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Newsletter 6,

Dear Parents,

It is most definitely beginning to feel a lot like Christmas, despite the obvious set-backs that our outbreak has caused. The hoops are looking glorious, the post-box is out and as I write this the children are providing Oscar-worthy acting performances in their nativity film! Whilst I know

**Our value this half-term  
is peace.**



**We will make a  
peaceful school and  
world.**

*Psalm 34:1*

*Seek peace and pursue it.*

we were all looking forward to watching the nativity live, we are determined that the children will still have amazing memories of their performance; we have explained that they are actors on a film set rather than in a theatre show. The link will be sent to you before the end of term and we hope you and your families will enjoy watching it in the comfort of your own home for many years to come.

**Christmas Carol Service.**

As an alternative to the Christingle Service we will be holding an outdoor Christmas Carol service for families to attend on our field (so bring your wellies!) on the same day and at the same time as our planned Christingle service. Families can join us on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December from 5.50 p.m. for a 6.00 p.m. outdoor service.** We will do our very best to make sure everybody can hear and hope we can join our voices together and sing along to our favourite Christmas carols and a few songs from our nativity play. You will also get the opportunity to walk through our hall and take a look at the hoops before the service. We ask that families stay together and distance themselves from other families for added safety and we will provide every child with a glow stick to help light the way! We do hope you can join us, grandparents are also welcome.

Please find information about a parent magazine that has lots of ideas for family activities in the local area:



I wanted to introduce you to my first digital Winter edition of Raring2go! Crawley, East Grinstead & Reigate. You may have heard of Raring2Go before, we've been around for over 15 years across different areas in the UK and for the first time, we've produced this local edition. It's full of great ideas to help families have fun and keep the children busy and entertained during the Winter months. I hope you like it!

While this issue is in digital format only, the Spring issue will be printed and distributed to local schools and nurseries. If you would like your school to receive printed copies for your students please e-mail me with the number required and I will confirm delivery details next year.

If it's possible, would you mind sharing the link of our magazine with the parents of your pupils in your next e-newsletter home please?  
<https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/crawleyeastgrinsteadandreigate/winter/>

We're running a Book Bundle Competition in this edition and we think this is the best bundle we've ever had. There are some great quality, educational and fun books for children to read. Wouldn't it be great if you win it? Please underline how easy it is to enter, to your parents, all they need to do is click on the advert on page 25!

**Admissions Application Reminder**

We have been asked to share a message from the local authority that reminds all of our year 2 parents about the closing date for their junior applications. It is also a reminder for any of our prospective parents that hope to join us next year to make their applications too.

*The national closing date for Reception and Junior applications for September 2022 entry is **15 January 2022.** Any opportunity that you may have to mention this to parents - such as an end of term newsletter, an email to parents etc - would be much appreciated, in the hope that parents will complete an application over the Christmas holidays if they have not already.*

*For infant schools, this will include reminding parents of children on roll in Year 2 that they must submit an application by 15 January 2022 for transfer to a Junior school next September. We strongly encourage online applications via <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/eAdmissions/app>. Parents can apply online from a smartphone or tablet as well as a laptop. If parents are unable to apply online, they will need to request a paper application form via the Surrey Schools & Childcare Service (0300 200 1004, Mon-Fri 9am-5pm). The completed paper application form must be received by Admissions (to our Quadrant Court address) by 15 January, so parents must allow time for the post to reach us. If parents need to apply on paper, we recommend that they send applications by recorded post.*

*Full information is available on Surrey's website at [www.surreycc.gov.uk/primaryadmissions](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/primaryadmissions). The Surrey Schools*

& Childcare Service can also provide impartial help in completing an application.

Applications received after the closing date without an exceptional reason will be treated as late and will not be considered until all on time applications have been processed.

This may jeopardise the chance of a parent being offered one of their preferred schools for their child.



