



# Infant Newsflash

## THE VALUE OF THE MONTH IS THOUGHTFULNESS

### What's on in School?

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December - Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2017

#### NEXT WEEK

**Christmas Card Post Boxes:** post boxes will be up and running from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December for the children to post their Christmas cards to friends (please include name and class). The boxes will be each classroom.

**Reminder - Plea for donations of Christmas decorations:** If you have any spare Christmas decorations at home please can we ask you to drop them into either school as soon as possible so that we can decorate the school! Thank you.

Rainbow go **horseriding** with RDA in Bookham on Wednesday afternoon's between 1-2.30 p.m. and they desperately need volunteers to go along a help (side walking with ponies). If you would like to help, like to know more, or require a DBS please ask at the school office. Thank you.

#### SCHOOL NEWS

**School Productions Ticket Allocations:** there are some tickets still available (see below). If you would like tickets please ask at the school office:

##### Year 1&2

Mon 11th at 2.00 pm

Wed 13th at 9.00 am

##### Year R

Tues 12th at 2.15

Wed 13th at 10.30 am

Following the recent communication regarding costumes for **school productions** please can we ask you to send in any costumes in a labelled bag with your child's name clearly marked. Thank you.

**Communications this week:** Letter requesting payment for activities held this term

#### STAFFING NEWS

Welcome to three mid supervisors starting with us across both schools: Rachel Perry, Emily Von Reibnitz and Louise Ruffell – and Emily Barella who will be an SNTA in Year 6 Ark, who will be starting on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2017. Welcome to all!

On **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December** there will be interviews for TA staff positions. As mentioned in last week's Newsflash we currently have a number of **staff vacancies** across both schools as learning support assistants. If you feel you would like more information please follow the link below:

<https://www.eteach.com/job.aspx?learning+support+assistant&vacno=804854&Page=7>

#### SAFEGUARDING

'Run, hide, tell' for young people is a video with advice for actions in case of a terrorist attack.

Please take a look and decide if you want to share it with your child/ren.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jmYmLg-jQjc>

Reminder as we come towards the end of term – Parents who have a **DBS clearance** for volunteering in school please be aware that you do need to help at least once a term in order to maintain your DBS clearance

#### COMMUNITY NEWS

Roxley Models in Great Bookham, are an official collecting point for the Eagle Radio Christmas Toy Appeal. If you would like to donate a toy, no matter how small, to help bring some Christmas joy to children less fortunate than their own we are on Leatherhead Road in Great Bookham, between the Chinese take away and Bungalow Stores, and if anyone takes the trouble to donate, we are happy to show our appreciation with a mince pie and a cuppa.



## FRIENDS UPDATE

### **Infant Christmas Fair - Friday 15th December - On The Day**

The Infant Christmas Fair is all about the children. It's a wonderful opportunity for them to shop for family and friends, play Christmas Games, have their face painted and perhaps buy a treat or two for themselves....

As it's now only two weeks away here's some information/a reminder about the day itself:

- **Mufti** - On the day of the Fair (Friday 15th December) all infant children are invited to come to school in their own clothes (please note that it is NOT mufti for Junior children)
- **Face Painting** - If they would like their face painted please send in £1 in an envelope marked "Face Painting" (this is separate from the amount suggested below). This constitutes your permission and we cannot paint a child's face if they do not have the envelope clearly marked for "Face Painting". This takes place in their classrooms and will be done by one or more of your class' parents (we always need more volunteers so if you can help with this and are DBS checked please let your class rep know).
- **Visiting the Fair** - The children visit the Fair during the morning with their classes. Year R come in between 0900 and 1000, Year 1 between 1000 and 1100 and Year 2 between 1100 and 1200. There are parent volunteers in the Hall acting as 'personal shoppers' to help them navigate the Fair and choose gifts to buy and fun things to do. They will also be accompanied by their teacher and TA/s. There will be a small pop-up shop in Rainbow for any Rainbow children who would prefer not to come into the Hall.
- **What to send in** - There are plenty of gifts to buy, games to play and treats for the children. We keep prices very low (for example, all gifts are 50p, games are 20p/30p and cakes are 20p/30p). We suggest that you send your child/ren in with about £3.50 in a named purse or envelope (this is in addition to face painting money). Please don't send loose money because they find it difficult to manage when they're in the Hall. In addition please send them in with a named bag into which they can put their purchases to bring them home later.
- **The afternoon** - The Fair is then open again from 2pm-4pm for parents, carers, grandparents, siblings and friends to come to browse, buy a gift or two, and play the games. Feel free to come in either before you have picked up your children or afterwards (please note that the children stay in their classes until the usual 3pm collection time) or both!
- **Father Christmas** - As usual there will be a special visitor who will be in his grotto (also known as Miss Parker's office...) from 3pm to 4pm. Come along on the day and pop in to see him. He might just have a small treat for the children..... No need to pre-book. There is a small charge of £1 per child for the grotto.

If you have any other questions please email us at [eastwickfriends@eastwickschools.net](mailto:eastwickfriends@eastwickschools.net).

