to your Class Teacher, Year Group Leader, Deputy Head / Head Teacher or your Class Rep (who meet with Mrs James regularly) before it becomes a major issue or upset. We would also request that you do not raise concerns, or vent frustrations, on social media, as this is not an effective way of resolving the issues. It is far better to come and talk directly to us so that we can ensure they are dealt with quickly and effectively. Thank you.

Staff Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Special Needs Assistant, working for 5 mornings a week from 08.45 until 1.15 p.m. This is a temporary appointment commencing 10th January, 2017, and the full time equivalent salary for this post is £15,308 - £17,316 dependent on experience. If you are interested please email Sue Sil, admin@west-byfleet-infant.surrey.sch.uk.

West Byfleet Infant School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.