



Dear Parents, Carers and Children

It's hard to believe that this will be the last Newsletter for this term and also the last of 2023! The last Learning Letter of the term will be sent next week on 15th December. Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Nativities and Christmas Carols last week. Christmas festivities continue next week with Christmas Lunch on Wednesday - a day for wearing Christmas jumpers too. Just to remind you it's an early finish on Friday - 1.00pm for infants and 1.15pm for juniors, in time for our FOND Winter Wonderland Christmas Fair...please see reminders and request below. First though, a reminder too that Breakfast, Early Birds Clubs and Moles will begin again on Monday 8th January 2024.

Reminders from FONDS

- We hope you are all very much looking forward to the FONDS Christmas fair next Friday 15th December.
- We appreciate the run up to the end of term is very busy for parents so please find below a list of things we are collecting for the fair:
- Wednesday 13th December - please bring in your Jolly Jars and bottle donations for our tombolas.
- Friday 15th December - We have two wonderful charities we are collecting for - please bring any food or gift donations and leave by our donation trees. Information about what items can be donated can be found at FONDS.org.uk.
- There are a few spaces left to see our wonderful Santa in his grotto. Please go to FONDS.org.uk to book your child's place.

Elf Run

The battle is in full swing but there is plenty of time to still donate, we are hoping to raise as much as we can for FONDS but also the wonderful CHILDRENS TRUST charity.

It is SOOOOOOO close at the moment.

KS1 = £522 justgiving.com/campaign/ks1elfrun

KS2 = £497 justgiving.com/campaign/ks2elfrun

Please share amongst family and friends, we understand that times are not easy at the moment so anything you can give is hugely appreciated.

Sports Report from Mrs Stowell

Year 6 Boys Dorking schools football competition

The Year 6 boys Football Team took part in the rescheduled Dorking schools tournament at St Martins School in Dorking on Thursday 23rd November. In an enjoyable afternoon, the boys played extremely well and showed outstanding sportsmanship. The standard was high and the games were very closely contested with 1-0 and 2-1 wins. They won 6 games and drew 1 winning the competition with 16 points to the second place team who had 10 points.

The boys go on to compete in the County final on 19th January at Meadowbank stadium.

Congratulations!!



Keysteps Year3/4 and Year5/6 gymnastics competition

The Year 3 and 4 and 5 and 6 Dorking Gymnastics Competition took place on Tuesday 28th November at The Ashcombe School. The children had been practicing the three routines at the school gym club and had to perform them individually at the competition.

Our Year 3 and 4 team of thirteen children finished 1st overall in the team competition. Daisy came 1st overall in the individual event and Florence came 2nd. The Year 5 and 6 children also came 1st in the team competition.

Well done to everyone for all your hard work learning, perfecting and performing the routines.

Well Done to Be Be

Be Be (Year 3) competed at the NSEA Grassroots Regional Championships on Sunday. He came 8th in the 50 and 60cm class, both classes had strong numbers entered. Well done Be Be!



Awesome Job, Girls!

During the course of this year, Lydia and Grace (Yr 5 Nightingales) have organised and held four 'shops' on the Green, selling homemade goodies, candles, soaps and bath salts; raising money initially for the WWF and then adding RSCPA and UNICEF 'Protect the Children in Gaza' appeal. So far they have raised £245 total, and received a thank you letter from the WWF for their efforts and contributions. Thanks to all those who supported this initiative and the causes!



Surrey Wildlife Trust - Action for Nature - Give your Garden the Christmas Tweetment!

With the arrival of colder winter weather, our garden birds need all the help they can get.

[Attracting birds to your garden is easy:](#)

supplement naturally available food with bird food and watch them flock in! Remember to keep feeders and tables clean, so the birds stay healthy and disease-free, and position your feeders in a relatively open area away from predators - the birds will feel safer and visit more! Make sure food (and water!) is available at all times, as birds have different needs throughout the year.

If you don't have your own outdoor space at home, why not [aim for a more sustainable Christmas?](#)

Avoid throwaway plastic, go homemade, and keep wildlife in mind. It'll add a sweet personal touch that'll mean the world to someone this festive season!

Diary Dates

Autumn Term

Wednesday 13th December - School Christmas Lunch, Elf Run and Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 15th December - Break up for Christmas Infants at 1.00pm & Juniors 1.15pm

Friday 15th December - FONDS Winter Wonderland Christmas Fair - 1.15pm

Spring Term

Tuesday 2nd January - Children return to school

Friday 9th February - Break up for Half Term

Monday 19th February - Children return to school

Thursday 28th March - Children break up for Easter Infants at 1.00pm & Juniors 1.15pm

Summer Term

Monday 15th April - Children return to school

Thursday 23rd May - Children break up for Half Term

Friday 24th May - INSET Day

Monday 3rd June - Children return to school

Friday 19th July - Children break up - Infants at 1.00pm & Juniors 1.15pm

Monday 22nd & Tuesday 23rd July - INSET Days

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend.