



Newsletter



Respect, Compassion, Responsibility, Courage

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children

I can't quite believe that I'm writing the last Newsletter of the term! We have packed a huge amount into the last fourteen weeks; from Year 3 Camp Night to the Year 4 Residential Trip, from the Year 5 Wisley visit to Year's 3 Ancient Egypt Day, from Curriculum Days to Open Mornings...the list goes on! None of it would be possible without the hard work of our amazing staff team so this is definitely a time to me to say a big Merry Christmas thank you to them all! While I talk Christmas, FONDS have been very busy this morning collecting all of your donations for the Fair next week. We are all hopeful that the weather will be kind, not just for the Fair but for Junior Carols next week too. The infant performances so far this week have been an absolute treat and we are very much looking forward to Reception's performance in Betchworth Church this afternoon - as well as our festive singing on 17th. A few reminders regarding organisation for this event next week below.

For Year 3 & 4 Carols at 5.00pm we ask that:

- Children and parents to arrive no earlier than 4.50pm.
- Children and parents to arrive via the **main gate**, closest to the school office, where you will receive a programme/song sheet.
- Children to go straight to classrooms
- At the end of the event, children will go back to classrooms. We ask that parents then go to the classroom(s) and collect from there, as it will be quite dark. Our priority will be making sure children are returned to their grown-ups safely.
- Please leave **PROMPTLY** at the end of the event, via the main gate.

There will be a tight handover between the two events so...

...for Year 5 & 6 Carols at 6.30pm we ask that:

- Children and parents to arrive no earlier than 6.20pm.
- Children and parents to arrive via the **Year 5 & 6 gate**, where you will receive a programme/song sheet.
- Children to go straight to classrooms.
- At the end of the event, children will go back to classrooms. We ask that parents then go to the classroom(s) and collect from there, as it will be quite dark. Our priority will be making sure children are returned to their grown-ups safely.

Polite reminders for everyone:

- For the Junior Carols, children can wear non-school uniform, must wrap up warm, wearing wellies or appropriate footwear.
- Parents/carers please wrap up too and please do bring an umbrella with you, (rain may be forecast)
- Please do park considerately and be mindful of the residents, avoiding trying to park anywhere on Wheelers Lane.
- Finally, sing up...audience participation may be required and is essential in ensuring that we spread as much Christmas cheer as possible!

Wednesday 17th December is Christmas lunch day. Please order your child's lunch on Scopay. All children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper for the day, rather than their school sweatshirt/cardigan.



