



West Ashtead Primary School

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- 1. Christmas corridors** During December we like to make the school look as festive as possible. To help us we ask every child in the school to make a decoration which we can hang from the ceilings of the corridors around the school. Each year we have a theme and this year the theme is **Christmas trees**. We would love everyone to make a Christmas tree which we can hang up. It can be made from any material, it can be 3D or 2D and decorated on both sides. Make it as bright and festive as possible. Please do not make it too big or heavy – it does have to hang from the not very high ceilings without being a Health and Safety hazard. Also please ensure your child's name is marked clearly on it and make sure there is a hook or loop so we can hang it easily.

We need the decorations in school from **Monday, 26th November** and we are happy to accept them any time after that, so please don't think you are too late.
- 2. Defibrillator** We are very grateful to Frank Lopez of Kiko soccer who has provided us with a defibrillator to have just in case. We are looking to keep it in a locked box on the front wall of the school, so it is available to the whole community via a 999 call to the ambulance service. In the meantime it will be kept in the school so both we and Kiko soccer can use it, if necessary. Hopefully, of course it will never be needed.
- 3. Parents accessing the school** It is important that we know who is in the school at all times when the children are with us. While the likelihood of anything happening is small, the fact that there is any possibility at all means we need to be careful. For this reason, in order to comply with current safeguarding advice, we need to ensure that all visitors (including parents) are supervised by a member of staff when in school unless they have had a DBS check because they are helping us in some way, like being a reading volunteer, for example. Please can I ask that if you need to come into school, at any time, but especially before and after school that you do so only via the front door? We have had parents letting themselves in through side and back doors and this is not good. We do not want to put keypad locks on the external doors, as some schools do, because we want to be a friendly and welcoming school, but we do need to ensure our Safeguarding practice meets the expected standards. Anything you can do to help us with this would be appreciated greatly.
- 4. Pond opening** A week ago we held the opening of our new pond. The whole school gathered around the pond; the rain having stopped just in the nick of time and we were joined by our friends from ConnectPlus, who built the pond for us, by parent, Carol Rigg, who did most of the planting and by Tony and Emma McCartney and their daughters, Ellie and Caitlin, the family of James, in whose memory the pond has been dedicated. Imogen (5G), who designed the pond with her sister, Sienna, spoke beautifully about her former class mate, James and why they had included particular features in their design, to remind them of their much missed friend.

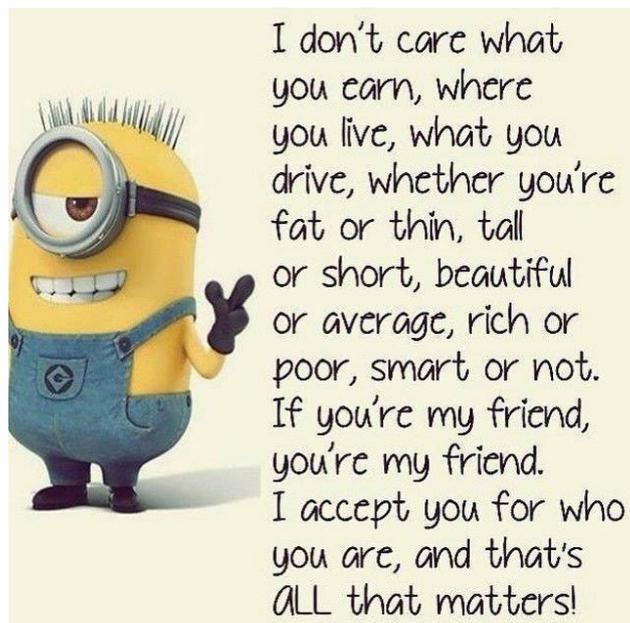


5. **3C theatre trip** Earlier this term we sent home raffle tickets from the Leatherhead Theatre. As well as prizes for the lucky ticket winners, they held a draw of the ticket stubs and the child who sold the ticket drawn won free tickets for their whole class and teachers to see a performance of the Railway Children at the theatre. A child in 3C was the winner so last Wednesday Miss Coulson, accompanied by Mrs Hart and Mrs Walsh walked the children into Leatherhead where they enjoyed the production enormously. The Leatherhead Theatre has reintroduced weekly Repertory theatre and this week they are performing Seasons Greetings by Alan Ayckbourn. The photo below shows the company in The Railway Children.



6. **Netball** Last week our netball teams were in action against The Greville and The Dawnay schools. In the first match, the A team (minus a number of players who were on a school trip) lost, while the B team won. In the second match the A team won, while the B team lost. For all of the children it was the first time they have played in a school netball match so it was valuable experience. Thanks to Miss White for organising the matches and training the children.
7. **Football** The boys teams played against The Raleigh school recently. The A team lost 1-0, despite dominating the game, while the B team won 6-2. This week our girls and boys teams are playing against Eastwick school, in the final set of matches for this term.

And finally... Everybody needs friends...



Have a good week,

Rob Hart

Important Dates for your diary for the next 6 weeks

Date	Event
19.11.2018	Girls Football match v Eastwick
22.11.2018	Netball Match at Oakfield
23.11.2018	Girls Football match v Eastwick
23.11.2018	Year 4 Fishbourne Palace
23.11.2018	FOWA Cake Sales
25.11.2018	FOWA Event- Christmas Fair
26.11.2018	Year 5 Design Museum
27.11.2018	Year 2 Lightbox Gallery
27.11.2018	3C Class Assembly
27.11.2018	Drama Club Cancelled * Club Timetable Change*
29.11.2018	Theatre Workshop Pied Piper
04.12.2018	6M Class Assembly
12.12.2018	Infant Christmas Production 9.30am
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14.12.2018	FOWA Event Infants Christmas Party
17.12.2018	Year 6 Christmas fair
18.12.2018	FOWA Event-Christmas Disco
18.12.2018	School Christmas Day
19.12.2018	*Term ends 2pm*
20.12.2018	Christmas Break
03.01.2019	Inset Day
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07.11.2018	Children return to school

Our full calendar of events is available on our website:

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*****Please note all dates are subject to change at the headteacher's discretion*****