



Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils

Monday 19th December 2016

Welcome to our Year 5 Newsletter,

It has been good to see so many of you in school during the past few weeks, attending our Christmas Musical and Charity Fayre and thank you all for the tremendous support shown for our Charity Week Events. Amounts raised for each of the charities we are supporting will be announced at our Celebration Service. I am sure you will agree all pupils have had a very busy half term and have coped well with the change to their usual timetables to accommodate for rehearsals and performances.

News and Events

DT



Dance

Following nine weeks work of choreography, exploring tempo and working collaboratively Year 5 pupils studying dance during their DT lessons, along with pupils from all Year groups and the Dance Clubs treated packed audiences to two wonderful performances. **Well done to all those that took part** in their first Horringer Court Dance Show.

Resistant Materials

Developing and understanding the properties of materials such as hard wood, card board and a range of plastics. Learning to measure, mark out, cut and glue accurately, pupils have made some super Crash Test Buggies.



Cookery

Spicy Christmas Biscuits were on the menu this week in cookery. Ms Higgins provided the ingredients and in their pairs pupils accurately weighed these out, chose which spices to add and followed a simple all in one recipe to produce some delicious festive biscuits.

Sewing

The children have been developing their sewing skills using techniques of measuring, basic stitching, matching thread and material colour together with contrasting colours for design impact to produce some wonderful phone cases.



Year 5 Christmas Musical – Sleeping Beauty ~ the ugly truth

Wow! For those fortunate enough to see the Year 5 performance I am sure you will agree the pupils excelled themselves, with superb performances by our main characters and wonderful singing from our soloists and chorus.

Eva Ripley Jones reports further – *On 7th December, Year 5s performed a musical play called Sleeping Beauty~the ugly truth. The play was about real beauty and how it is not just on the outside, but how we act as a person. There were many different characters including, a King and Queen, their beautiful daughter Princess Tiffany and a palace Gardener. We rehearsed during our English lessons and lots of pupils helped out with props, writing invitations and designing a programme, it took a lot of hard work to get the play perfect, but in the end it all came together! I was rather nervous before my audition and was really pleased to have the part of 'Wanda the Witch'. I enjoyed practising for the play and once my nerves faded I had an amazing time performing.*

As winner of our artwork design competition Millie Adams' design was featured on our production programme.

Art Project

Pupils should have arrived home Friday afternoon clutching their wonderful shopping bags. I hope you find these bags both creative and durable!

Humanities - Geography Field Trip

Supporting the study of their close community and surrounding areas, Year 5 took part in a field trip visiting Horringer Court Estate and Hervey Road. During this visit they made sketches of houses, gardens and surrounding areas paying attention to the similarities between the two and thinking about how people are sustaining and improving the Estate and the Road area.



Academy Maths Morning

Our Year 5 pupils were joined by Year 4s from Barrow and Tollgate, Year 5s from Westley and Year 9s from County to enjoy a morning of maths. Within their teams pupils were given specific titles and job descriptions such as, team leader, expert and resource manager working collaboratively to solve the mathematical mystery of the 'Haunted School'.

PE/Games and Sports Fixtures

During PE lessons pupils have had been coached by **Premier Sports** developing their skills and confidence with Archery. Well done to the many Year 5 pupils who have been chosen to represent the School at our varied sporting fixtures this half term. Full details and results are published weekly in our Friday Bulletin and in our whole school newsletter.





Choir

The Choir, which has a great number of Year 5 pupils, has been out and about entertaining the public with Christmas Carols at Tesco, The Apex, and were invited again to perform alongside our Dance Club members at the Horringer Village Christmas Light Up event.

Achievements

Sports



A special mention for Charlie Goodridge who continues to thrive within his much loved sport of golf. Most recently he represented Suffolk against Cambridgeshire at Gog Magog golf course. He halved his greensomes match (playing with a partner) and later won his singles match 3 and 2 delivering the final point for Suffolk to win 6.5 to 5.5, this being his first time out for Suffolk side – what a terrific start, well done Charlie.

Pen Licences

The following pupils have reached our expected level of presentation and been awarded their pen licences – Gabe Sorooshian, Alanna Harris, Phoebe Mallen, Lacey Brackenbury, Holly Shea, Samson Jones, Karis Spencer, Carmen Merrell-Smith, Max Pryke, Trinity Spencer, James Byrnes, James Howard, Florian Koch, Charlotte Ogden, Niamh Scarfe, Chloe Stephens, Yan Tan, Summer Hearne, Fin Newman and Matt Taeymans.

Forth Coming Events – Spring Term 2017

Year 5 Parents Evening &

Coffee and Chat

Wednesday 18th January

DDT Dance performance

Wednesday 1st February

Year 5 Sex Education Day

Thursday 9th February

World Book Day

Thursday 2nd March (Dress as your favourite character)

Mothers' Day Lunch

Monday 27th March

Kingswood Residential Visit

Places are now confirmed with Kingswood and a letter has been sent home with a detailed payment plan. If you haven't received this letter, please check the letters page on our website.

Reminders

Music Lessons



Please remind pupils to check music lesson times which are displayed on the Year 5 noticeboard and outside the practise room. If your child is interested in learning an instrument, please do let me know.



Morning Snack

During this half term many pupils have raided Mr King's biscuit tin as they have forgotten their snacks!! On the odd occasion that a pupil forgets their snack we are happy to help out, however in our strive to promote independence please ensure pupils have a snack or money to buy something from tuck. It is a long morning and a healthy snack is important to maintain a healthy body and mind.



Show My Homework

Show My Homework is an easy to use online homework and events calendar. All pupils should be using this to access ALL their homework. If you have any problems with this system please do let me know. Homework **MUST** be handed in on the day it is due, otherwise pupils will repeat the homework during a lunchtime homework club.

Break and Lunchtime Football

During these winter months so the children may still enjoy playing football please send them in with a spare pair of tracksuit bottoms and trainers that they may change into to play.

Clubs

We offer a variety school clubs. The majority of these school clubs are offered free of charge. A new list of clubs available during the Spring term will be displayed in each House Area and on our website.

Equipment - Possible Stocking Fillers!



It has been brought to my attention that many pupils are missing basic equipment. Pupils need a pencil, rubber, 30cm ruler and pen. School book bags are a must to help with organisation and may be purchased for £4. Please email our suppliers directly if you wish to order one – uniform@spscprinters.co.uk

Lost Property

Please ensure **ALL** property is named including coats and shoes! We are still collecting a large amount of uniform, especially jumpers that are still not named.

Best wishes for a wonderful Christmas Holiday and I look forward to seeing pupils ready for the new term on Thursday 5th January 2017.

Jackie Kemp

