

Great Bookham School Newsletter

Welcome to Issue 14 - 13th December 2024

Dear Parents/carers,

It's been another busy and festive week here at school and I am delighted to share some of the highlights with you.

Firstly, I must mention the truly wonderful Early Years Nativity performance. Our youngest children did an outstanding job bringing the Christmas story to life, and their enthusiasm and joy were a real treat for all who attended. It was a heart warming experience and I am so proud of them.

On Wednesday evening, we also had the first of our two Key Stage 2 Christingle Services. This was such a special occasion, with children singing, reading and playing instruments to celebrate the season of Advent. The atmosphere was full of warmth and the children's performances made the evening truly memorable. Thank you to all those who attended and supported our school community.

I am delighted to share this week the Department for Education released their School Performance Tables and Great Bookham School has been ranked the 8th best performing school in Surrey this year! There are 452 primary schools in Surrey so we are incredibly proud of this achievement and it is wonderful to have the immense amount of hard work from our staff team and children acknowledged.

Click Here ¹ to view the performance tables.

¹<https://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk/schools-by-type?step=default&table=schools®ion=936&geographic=la&for=primary>

A big thank you also to the parents who joined us for the recent Tea & Talk session on Device Safety. We appreciate your engagement with keeping your children safe online. If any other parents would like further guidance or support on managing devices at home, please do get in touch with the school.

Finally, a quick reminder that next Tuesday morning, we will be attending the pantomime.

Please ensure that your child has a snack for the trip, as they will need it during the performance. We will be returning back to school a bit later for lunch and the school meal that day will be a choice of 2 packed lunch options to eat on our return, please can you preselect this on ParentPay. We hope it will be a memorable event for the children and another special opportunity for us to come together as a whole school community.

Wishing you all a wonderful end to the week and looking forward to the festive activities ahead next week!

Warm regards,

Miss J. Allen





















Upcoming key dates

- 17th December - School pantomime visit
- 18th December - Christingle performance
- 19th December - School Christmas Dinner
- 20th December - Last day of term 3.25pm finish



Class Assembly Dates

Parents and carers are invited to attend and these will take place in the junior hall 9-9:15am

January 31st - Falcons

February 7th - Foxes

February 28th - Hawks

March 7th - Hedgehogs

March 21st - Rabbits

March 28th - Dragonflies

May 2nd - Ladybirds

May 16th- Eagles

May 23rd - Squirrels

July 4th - Bumblebees

Stars of the week

Our stars of the week are:

Ladybirds	Archie M & Evalyn
Bumblebees	Goutham & Jessica
Dragonflies	Josie & Maisie
Foxes	Jay & Marley
Squirrels	Annabel & Jude
Hedgehogs	Ollie & William P
Rabbits	Luna & Mollie
Eagles	Alice & Shakira
Hawks	Charlie & Cody
Falcons	Evangeline & Luke

STARS OF THE WEEK

Attendance

Congratulations to Falcons for winning the attendance certificate this week!

MAC the attendance bear will live in Falcons for the week.



Attendance

Just to remind parents/carers that if they take their children out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), then the following will apply:

1. If you have not incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children in a rolling 3 year period since 19 August 2024, then the penalty notice will be charged at the rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80.00 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
2. If you have incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children since 19 August 2024, the rolling 3 year period will be activated from the date of the first penalty notice and the second penalty notice will be charged at the flat rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. There will be no reduction for payment within 21 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.

3. If you have incurred 2 penalty notices relating to this child/children in the rolling 3 year period since the first penalty notice was issued, then you will NOT receive a third penalty notice – Surrey County Council will have no option but to consider a prosecution, per parent/carer per child, in the Magistrates Court under s 444 Education Act 1996. 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. A form must be completed for all requests of leave, which you can obtain from the school office.

Headteacher Awards

Emily in Year 3 shared some fantastic writing in which she retold a familiar story from the view point of the snow.

Jack in Year 2 wrote some creative similes for his shape poem inspired by Christmas.

Aria in Year 5 wrote a wonderful playscript based on the story of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.

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Aria Friday 13th December 2024
To draft and edit a playscript.
Miss Allen says Well Done!
Charlie and the chocolate Factory
Scene 5: Time for chocolate surprise!
(W Wonka dead all the children and their parents down.)
He steps into a whole room filled with a chocolate surprise! Everyone was lost for words...)
he said
W.W: (With a massive grin on his face) Welcome to my glorious chocolate room!
Charlie: (With his eyes wide open) Come on Grandpa, lets go explore!
G.J: (Holding his back and limping towards him) I'm coming Charlie!
Charlie: (skipping happily) woah Grandpa! Look at this river! Do you think it's really made out of chocolate?
G.J: (Looking exhausted) I'm pretty sure is Charlie! Why don't you go dip your finger in it! Just to make sure.
Charlie: (Looking overjoyed) OK Grandpa! I'm so excited! I wonder how much sugar there is!
A.G: (Looking amazed) Hello Charlie! Does that chocolate

②

Aria

AG: Taste nice by any chance?

Charlie: (licking his fingers) Yes it's excellent! You have to try some!

AG: (crawching down) OK, I'm sure a little bit won't hurt!

