



NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Dates for your Diary

Friday 7th December: PTFA Mufti: Bottles of Drink

Tuesday 11th December: Rocksteady Performance for RS Parents 10:45

Wednesday 12th December: Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 12th December: Attendance Treat

Wednesday 12th December: Reception Film and Disco 3.00-5.00pm

Friday 14th December: PTFA Mufti: YR-Y3 – Chocolate; Y4-Y6 – Cakes

Friday 14th December: Reception Christmas Performances 9:15am & 2:15pm

Monday 17th December: Y1-3 Christmas

Performances 10am & 1:45pm

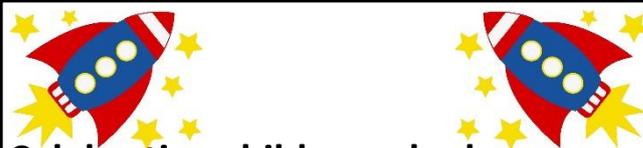
Tuesday 18th December: Y4-6 Christmas

Performances 9:15am & 1:30pm

Wednesday 19th December: TERM ENDS 1:30pm

Wednesday 19th December: PTFA Christmas Fair 1:30pm

Monday 7th January: SCHOOL STARTS



Celebrating children who have gone above and beyond this week:

Gracie (Maple) for her excellent singing during rehearsals for Year 4's performance at St John's Church.

Jason & Karam (Willow) for their enthusiasm during rehearsals for the Christmas performance!

John (Maple) for being a fantastic role model for younger pupils during the inter-House competition.

From Miss Lim

This morning we had our first inter-House competition and it was simply fantastic! All the children and staff were split into their 5 houses and given the challenge to make TEN Christmas trees. The House Captains and Deputy Captains did a short presentation, introducing themselves and the competition, then the festivities got underway... and it didn't take long before it looked like a glitter-bomb had exploded across the school! The children were amazing and used all of our personal goals to work together: great communication, cooperation, respect and resilience. After only an hour and a half, the different houses had produced the most incredible range of Christmas trees including: a 3D model with actual fairy lights; an entire nativity-themed set of trees with Mary, Joseph, the Angel Gabriel (and a Christmas pudding); reindeers complete with antlers; an eco-friendly tree made only of recyclable materials and... an EDIBLE tree covered in chocolate and marshmallows! The staff and children truly excelled themselves. All the trees will be on display for parents to view during the Christmas performances (although I'm pretty sure the marshmallows won't last that long...)

Please don't forget to buy your lottery tickets and support the PTFA's fantastic initiative – the first draw takes place tomorrow evening for a 1st prize worth £25,000! This is an incredible opportunity to raise funds as 50p from every ticket sold comes back to the PTFA and we all know what that means – more investment and enrichment for every child at Weyfield! Visit www.guildfordlottery.org and search for **Weyfield Primary Academy PTFA**. Thank you for your support!

Have a great weekend,

Miss Lim
Headteacher

Follow the Star

This week, children from Years 4-6 have visited St John's Church to find out more about Christmas. Through a series of activities they were tasked to find five different answers to the question: Who is Jesus?

- With the help of a decorated Christmas tree they heard how Christians believe Jesus is the *Light of the World*, and how important light is in the Christmas story, decorating their own tealight holders.
- They made crowns and found out about the diverse kings in the story and the part they (King Herod and the kings or Wise Men) play in the events, but how Jesus is the *King of Kings*.
- They learnt about Christmas traditions and how these help people understand God is with them, and that Jesus also had the name *Emanuel*. They tasted some traditional Christmas food from around Europe, including Belgian speculoos and German lebkuchen biscuits, British mince pies and tangerines; they made peppermint creams and discovered that candy canes have two meanings: one way up they form the J of Jesus and the other way are like the shepherds' crooks.
- They heard the Christmas Story and were told Jesus is the *Son of God*, making stained glass windows or chalk pictures of Christmas scenes.
- They learnt about the Christmas Truce in World War I and how the soldiers on both sides stopped fighting and, in some cases, shared gifts, sang carols and played football together. There were artefacts to look at, including a tin from the Princess Mary Gift Fund which she had declared should be given to 'every sailor afloat and every soldier at the front' and which would have contained, among other things, a card from Princess Mary. The children had the opportunity to add to the 'graffiti walls' with images of conflict and messages of peace and the understanding that Jesus is also known as the *Prince of Peace*.

We would like to thank the volunteers from St John's and St Peter's Churches for giving up their time to help our children understand why we celebrate Christmas, and we wish them all a Very Happy Christmas!



Congratulations to Walnut Class, who have the highest attendance again this week with **97.43%**! They will have Golden Time as a reward. Unfortunately, this week's **whole-school attendance** is only **93.10%**, which is very low. We have so many exciting things planned for the end of term – don't let your child miss out!

Reminders – Thank You for Your Support

- **Tickets for Christmas performances** can be picked up from the office in the mornings only
- **Please do not ring the buzzer** when the pedestrian gate is open; this prevents the operation of the vehicular gates
- **Please do not allow** Weyfield **children** or their siblings to play **on**, or with, **equipment** in the Reception outside area either before or after school
- For the safety of all of our children, **mobile phones should not be used on school grounds**