Sports Update from Mrs Stowell

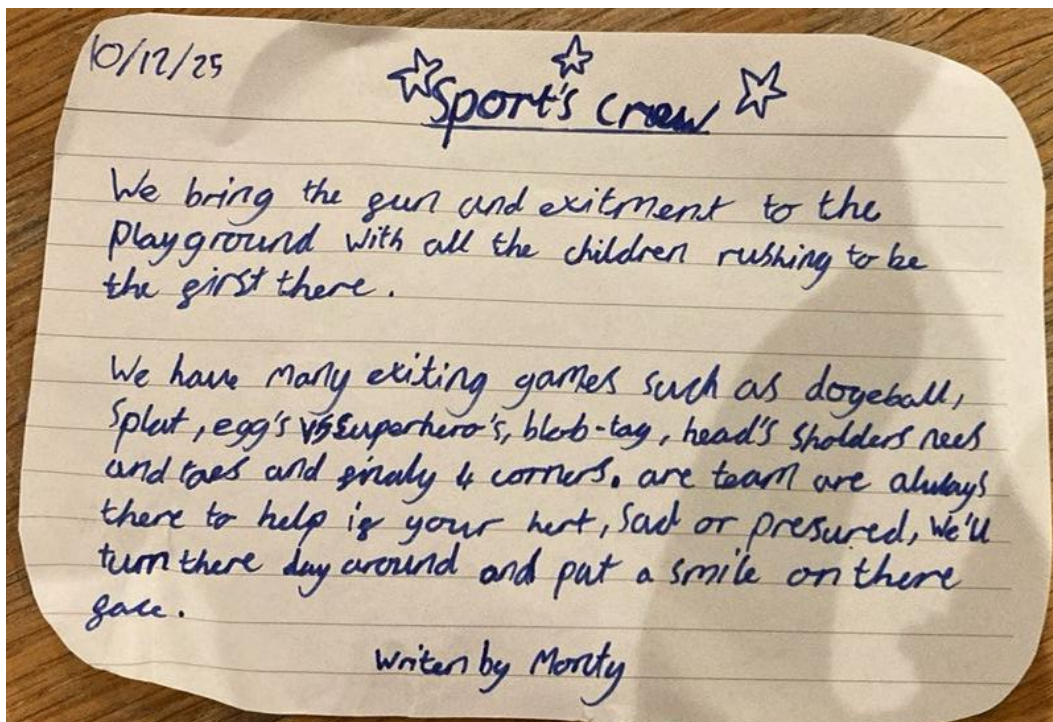
Year 5 and 6 Girls Football Tournament



On Friday 28th November the Year 5 and 6 girls took part in the Dorking Schools Tournament at the Meadowbank Stadium in Dorking. We have been running a club on Wednesday lunchtimes for the girls to prepare for the event, with twenty-five children attending these sessions. A squad of ten were selected for the final team. The girls played really well winning three matches, drawing one and losing two to finish 3rd place overall. Our best ever result! Well done to all the girls for their hard work, enthusiasm and skill. The medals were presented by Pauline May who played for England and is a Lioness.

Year 6 Boys Football Tournament

Ten boys from Year 6 took part in the Dorking Schools Football Tournament on Tuesday 2nd December, at Meadowbank Football Stadium. The boys played extremely well winning six of their games and drawing one, to finish overall winners. They go on to represent Dorking in the County finals in January. Thank you to Mr Washington for managing the team on the day and to Josh Evans for running trials and selecting the boys' teams!



Sports Crew

Our thirteen Year 6 Sports Crew have been busy running games for Years 3 and 4 at lunchtime play.

As part of their Silver Leaders Award they wrote a short report about what they do.

Thank you Sports Crew - you help to make our lunchtimes so enjoyable!

Futures Fridays update



'Futures Fridays' has been proving a great success with the children. We have had a mixture of visitors to talk about their careers and some fantastic, thought provoking questions from the children. Nathan Gradidge came into talk to both Brockham and Leigh sites about being a software engineer and the children were fascinated that he started his journey playing Minecraft!



Nicola Shreever from the National Trust was also very popular. It was like having our own celebrity from The Repair Shop! Nicola restores furniture used in the National Trust Houses, which many of the children had visited and knew. She was enthralling and only revealed afterwards it was her first assembly to primary aged children! She said she had enjoyed herself and loved their curiosity and our two sites.



Kate Philpott, from Getty Images, visited both sites. Her career journey was very interesting and she linked it really well to the children's current learning.

Last week, we had a live music performance from Leigh at Rockademy and congratulations to Chloe who gave a virtually impromptu performance on the drums! Details about spaces for ukulele or drumming lessons are attached to with newsletter. Don't miss the spaces available to start after Christmas.



Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 17th December - Christmas Jumper & Christmas Lunch
Friday 19th December - Break up for Christmas - Infants finish at 1.00 & Juniors finish at 1.15
Monday 5th January - Children return to school
Tuesday 10th & Thursday 12th February - Parent Teacher Consultations
Friday 13th February - Break up for half term
Monday 23rd February - Children return to school
Friday 27th March - Break up for Easter - Infants finish at 1.00 & Juniors finish at 1.15

Breakfast Club and Moles Afterschool Club

Please note that both clubs will run until the end of term, the last breakfast club being Friday 19th December and Moles Thursday 18th December. In January, we will begin both clubs on Monday 5th January, 2026.

Celebrating Lucia Day



Adelaine (Year 1) and her mum were kind enough to bring the celebration of Lucia to Puffins and Penguins in Year 1 on Tuesday. Lucia Day is a celebration on December 13th, and can be celebrated in Sweden. On Lucia Day, children dress up in white dresses, taking part in processions. Adelaine and her mum sang songs focussing on Lucia's role

as a bringer of light. Adelaine carried a light and wore a crown of light and at the end handed out gingerbread biscuits.

Santa is coming to town - FONDS Christmas Fair!



FONDS Xmas Raffle

Over 20 fantastic prizes to be won!



Ends Sunday 14th December!

Last chance to book for Xmas!

With just over a week to go to the FONDS Xmas fair please don't forget to grab your raffle and grotto tickets.

Raffle closes on Sunday 14th December

Grotto must be booked by Monday 15th December

Book at www.fonds.org.uk

Wishing you all a relaxing and enjoyable weekend.

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