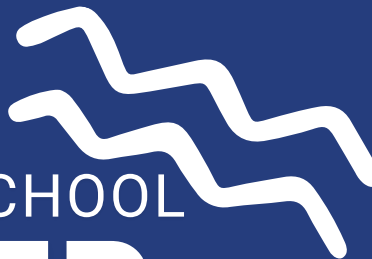


20/11/2025
TWESELDOWN INFANT SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER



DIARY DATES

NOVEMBER

21st Nov - Year R Tours 9.15am / 10.30am / 1.45pm
- PTFA Second hand uniform sale 14.45pm - 15.15pm

24th Nov - Year R Tours 9.15am / 10.30am / 1.45pm

26th Nov - Flu Vaccinations
- Fleet Festivities

28th Nov - PTFA Festive Fireworks 5pm - 7pm

YEAR R & YEAR 1 TRIP TO BEAULIEU

Year R and Year 1 children are visiting Beaulieu Motor Museum to support their learning about 'transport'. Mouse and Otter classes had great fun today. The other classes will attend as follows:

Friday 21st November – Squirrel & Rabbit Classes
Thursday 27th November – Badger & Hedgehog Classes
Wednesday 3rd December – Deer Class

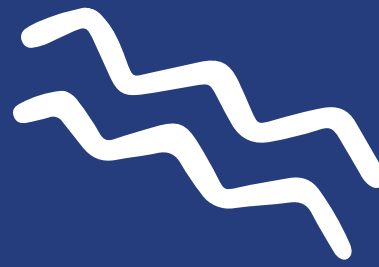
Please note coaches will leave as soon as possible after drop off - 9am at the latest and will return at 4pm.

Thank you.

ASTRO TURF

If anyone has any spare astro turf that they would be happy to donate to the school, we would very much appreciate this. Please do let us know if you are able to help.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



TERM DATES 2025/2026

22nd December - 2nd January - Christmas Break

5th January - Inset Day (closed to pupils)

16th February - 20th February - Half Term

23rd February - Inset Day (closed to pupils)

30th March - 10th April - Easter Break

25th May - 29th May - Half Term

29th June - Inset Day (closed to pupils)

22nd July - Last Day of School

SOCK PLEA

Can we please ask parents and carers if you have any children's socks which could be used as spares in school, to please bring these in to us. We would be extremely grateful for any donations as these are needed frequently for the children in this weather.

Thank you.

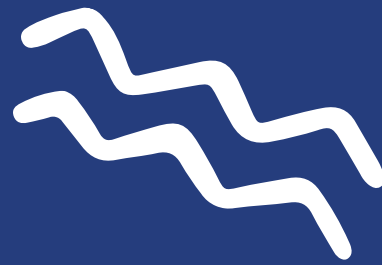
BE BRIGHT, BE SEEN

Tomorrow, Friday 21st November we are encouraging Tweseldown families to wear their uniform and something bright to and from school. Please see the poster attached in this newsletter for further info.

FLU VACCINATIONS

Flu vaccinations will be taking place at school on Wednesday 26th November. Please remember to sign your child up for this.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



FLEET FESTIVITIES

Fleet Festivities will be taking place on 26th November. Children from years 1 and 2 choir will be singing at 4.20pm. The children performing will need to wear a nice warm coat and some festive headwear please.

FESTIVE FIREWORKS

Festive Fireworks will be taking place at Tweseldown on 28th November 5pm - 7pm. Please see the PTFA section of this newsletter for more information.

CHURCH CROOKHAM PARISH COUNCIL – CHRISTMAS EVENT

Church Crookham Parish Council are holding their annual Christmas Event on 29th November from 12pm – 4pm. This is a **FREE** entry event open to all local families. Please see the attached poster for further info.

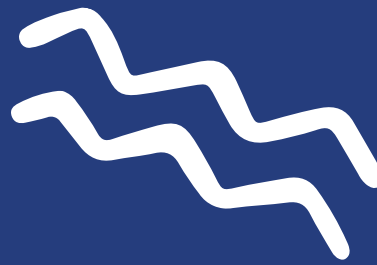
CHRISTMAS RUN FOR PHYLLIS TUCKWELL HOSPICE

On 1st December, Tweseldown children will be taking part in the Phyllis Tuckwell Christmas Run! This is a fun, festive event to raise sponsorship and support the incredible work that Phyllis Tuckwell do. Please see the attached poster for further details.