We can't do any of this without help and we still have plenty of slots available in the afternoon (and for Thursday afternoon set-up) so if you can help us for a bit please sign up using one of these links. Thank you. We really do need you!

[Thursday afternoon set-up](#)

[Friday afternoon stalls and clear up](#)

### **Santa's Sacks for the Christmas Fairs**

Don't forget to bring back your decorated and filled Santa's Sacks by Thursday 7th December (Juniors) and Thursday 14th December (Infants) please. They should be returned to your child's classroom please so they can be judged in year groups just before each Fair. They can be decorated with anything seasonal on the outside (pencils, pens, stickers, glitter, cotton wool, crafty things etc etc) and filled with any small treats (e.g. small craft items, stationery, party bag toys, small sweets etc but please do check for nuts in any food items). There will be a prize for the best decorated bag in each year group so please make sure your child's name and class are written on the bottom of the bag please.

### **Christmas Raffle 2017**

As you know we're running a single raffle this year and it will be drawn at the Infant Christmas Fair at 3.45pm on Friday 15th December. There are some amazing prizes. The generosity of local businesses, many of them owned or led by Eastwick parents, has been unsurpassed and we have been able to package up many of the items and vouchers into some wonderful prize collections. We've attached a document to this Newsflash detailing everything that can be won.

Don't forget that if you would like to buy more tickets, or sell them to family and friends, additional books of tickets can be obtained from either school reception desk. The more tickets we sell the more money we raise for the benefit of our children!

At the moment **Seals are leading the sales table in the Juniors** (with Panthers a close second) and **Yellow Class are STILL on track for a class treat** in the Infants, although Pink Class are close behind them now!. You still have just under two weeks to buy/sell more tickets if you'd like your child/ren's class to win the sales competition! Thank you!

### **Fair Preparation Days**

We still have a couple of days left to prepare items to be sold as gifts at both Fairs. If you're free for an hour or so on Thursday 7th December or Monday 11th December please do come to help us finish things off. Please!

Thursday 7th December is at No 1, The Glade, KT22 9TQ and the venue for Monday 11th December will be confirmed in next week's Newsflash.

Pre-school siblings are very welcome to come too and we'll provide tea, coffee, biscuits and lunch.

### **Christmas Decorations**

We would be very grateful for any surplus Christmas decorations that you might discover when you unpack them ready for this year's festive season. The Elves will use them to refresh the two Grottos that we will be providing for Santa to visit at each of the Christmas Fairs.

Please place any decorations that you can donate into one of our donation bins - either outside the Junior Music Room or at the entrance to the lower infant playground. Thank you!

### **Christmas Cards and Gifts**

If you ordered Christmas Cards and/or gifts featuring your child/ren's artwork they can be collected from the grassed area opposite the bike sheds on Friday afternoon and at Monday afternoon pick up. If you would like your items sent home with your children please email us at [eastwickfriends@eastwickschools.net](mailto:eastwickfriends@eastwickschools.net) and let us know your child/ren's name/s and class/es. All uncollected items, for which we have not received a request to send them home, will be left at the school receptions after Monday afternoon.



## GOLDEN CERTIFICATES THIS WEEK



Violet Class:	Lily C	Amber Class:	Reuben R
Green Class:	Harvey M	Pink Class:	Joshua R
Turquoise Class:	Kay L	Blue Class:	Charlie P
Red Class:	Beatrice J	Yellow Class:	Dorrie C
Orange Class:	Noah E	Rainbow Class:	Alex A-M

## KINDNESS CUP WINNER THIS WEEK



**Rosie M  
Orange Class  
WELL DONE!**



## 'BE THE BEST YOU CAN BE' CUP WINNER THIS WEEK

**B Harvey  
Amber Class  
CONGRATULATIONS!**



# The Howard Partnership Trust



## RECRUITMENT & CAREER OPPORTUNITY EVENT 2017

**TUESDAY 5 DECEMBER 2017**

**4.30pm - 7.30pm**

**Venue: Thomas Knyvett College**

**Stanwell Road, Ashford, Middlesex TW15 3DU**

Whether you are looking at **getting into teaching**, an **undergraduate**, currently **training to be a teacher**, a **teacher**, a **teacher aspiring to be a middle or senior leader** or looking to start or enhance your **business career** in IT, Finance, HR, Business, Premises and Facilities or an Apprenticeship, The Howard Partnership Trust (THPT) is just the place for you.

This event will provide you with a fantastic opportunity to discuss your aspirations and show you the many exciting opportunities that a career with The Howard Partnership Trust can provide. You will be able to speak to our Senior Leaders, Business Partners and sign up for tours at schools within THPT.

We are a growing Multi Academy Trust that thrives on working in partnership with our schools. Our vision is to;

**'BRING OUT THE BEST IN YOUNG PEOPLE OF ALL ABILITIES'.**

If you would like to work in a supportive, creative and dynamic environment as part of our teaching or education business support staff, then please come a long and find out about The Howard Partnership Trust and all we have to offer.

Take the leap and make a difference to your career and the life chances of our pupils.

To register for this event click [here](#) .

**Free** subject specialism training in Physics and Maths for any teachers looking to return to the profession - come along to find out more or contact [Charlotte Nicholls](#)

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