



Papillon House School Newsletter

Autumn Term 2 - Friday 13th December 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,
Papillon pupils and staff were looking very Christmassy yesterday in their festive outfits for our official Christmas Jumper Day! So far we have raised over £50 for Save the Children! If you would like to send in any donations please could these be brought in next week. Thank you for supporting this worthy charity.

We are looking forward to welcoming you all to celebrate the festive season with us next Wednesday at 1.30pm (1.45pm start) for our Christmas performance of 'A Wonka Christmas'. Please contact Jennie in the office if you haven't yet responded with how many seats you would like. If you are going to be taking your child home at the end of the day, may I ask that you contact your transport provider and let them know. Thank you.

Primary Department News

Caterpillar Class have been learning about the letter 'u' this week and made some umbrella pictures using coloured paper and glue. In our attention circles the children decorated a giant Father Christmas! All the children participated and made him look very festive using glitter, cotton wool and tissue paper. Caterpillar Class have done amazingly well practising for our Christmas performance of 'A Wonka Christmas' which they will perform next Wednesday.

Meadow Class have been busy practising, making props and sorting costumes ready for the Christmas show next week. They have been so good at performing, sitting, and listening. Meadow Class had a fun Jigsaw session where the children practised how to make friends and asked a peer to play using symbols. We all looked very festive in our Christmas jumpers this week; thank you for all the donations! We made a thank you card for the volunteers at the RDA centre for our last horse-riding session this year, and each child got chocolate coins, sweets and a rosette badge for entering the drawing competition. Cruz got 8th place and a special prize, a Christmas colouring book! A big 'shout out' too to Meadow Class as we were awarded with a 'Fantastic Recycling' certificate from Zachary this week!

Peacock Class have felt very festive this week preparing for Christmas and our Christmas performance next week. We are all enjoying the singing and dancing. The children were so happy to have a chance to visit Bocketts Farm on Wednesday and enjoyed meeting Santa Claus and his Elves. We all had a ride on the Santa Express and went around the farm. Bocketts looked very festive with many different Christmas decorations. Peacock Class met the Elves as they had to check if the children had all been good, which we all agreed they had been! The children received golden coins from Santa and a gift for everyone.

Reminders & Requests

Our Papillon **Christmas Fair** will take place next Thursday 19th. If you have any donations of toys or books that are in a good condition could you please send these in to us. We will also have a cake stall, if you are able to donate any nut-free cakes please could these be brought in on Wednesday 18th. All children and young people are asked to bring in a donation of £2 (minimum) on the 19th to attend the fair where they will meet Father Christmas and his friends, make choices from the various stalls and play the festive games. All donations will go to our chosen charity, Crisis.



Photo Gallery

Learning the letter 'u'



Festive artwork in Caterpillar



RDA prize winner!



Playing together in PSHE



Making a thank-you card



Feeling festive at Bocketts Farm

Swallowtail Class enjoyed cooking a delicious tea loaf with John on Monday in our cooking session using flour, egg, currants, raisins and tea! The class enjoyed visiting Father Christmas at Bocketts Farm on Wednesday, took a trip on the Santa Express and got to meet Santa and his Elves! It was agreed that all the children were on the 'good list' but Alex (teacher) was on the naughty list! The farm was looking very festive and each child received a gift. Swallowtail Class have been busy practising and performing in the dress rehearsal for the Christmas Show and completed some Christmas activities in class. The children also had a great time at Redhill Memorial Park on Friday playing on the equipment in the play area.

Secondary Department News

Monarch Class enjoyed our final swimming session on Tuesday and made stain glass windows in our making session. On Wednesday, the children enjoyed making mince pies and yesterday the children did a fantastic job in our Christmas Show dress rehearsal. Monarch Class visited St. Martins Church in Dorking today and enjoyed a yummy snack at the Christian Centre next door. We enjoyed talking to the priest as he gave us a tour of some of the important features found in a church. Some of us even tried on the ceremonial robe he uses for special sermons at Christmas and Easter. We were also given the opportunity to stand in the pulpit to see how our voices echoed around the church.

Admiral Class have worked very hard with their Christmas dress rehearsals this week and have been practising their keyboard skills in our music sessions in preparation for next weeks performance. The classroom display is looking very Christmassy and the class have worked hard on making it look festive. Admiral Class went to Walton on-the Hill for our P.E session this week to play tennis and football and we also had a thoughtful discussion in our PSHE session where we discussed bullying and how it can affect other people. This week we had a class vote about what to make in cooking, cookies or gingerbread. Gingerbread won the vote!

Emperor Class has had a busy week preparing for our Wonka Christmas Show! We've been working hard learning our lines, practicing dance routines and singing songs. We've also been experimenting with new recipes to serve as refreshments for the show. In addition to all the show preparations, the Emperor students had great fun doing PE off-site this week, playing football and basketball at the park and we're all really excited for our trip to the bowling alley this coming Monday!

Stars of the Week

Our "Stars" this week are:

- Caterpillar** Amberley for "enthusiastic dancing in each and every Christmas show rehearsal."
- Meadow** Kuba for "being very grown up and completing lots of work."
- Peacock** Mia for "her brilliant performance in Maths lessons."
- Swallowtail** Bailey for "making a lovely tea loaf in cooking on Monday."

Photo Gallery

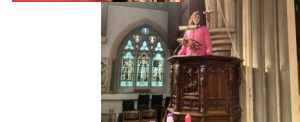
Making a tea loaf



Swallowtail visit Bocketts Farm



Swallowtail visit St Martins Church



Our Papillon pianist!



Enjoying tennis

Learning our lines



Making Christmas treats



Practising our songs



Birthdays

There were no Primary birthdays this week.



Therapy

Well done to Jenny in Monarch Class for excellent practicing of her speech sounds in her Speech and Language Therapy sessions. *Emma Kennington, Speech and Language Therapist*

Well done to Ryan B in Admiral Class for great participation in his daily sensory diet sessions, completing a number of activities independently and showing increased understanding of what activities help when he needs to calm. *Clara Boxall, Occupational Therapy Assistant.*

Well done to Alfie for his hard work during OT this week. He enjoyed swinging and playing basketball. *Catherine Hauvette, Occupational Therapist*



Important Dates

Diary Dates

Below is a list of events taking place over the last week of the Autumn Term. The assembly theme for our last week of term is 'Nativity'.

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Monday	16 th December		Primary Nativity Assembly & Children's Christmas lunch
Wednesday	18 th December	1.30pm	Christmas Performance of 'A Wonka Christmas'
Thursday	19 th December	1.30pm	Children's Christmas Fair
Friday	20 th December	2pm	End of Autumn Term—children finish at 2pm
Monday	6th January	9.30am	Start of Spring Term 2025

Papillon 'Quote of the Week'

"Alex (Swallowtail teacher) is on the naughty list this year!"

The Bocketts Farm Christmas Elf!

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