AG: (Falling in to the chocolate river) AHHH! (looking very scared) HELP ME!

Mrs G: (Shouting loudly in a panicked voice) HELP MY PRECIOUS SON! WHAT HAVE YOU DONE!

WW: (carelessly) There's nothing we can do.

Friday, 13th December 2024

Retelling a story

LOA I

On a cold, frosty morning, the morning breeze blew over the rolling hills & started to ~~make~~ ^{make} things very ~~quiet~~. A few minutes later, it started snowing. I was very proud of how much snow I was snowing because I don't normally snow that much. ~~I~~ ~~then~~, ~~one~~, ~~girl~~ and ~~one~~ boy came out.

Just then, one girl and one boy came out of the house! They started to pick me up and roll me into three balls each. The next thing I saw was I was tangled into ~~one~~ snowman and one snow girl!

Miss Allen
says
Well Done!



Tuesday 10th December
To write effective similes.

The golden star shines like a diamond.

The lights glisten like a star as bright as the sun.

The baubles are as red as a robin's nose.

The tree looks as beautiful as a bar of gold.

The wrapping paper rustles like a pinecone tree in the wind.

The tree makes me feel as calm as a fire.

Miss Allen
says
Well Done!

Year Five Boys Rugby - Match Report

On Friday 6th December, year 5 boys, Ben, Ashton, Aidan, Charlie O, Henry S and I, all went to play Rugby at Cranmore Prep School. This was our first competitive fixture and we were part of two teams from Effingham Eagles U10s, our rugby club. We were very excited all week in the playground and told Mrs Jupp and Mrs Blackwell all about it, we were so excited to go on Friday afternoon.

We played two matches against the year 5 rugby team at Cranmore. We had two teams, team one had 12 players and team two had 16 players. In a match each side had 8 players on the pitch, so we had rolling substitutions which meant everyone had a chance to play.

In each match, we showed some new skills we have been learning such as rucking and scrummaging. In each match we tackled, we passed the ball backwards, made breaks through the defensive line and scored tries!

We have values in rugby, called TREDs, they are: Teamwork, Respect, Enjoyment, Discipline and Sportsmanship, we showed them all on Friday. Our coach reminded us that we are representing Effingham Eagles, our School, our Family and Ourselves.

All of us had a great afternoon on the rugby field with orange halves between the matches and pizzas at the end!

I can't wait for the next match

Henry P



Parking

Please be reminded there is no parking allowed in the lower road horseshoe and staff parking bays.

Also if you park or walk through the Co-op car park please take care as we have had reports of people driving fast through the car park.

Pantomime Tuesday 17th December

All children from Reception to Year 6 will be visiting Leatherhead Theatre to watch Dick Whittington. As we will be having a late lunch, children will need to bring a healthy snack and water bottle. It would be helpful if these items could be named and need to be snack items that they will be able to eat independently in their seat and, once finished, can be thrown away to prevent too much carrying. Please remember that we are a nut free school.

Due to the timings of the pantomime, all children will need a packed lunch to eat when they return to school.

The school can provide a packed lunch or you can provide one from home. All Infant children and Junior children entitled to FSM will not be required to pay for a school lunch. For all other Junior children the cost will be £2.80. The school packed lunch will contain a piece of fruit, cucumber and carrot sticks, biscuit and a roll containing ham or cheese.

Please make a selection on ParentPay to indicate if you would like a school packed lunch or your child will be bringing in their own lunch.

Please also ensure you have provided consent for your child to attend the pantomime via ParentPay.

Online Safety

Talkie AI App

This app is rated as 17+ by the App store and 12+ by Google Play. Talkie is an AI chatbot app. Users can use the app to create and interact with AI characters. You should also be aware that this app includes in app purchases ranging from £4.99 - £49.99. Talkie does offer a Teenager Mode; however, the content still may not be appropriate for your child. Bark reviews this app here, and recommend that your child should not be using this app: <https://www.bark.us/appreviews/apps/talkie-app-review>

Positively online

The NSPCC have published six tips to help you improve your family's online wellbeing. They also provide you with a guide on how to talk to your child about what they are doing online as well as a quiz that you can play together. You can find out more here:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keepingchildren-safe/online-safety/onlinewellbeing/positively-online/>

Community and Local events



Great Bookham School is at the centre of a wonderful community and we are keen to support local events. Many children are members of clubs, associations and take part in activities outside of school.

Please click [here](#)² to visit our community and local event page on the school website. Some of the information you will find include:

Bookham Colts football club

Weekly groups for babies - toddlers

Swimming lessons

Whats on at the Mole Valley Hub

Free showing of Muppet Christmas on 14th December

Mega Camps and Barracudas Camps during the Christmas holiday

MVDC is currently reaching out to the Bookham community, residents and businesses, to give their views, comments and ideas about the Bookham Masterplan consultation.

Please see the article about the Bookham Masterplan published on the Leatherhead Living social media page.

<https://newleatherheadliving.wordpress.com/2024/10/24/bookham-masterplan-consultation-underway/>³

²<https://www.greatbookhamschool.org.uk/page/?title=Community+and+Events+Page&pid=159>

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