



West Ashtead Primary School

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- 1. Infant Nativity** Our three Infant classes put on a wonderful production of Babushka last week , which featured excellent singing dancing and speaking. All the children joined in enthusiastically during two well attended performances. Well done to all the children and thank you to the teachers and especially to Mrs Hall for organising everything.
Our collection raised £301.67 for Rhianna’s Fund. Thank you to all who contributed.
- 2. Junior Concert** The Junior classes held their Christmas concert last week as well. We had some wonderful singing from all year groups but especially from our new Chamber Choir, led by Mrs Barber. I have been delighted by the way in which the standard and quantity of music at this school has risen and we saw that in action last week. Well done to all of the children and a huge thank you to Mrs Barber.
Our collection raised £807.23 for James McCartney’s fund. Many thanks to all who gave so generously.
- 3. Mrs Love** On 18th January we say good bye to Mrs Love our Bursar. She is moving to Warren Mead Junior School to be bursar for the 3 schools in the Oaks Academy Trust. This represents a promotion and we wish her the very best for her new role. The Governors have recruited a replacement for Mrs Love. Mrs Candice Savio is an experienced bursar, currently working at a school in another local authority. She will be joining the school almost from the start of next term so that Mrs Love can do a comprehensive hand over to her.
- 4. Poppy appeal** We raised an impressive £548.86 from the sale of poppies and other poppy related merchandise. Thank you for all of your contributions.
- 5. Ashtead kids club** We have been asked to let you know that Ashtead kids club is open: 20th-21st December and 2nd/3rd/4th January and still have spaces on all days.

Opening times: 8am-5.30pm

Costs: £19-£25.50 per child

Contact: 01372376711/ info@ashteadkidsclub.com

Ages: 4-11 years old

We are Ofsted registered and accept Childcare vouchers

A flyer with more information is attached with this newsletter.

6. **Special Educational and Disability Needs (SEND)** We have been asked by the Local Authority to advertise what is available to young people in Surrey with special educational needs or disabilities:

Surrey Local Offer **SEND**
The online hub for 0-25 year olds with special educational needs or a disability
SURREY

Visit the Surrey Local Offer website at:
www.surreylocaloffer.org.uk

Follow us on Twitter and Facebook:
@SurreySENDLO @SurreySENDLocalOffer

Email us on: localoffer@surreycc.gov.uk
Or call: 0300 200 1004 (ask for the Local Offer team)

The Surrey Local Offer can help you to

- find services and support for yourself or someone you care for with Special Educational Needs and/or a Disability (SEND)
- access a wide range of information and advice about SEND
- talk to other families online and share SEND experiences
- talk to other families online and share
- give your feedback on SEND services and the Local Offer website

If you require a different size or resolution to suit your newsletter or any other Surrey Local Offer materials, please contact: david.whitehead@surreycc.gov.uk

7. **Freddie Fox** Last week we wrote to introduce you to our latest West Ashtead soft toy, Freddie Fox.



There is a large box in my office which did contain 100 Freddie's, all looking for a good home. There are now around 40 left.

Made by Channel Island Toys in Guernsey, Freddie is 26cm tall and as the photo shows, he can sit very nicely. In addition he has a removable West Ashtead jumper, which makes him unique. We have Freddie Fox teddies available for you to buy at £10 each on a first come, first served basis. To buy one simply go onto Scopay and order online. Once we have your payment we will send a fox home with your child.

If we do sell out there is the option of ordering more in the New Year.

- 8. Football and Cricket clubs** We have arranged for coaches to take over the clubs that I have been running. Next term Girls football club will continue on Mondays, run by Sports Stars, the Year 5 and 6 boys club will continue on Thursdays, also with Sports Stars and the Year 3 and 4 boys club will move to Wednesdays with Kiko Soccer. All of these clubs will continue to be free of charge. In the summer term Sports Stars will run cricket clubs for all children who are interested in Year 3 and 4 on one afternoon and for all in Year 5 and 6 on another afternoon. Again, these clubs will be free of charge. I did not want what I have set up to stop mid-year or for you to have to pay for what previously had been free. I hope that all those who have attended my clubs during 2018 will want to continue in the New Year.

And finally...



This is my final newsletter and in two days' time I end my career as a teacher in the state sector. This has been a difficult decision to make and I am sorry to disappoint those of you who are upset by it, but to preserve my integrity, my health and the relationships I have with my family I need to change direction.

I would like to think that the West Ashted I leave is significantly stronger than the one I joined. It is far from the finished article but most of the hard work has been done and progress of all sorts should now be much easier to achieve over the next couple of years. I hope that the school will continue to champion a broad curriculum with a wide range of extra-curricular opportunities for all children and I hope the school retains the strong child centred and family ethos I have tried to develop. Everything I have heard from the Governors suggests they continue to share that philosophy with me and while there are some short term pressures caused by a need for improved SATs results next summer and an expected visit from Ofsted at some point in the next 12 months, in the longer term I hope the school will continue to develop as it has.

I intend to use the next few months to have a break and to decide what to do next. There is a range of options available to me so we will see what opportunities arise. I will continue to live locally so I may well see you while shopping or at the cinema or possibly at a local hostelry enjoying a glass or ten of something frothy and joyful. For the next few months I will have some time on my hands so to get me out of the house and preserve my wife's sanity, if anyone has need of a private tutor, babysitter, gardener or handyman, contact the school office as I am happy for them to give you my phone number.

I hope you have a wonderful Christmas and a successful New Year.

Rob Hart

Important Dates for your diary for the next 6 weeks

Date	Event
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
04.01.2019	Inset Day
07.01.2019	Children return to school
09.01.2019	Year 3 Swimming Lessons begin
14.01.2019	Teacher lead clubs begin

Our full calendar of events is available on our website:

[Click here for school calendar](#)

[Click here for school trips information](#)

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