



West Ashtead Primary School

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After the fireworks, another fabulous FOWA event in the form of the Christmas Fair. It was evident how much work had gone into making it such a success. Many thanks again to FOWA for your dedication.

Curriculum

Last Monday Year 5 were invited to Boxhill School to watch a pantomime. They had a lovely time and enjoyed the performance. Our children's behaviour was praised as exemplary. Well done Year 5!

I have had several meetings with ACS Cobham International School to discuss how we could benefit from their philanthropy. We hope to be able to borrow some of their computing equipment and partake in events organised by ACS. The first event will be a joint choir. Several local schools will all be learning songs and then performing together at ACS in February.

We have met with a company called Grow Cook Enjoy. They will be leading two cookery clubs, one for Infants and one for the Juniors from the Spring Term. Flyers went out last week. Grow Cook Enjoy will also be working with each year group from Y1 – Y6 throughout the year with a dedicated session to teach the children one key dish. As the year progresses they will also help us to plan and plant the vegetables that we can use in future cookery sessions. More details to follow.

We will also be hosting an after school Taekwondo Club from January. The coach will be leading an assembly tomorrow to explain to the children what Taekwondo is all about.

Last Friday saw much hilarity in the hall as YR –Y4 enjoyed a Pied Piper Theatre Production of 'Star in a Jar'.

Mr Gardiner is thrilled with the children's response to the Million Minute Reading Challenge. The whole school has read for just over 62,000 minutes so far (fingers crossed that everyone is being honest with their timings!)

Indoor Athletics

Mrs Hosken took 18 of our keen athletes to an indoor athletics competition at Howard of Effingham. They all participated very well in a range of track and field events showing great sportsmanship and enthusiasm. They certainly enjoyed this fantastic opportunity and we look forward to future events.

Christmas Post-box

Our Christmas Post-box is now in place in the foyer and will deliveries will take place each day until 17th December.

Christmas Walk

As part of our Christmas Day on Thursday 19th December, the Juniors will be going on a walk past the Exxon building. We will leave by the A24 gate at 10am. The walk should take just over an hour. Juniors will need to bring in wellies or stout footwear, and a warm coat. Infants will do their walk to the local playground. Parents are warmly invited to come along. If you would like to join us then please let your class teacher know. Unfortunately no buggies or dogs please!

Year 6 Christmas Fair

The Year 6s will be running their Christmas Fair on Tuesday 17th December. All classes will be visiting during the afternoon, so please make sure they have a purse with small change in so they can take part in all the games and stalls. All money raised goes towards the Year 6 Leavers day in July.

Poppy Appeal

We raised £349.33. Thank you for your generosity.

Tissues

As it is that time of year, we would really appreciate any donations of boxes of tissues for the classrooms.

And finally

We will be saying a sad farewell to Mrs Candice Savio who has been our Bursar for the past year. She has been such great fun to work with but has decided to return to her roots as a Chartered Accountant. I am pleased to say that we have recruited Mrs Dee Love as her replacement. Mrs Love is a familiar friendly face to many of us and I am delighted that she is returning to West Ashted.

Congratulations to Mrs Laura Hall who is expecting her second child. We have appointed Mrs Tina Frost-Lutman to cover her maternity leave and she will be joining us in the New Year.

We have a very busy couple of weeks lined up and I hope to see as many of you as possible at our Nativities and Extravaganzas.

Best wishes

Ruth Hall

Headteacher

CHRISTMAS DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Details of up-coming events are kept updated on our [CALENDAR](#)

Please do regularly check it for any changes and new events

11 December 19:00	Junior Carol Concert
12 December 14.00 & 19:00	Junior Carol Concert
12/13 December 09:30	Infant Nativity Play (Dress Rehearsal 11/12/19)
16 December 13:30	Infant Christmas Party
17 December PM	Year 6 Christmas Fair – parents invited from 15:30
19 December	<u>Whole School Christmas Day</u> FOWA – Christmas Disco
20 December	School finishes at 13:00 (Start of term: TUESDAY 7 JANUARY 2020)

