



West Ashtead Primary School

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1. Fireworks A week ago a sizeable crowd of us gathered at school to enjoy this year's firework display, courtesy of the FOWA. Once again it was a wonderful evening, organised superbly by Lyndsay Kearney and her team of helpers. Special mention should go to Simon Gadd for his work on the PA system. Fortified by hotdogs and drinks and with flashing light sabre in hand, we were treated to over 20 minutes of industrial strength fireworks in a brilliant display which I am sure everyone who was there enjoyed. Very many thanks to Lyndsay, Simon and everyone who helped to put on such a great event. Even better still it raised an amazing £1600!

2. Junior Carol Concert. I knew giving you the dates for Christmas events so early would come back to bite me and so it has proven! The Junior Carol Concert, which I told you last time would be on Tuesday, 12th and Wednesday, 13th December needs to change slightly as it seems we are hiring our hall to a slimming club and the agreement gives them access to the hall every Tuesday evening for 52 weeks a year. Slimming is not a part time pursuit, clearly! So the Carol concert will be held on **Wednesday, 13th as before and Thursday, 14th December, at 7pm.** I hope this change is not going to cause difficulties for anyone.

3. Cracker pack The Christmas Cracker is on Sunday 26th November and coming home with your children today is more information about the Festive Raffle, the Christmas Joke Competition, the Mufti Day on 24th and how to order your tickets. Your support is greatly appreciated to help make this a Cracking Fundraising Event for the school.

FOWA Fundraising November dates for your diary.

- Monday 13th – Christmas Cracker packs coming home with your children
- Friday 17th by 9am – Bags2school collection
- Friday 17th – FOWA Cake Sale, Years 2, 3, 6 to provide cakes.
- Friday 17th – Deadline for bringing in your filled shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child
- Friday 24th – Mufti day, donation for the children's and adult tombola's please
- Sunday 26th – Christmas Cracker 11.30 – 2pm

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4. Operation Christmas child



We have quite a few shoeboxes in school for this year's collection and it would be great to have lots more. We need all boxes to be in school by , this Friday, 17th November, so if you have not done yours yet, there is still time.

5. Gymnastics Congratulations to Maddie Dodd in Year 5, who is a member of the Leatherhead and Dorking Gymnastics Club. A week ago she took part in the National Junior Championships and she did very well, coming 4th on beam, 8th on floor, just outside the top ten on vault. If her routine on the bars had gone according to plan, she would have ended in the top ten overall. As it was she finished 25th. Adding to this her scores in previous National competitions, she is currently rated 19th nationally, which given how many thousands of girls do gymnastics in this country is a fantastic achievement.

Here are a couple of photos of Maddie at the Nationals.



Maddy performing a split jump in her floor routine medalist,



Maddie with double Olympic gold medalist Max Whitlock

6. Freezer Mrs Perrin, our Science leader, is looking for a small freezer that we can use for our science curriculum, to make ice and keep things frozen during science experiments. The only one we have currently is in our Home Economics room and as I am sure you can appreciate storing fresh food in the same compartment as science experiments is not going to make the Health and Safety Brigade very happy or keep us fit and healthy if we eat that food. So Mrs Perrin was wondering if anyone has a small freezer they no longer need which we could have either free of charge or for a small sum. If you think you can help, please speak to me or a member of the office team.

7. Chess Mrs Pat Armstrong, our Chess teacher is looking for more players to join her clubs. Whether they are novices or have some experience of the game, all are welcome. She is looking to enter a national competition in the New Year so needs enough good players to give us a competitive team. Her clubs are held on Tuesdays: lunchtime for beginners and after school for intermediates. For more information, please contact the school office.

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8. Girls' Rugby We have been contacted by Lions Sports Academy which is running a special 2 day Rugby workshop for girls just after Christmas. They have recruited a number of ladies rugby internationals to assist with the coaching so it promises to be a great occasion. They are looking for girls who are beginners or more experienced players from the age of 8. Please see the flyer below for details.

RUGBY WORLDS UNITE
LIONS SPORTS ACADEMY

An inclusive girls rugby camp

Are you between the ages of 8 and 18? If so! Come and join us in a 2 day rugby camp coached by international women's rugby players. Open to all levels of playing experience. An opportunity to have fun, be active and learn new skills...

28th and 29th of December 2017.

**£35 for 1 day
£60 for 2 days**

Location:
Teddington RFC,
Clapperstile car park,
Dora Jordan Rd,
Teddington TW11 0EA

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And finally...

“Do not ask your children to strive for extraordinary lives. Such striving may seem admirable, but it is the way of foolishness. Help them instead to find the wonder and the marvel of an ordinary life. Show them the joy of tasting tomatoes, apples and pears. Show them how to cry when pets and people die. Show them the infinite pleasure in the touch of a hand. And make the ordinary come alive for them. The extraordinary will take care of itself.”

William Martin,

The Parent's Tao Te Ching: Ancient Advice for Modern Parents

Have a good week.

Rob Hart

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