



What a busy term! Christmas time in a Primary school is always a wonderful experience and we were treated to shows from the Infant children which really reminded us of the meaning of Christmas and left the audience with a warm Christmas glow! Years 3 and 4 will be performing some Christmas songs for us on Wednesday morning and in the evening Years 5 and 6 will be treating us to a traditional carol service at the church of The Holy Spirit. Thank you to all the staff and children for working so hard this term and to you for coming along to support them. Photos of the EYFS and KS1 performances and Christmas Fair are on the website under News/Events.

I hope that you all enjoy a very merry and peaceful Christmas with your friends and family and I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January.

*Mrs White*

### **ROAR with the Guildford Lions**



On 7<sup>th</sup> December we came into school at 8am and then got on a minibus with the winning ROAR team from Weyfield Primary School. We were welcomed by the ROAR team and then headed off to the Seed Bank to do a team building activity. After that we prepared our stalls and five judges came to judge our work. After we had lunch, the results were announced. We didn't win

(unfortunately) but still got a medal, t-shirt and certificate!

P.S. Thank you to Mrs Marsden for the time she gave us. Thank you to Miss Charman for organising ROAR and to Miss Shepherd to coming with us.

*Lily, Gabi and Jasmine*

## EYFS - Christmas Counts



The Reception staff was so proud of every single one of the Wrens and Puffins children last week, as they sang their hearts out in their Christmas Nativity, Christmas Counts. For many of them it was their first experience of being on a big stage with lights, cameras and lots and lots of people! The children excelled in their roles and used lovely



big loud voices to ensure that everyone could hear their well-practised words and songs. Thank you to all parents who contributed to the costumes and also for your valuable encouragement in practising their words.

The EYFS Team

### Year 1 and 2 - Superstar



Key Stage 1 really enjoyed performing 'Superstar'. Everybody joined in with the singing, signing and dancing. Thank you to everyone who came to watch. The children were overjoyed with your support. Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas.

The KS1 Team

## Yvonne Arnaud Pantomime Visits

On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December, Year 5 and 6 went to watch Dick Whittington at the Yvonne Arnaud theatre. Everyone enjoyed it, it was hysterical and a great experience. The people who performed did an excellent job at entertaining us, especially with the funny version of "Twelve days of Christmas". Tommy – Dick's cat – was incredibly good at gymnastics and ballet, giving us a mix of contemporary and advanced floor routines. The scene where there was a phrase and then a song to match got a tonne of laughs from the audience. We would like to thank the teachers for taking us.

Years 3 and 4 enjoyed the show on Wednesday.

*Alexa, Julia and Paris, Year 6.*

## Olympic Times Table Challenge

Congratulations to everyone who took part in the last Olympic Times Tables Challenge of 2017. This month's winners are :-

Olympian	Bronze	Silver	Gold
Mercedes Smith Yr4	Alex Morris Yr4	Timmy Jennings Yr 4	Ayaan Bhagat Yr 5 2:23
Ben Harker Yr4	Nika Makhneva Yr5		
	Jessica Zakrzewska Yr5		
	Niamh Oldland Yr 5		

Year 2 will start to learn their times tables in the Spring term and they are very welcome to take part in the Olympic Time Table Challenge in January. The children who have been succeeding with these challenges have generally been practising hard at home. A reminder that full details about the Olympic Challenge can be found on our website in the section **Curriculum/Subjects/Maths**, along with practice papers which be edited and downloaded.

**The next Olympic Times Tables Challenge will take place on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

## PSA News



Thank you to everyone who donated recycled clothing, bags and shoes for our **Bag 2 School** collection.

We raised **£320** for the school which is a fantastic total.



We now have the final receipts in and I am delighted to share with you that we made an **amazing profit** of **£4977** at the **Christmas Fair**. This is £350 higher than last year so a huge thank you to everyone who helped, donated and came to the fair.

## Football Results

Year 5 Tournament – Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November

In Burpham's first match of the tournament we drew 0-0 against St Joseph's. Next we played Send and won 1-0 and Charlie F scored. Soon after we played Holy Trinity and won 2-0 and Charlie F scored twice. In the semi-final we lost 2-1 on 'Golden Goal' and Finlay scored our goal. We then went into the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place playoff and lost 1-0. Vinnie was our goaly and made some brilliant saves. Overall Burpham came 4<sup>th</sup> out of 8.

By Vinnie and Charlie F

## From the Office




Our **uniform** providers, Guildford Schools and Sports are now run by Stevensons. They have a new website – [www.stevensons.co.uk](http://www.stevensons.co.uk). Please find attached a leaflet with full details of the new service.

We will be recycling any un-named **lost property** items on the last day of term, so do take a look in the lost property cupboard outside the school foyer if you have any missing items.

We have attached details of Koosha Kids Holiday Club (rated as 'Outstanding' by Ofsted) which is for 4-13 year olds at St Joseph's Primary School in Guildford and will be open over the Christmas holidays.



The Surrey Arts' Easter Music Course is now available to orchestral instrumentalists and vocalists. The course takes place from Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> to Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2018. We have registration forms in the school foyer or you can book online: [www.surreymusichub.com](http://www.surreymusichub.com)



The closing date for Reception and Junior applications for September 2018 entry is **15<sup>th</sup> January 2018**. Surrey County Council encourage online applications, however parents can also request a paper application form or seek impartial help in completing an application via the Surrey Schools & Childcare Service (0300 200 1004). Full information is available on Surrey's website at [www.surreycc.gov.uk/primaryadmissions](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/primaryadmissions). Applications received after the closing date without good reason will be treated as late and will not be considered until all on time applications have been processed. This may jeopardise the chance of a parent being offered one of their preferred schools for their child.