



8th November 2024

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to the 2nd half of the autumn term. I hope you all had a wonderful half term break.

INSET training for staff

The staff carried out extensive and productive training in the two recent INSET days. On the Friday before we broke up, all the staff carried out an accredited positive behaviour course. On Monday, the teachers joined the GST hub at Waverley Abbey to carry out training with Jenny Moseley on supporting emotional health, wellbeing and positive relationships in school. The teaching assistants carried out training on children's mental health and anxiety with a Senior Mental Health nurse. The training was excellent and enhances our skills to support children's wellbeing and emotional health.

Our fantastic Puttenham Community

We are lucky to be part of a thriving community. Recently there have been many wonderful events.



Scarecrow trail: During half term the PSA carried out their excellent scarecrow trail around the village. This is always well attended and great fun. Thank you all for your participation and your excellent creations. Well done to Maggie for winning 1st prize, Winnie for winning 2nd prize and the staff at Puttenham Infant School who came 3rd with our Mrs Hazzard scarecrow!



Puttenham Bonfire: Last Saturday was the ever impressive Puttenham bonfire.

The Harry Potter structure was amazing and it seemed a shame to burn it! The event was well attended by the community and beyond. Our Year 2 children also recreated the Great Fire of London by burning the houses they had made as part of their topic. Thank you to the bonfire committee, Tarin and all the parents who helped with the barbecue at the event.

Church

This Tuesday the Rector led our collective worship. He talked about St Catherine and St Barbara linking them to the bonfire. The Catherine Wheel was named after St Catherine and St Barbara is the saint of fireworks!



On Thursday Anne carried out one of her wonderful Open the Book stories. The children enjoy listening to the stories and always reflect with interesting answers and comments. They also love being part of the stories too.

This Sunday is the Remembrance Service at St John the Baptist and we will be laying our wreath on behalf of the school.

On Sunday 24th November we have a joint Little Saints Church and School service. It is an interactive children's service which both Anne and I jointly organise. I hope you are able to join us.



Anti-bullying week

Next week is Feeling Good Week/Anti-bullying awareness week. The national theme of the week is 'respect'. The children understand this well as it is one of our school values. There is a clear focus on creating a community where respect, love and kindness thrive. We are very lucky that our children play and interact well with each other. However, antibullying week is a good time to ensure that children know how to respect others and understand who they can go to if they need help or someone to talk to. The children will carry out activities in their PSHE lessons and will learn more about 'choosing respect' in our school collective worship.



Tuesday 12th November is odd socks day. The children can come into school wearing odd socks as a reminder that children can feel good about themselves, express their individuality and celebrate what makes us unique.

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss De Filippis



Headteacher's awards
and house points
Stars of the week



Hedgehog class: Louis and Samuel

Rabbit class: Theodore and Devansh

Fox class: Alexander and Phoebe

Values award: Peter for Love and Wisdom
Ethan C-B for Resilience

Lunchtime stars: Flynn and Alfie

House points: Fox class

Well done to you all!

KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

PSA MUFTI DAY (CHOCOLATES)
Thursday 14th November

LITTLE SAINTS CHURCH SERVICE
Sunday 24th November 10.30am

PSA CHRISTMAS FAIR & SHOPPING MORNING
Friday 6th December

CHRISTMAS NATIVITY PLAY
(more details to follow)
Tuesday 10th December 9.00am
Thursday 12th December 2.00pm
Friday 13th December 9.00am

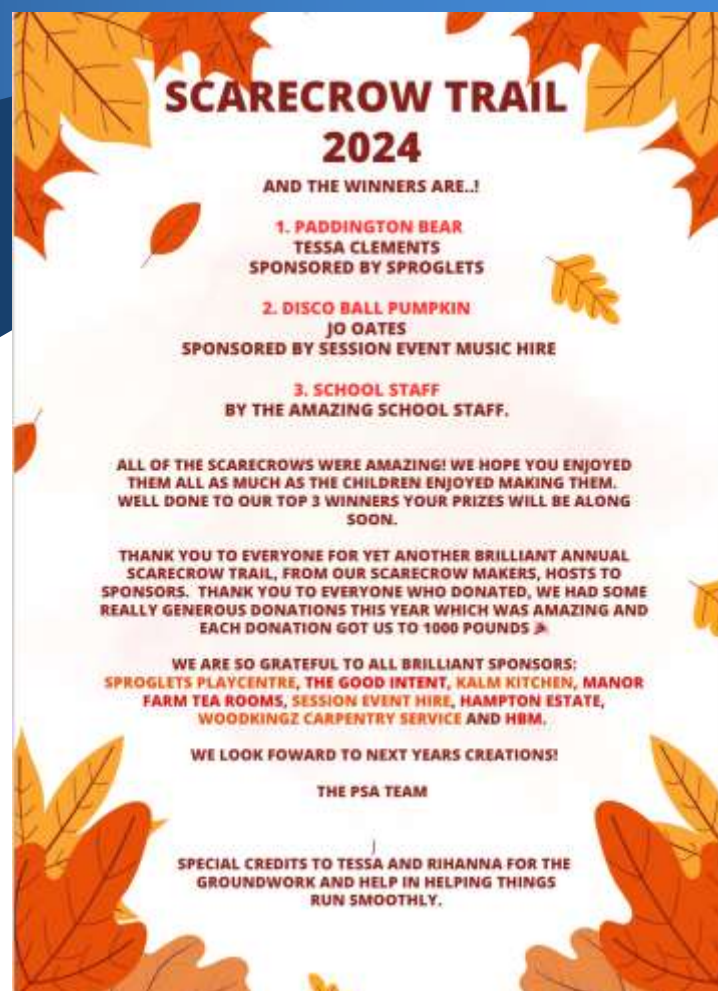
PHYLLIS TUCKWELL REINDEER RUN & CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY (more details to follow)
Tuesday 17th December

CHRISTMAS CHURCH SERVICE
Friday 20th December 9.00am

END OF TERM
Friday 20th December **1.00pm**

INSET DAY
Monday 6th January 2025

SPRING TERM STARTS
Tuesday 7th January



The Additional Needs and Disabilities (AND) Partnership

The Additional Needs and Disabilities (AND) Partnership has designed a survey for all parents and carers of children and young people with AND in Surrey.

The AND Partnership want to understand your experience of accessing help and support related to Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) in Surrey. They will use your feedback to improve local services that support Surrey's children with additional needs with their education, health (including diagnosis) and care.

Take the survey <https://www.surreylocaloffer.org.uk/news/homepage/parents-voice-matters-survey>

The survey closes at 23:59 on Sunday 24 November 2024