FLEET SCHOOLS - ONLINE MEETING

Following the results of the recent survey, parents of children in Fleet Schools are invited to attend an online meeting on Wednesday 3rd December at 7pm. Please see the flyer attached to this newsletter for more information.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



ABSENCE

We would like to remind parents and carers that you must call the school office as soon as possible on the day your child is absent to advise us of the following; child's name, child's class, reason for absence and when you think your child will be able to return to school.

Please give us a description as to why your child is too unwell to attend school. A message saying they are "poorly" or "unwell" is not sufficient. If this information is not given, we have a duty of care to contact families to ask. If for any reason we are unable to contact you, this will unfortunately go down as an unauthorised absence.

We appreciate your support and cooperation.

Further to our e-mail last week regarding the change to absence requests, we would like to remind you that when completing the red absence form please ensure that you provide proof of appointment. Without proof of appointment your request may be declined and marked as an unauthorised absence.

Thank you.

YEAR R OUTDOOR AREA

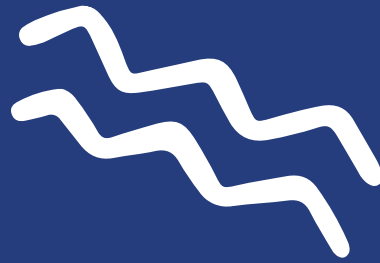
Can we please ask parents and carers not to let the children touch or play with the equipment in the Year R area before school. The teachers will now be setting up the Year R outside area every morning before school starts so this will need to be kept as it is set, ready for the beginning of the day.

Thank you.

WHOLE SCHOOL HOMEWORK

We have set the whole school some homework for the next week. This is to design a mural for our new storage container. We would love to see all your creative ideas and beautiful bright colours!

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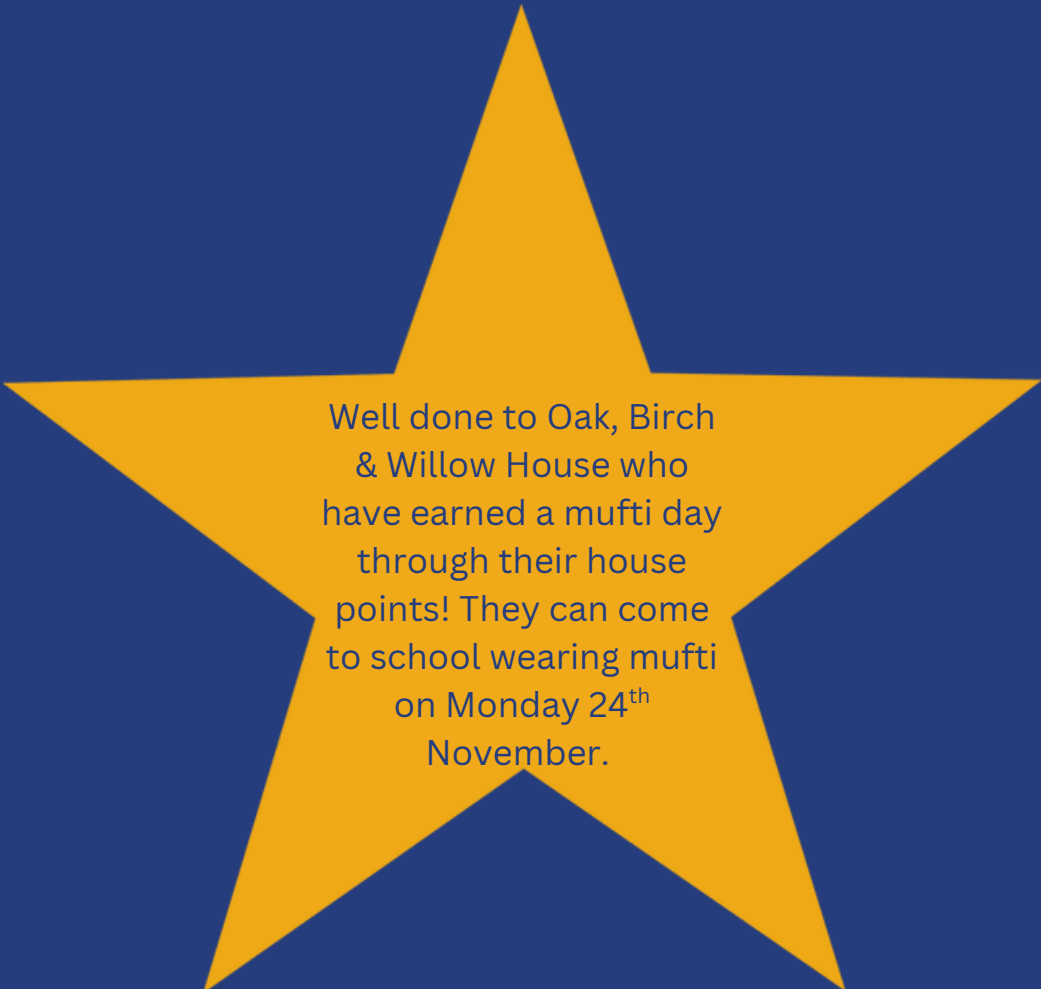
SNACK TIME - GUIDANCE FOR U5'S