We launched the above NSPCC programme yesterday with all of our children, so be aware they may well be asking you questions or talking about the content. Information about this can be found on their website or in our earlier Parentmail.

[Speak out Stay safe programme | NSPCC Learning](#)

### **'Every Poppy Counts'**

Thank you so much to you all for your generous donations to the Poppy Appeal. The British Legion have sent us a certificate to acknowledge that we raised £149.92, which is amazing.

### **Covid-19 Update**

We are very pleased to report that our additional protective measures have had an impact and we currently are below the outbreak level at Newdigate.

### **DATES – AUTUMN TERM 2021**

Term dates – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September – Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> December

Half term dates – Monday, 25 October – Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> October

INSET days – Wednesday 1st Sept, 22nd October, 4th January 2022, 21<sup>st</sup> February 2021, Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July.

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July is our additional holiday in lieu of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

### **Diary Dates for Autumn Term**

01.09.21	INSET Day
<b>02.09.21</b>	<b>Back to school</b>
24.09.21	Macmillan Coffee afternoon – cake sale (after school)
04.10.21 – 08.10.21	Feeling Good Week
05.10.21	#Hello Yellow Day – Supporting Young Minds
06.10.21	Meet the Teachers – information about learning and the curriculum – 6-7pm
11.10.21	FONS AGM 7.30pm – school hall
16.10.21	Out and About Morning – 10am – 12noon.
19.10.21	School Photos - Individuals
21.10.21	Harvest Festival @ 2pm – School
22.10.21	Open Mornings 10-12 (INSET DAY)
23.10.21	Open Mornings 10-12
10.11.21	Meet the Teacher – 3.30 -6pm
17.11.21	Meet the Teacher – 5.30 – 8pm

Thank you so much for everything you have done to support this. As a result of this we have been able to join all classes together in the hall for lunch for the time being. All other protective measures will stay in place. We will be reviewing our risk assessment after looking at the local and National picture towards the end of the week and will then let you know if we make any other changes. I am also attaching a letter from the local authority that gives more information about the Surrey situation.

Unfortunately, St. Peter's have asked me to let families know that they have cancelled their crib service this year.

Provisional spring term dates 2022 are now included in our dates list below, these will obviously be subject to change based on our pandemic response.

**Stay well and safe.**

**Paula Bliss (Headteacher)**

26.11.21	Hoops Up
TBC	<i>Christmas Fair</i>
07.12.21	Christmas Performance – 10am
08.12.21	Christmas Performance – 10am
10.12.21	Christmas Jumper Day – School date.
15.12.21	Pied Piper Theatre company
16.12.21	Christmas Carole Service @ 6pm – School field (wrap up warm!)
17.12.21	Last day of term – Break up at 2pm

## **DATES – SPRING TERM 2022**

Term dates – Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022– Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022

Half term dates – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February

INSET Day 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022

INSET Day – 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022

### Diary Dates for Spring Term

<b>04.01.22</b>	<b>INSET Day</b>
<b>05.01.22</b>	<b>Back to School</b>
February	TBC SATS Talk – Yr 2
02.02.22	Multi -skills Sports event at the Ashcombe school – Year 1
03.02.22	Phonics Forum for parents - “Phonics Screening Check – What you need to know to be successful!’ 9am (Yr 1)
11.02.22	Break up for half term
21.02.22	<b>INSET Day</b>
22.02.22	Back to School
03.03.22	World Book Day – Children dress as their favourite book character
09.03.22	Late Parents’ Evening (5.30-8.00pm)
16.03.22	Early Parents’ Evening (3.30-6.00pm)
25.03.22	Mothers’ Day Tea Party for Yr R 9am in School Hall
31.03.22	Easter Service - 2pm, all parents welcome
01.04.22	Easter Bonnet Parade directly after bell, parents to Hall. Wear your hats!
01.04.22	Last Day of Term – Break up at 2pm
<b>19.04.22</b>	<b>Back to School – Summer Term</b>



*In God’s Hands We Learn and Grow*