The guidance on snacks for U5's has changed. Can parents and carers please ensure that apple is cut into segments and grapes are cut in half lengthways. Thank you for your cooperation.

UNIFORM SALE

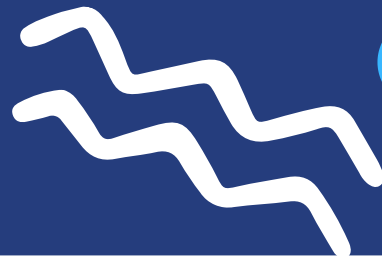
The PTFA are holding a second-hand uniform sale tomorrow, Friday 21st November from 14:45 - 15:15 in front of the school entrance. This will include winter coats and christmas jumpers.

Support your school, save money and help the environment!

A large, solid yellow five-pointed star is centered in the lower half of the page. It contains text about a mufti day.

Well done to Oak, Birch
& Willow House who
have earned a mufti day
through their house
points! They can come
to school wearing mufti
on Monday 24th
November.

RECEPTION



We have had a great week of learning. We have been preparing for our trip to Beaulieu, discussing what we would like to see! We looked at describing different vehicles and using full sentences to describe them.

We have learnt another set of sounds, focusing on digraphs this week (two letters that make one sound). We have been digraph detectives and have been spotting these sounds in words.

In maths, we have sung a song about peas! We used our song to count up to 5 and to think of different ways to make the number 5.

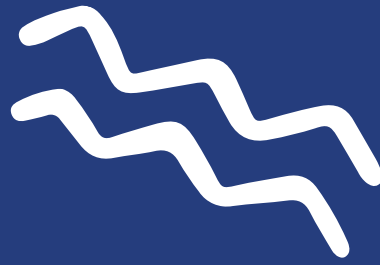
In history, we have looked at how bikes have changed over time. We looked at pictures of a penny farthing and compared it to the bikes that we ride on at school!!

We are searching for the following to make our learning areas even better:

- Some small pop up reading tents
- Baby cots/ high chairs/ clothes
- Recipe books
- Gardening toys
- Bath toys
- Cushions/ blankets

If you have any of these, please could you drop them to the office. Thank you so much for your support!

YEAR 1



It has been a great week in Year One as we have been getting prepared for our upcoming trip to Beaulieu. Some classes have enjoyed their trip this week and others will go in the coming weeks. We have been thinking about what we would like to see at Beaulieu, where Beaulieu is and how we will stay safe when we are on our trip. We have also been learning about which words need a capital letter even if they are not at the start of the sentence. We have also done some lovely writing about the snow this week after enjoying a great time playing outside as the snow fell.

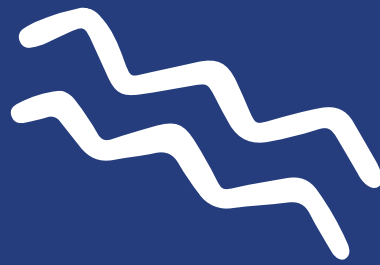
In maths, we have been learning about subtraction. We have been counting backwards and using physical objects to physically subtract items from a total. We have used the language of first, then and now to describe our number story. An example would be, first there were 4 grapes, then 2 were eaten. Now how many are there? The children then made up their own number stories before writing and solving subtraction number sentences.

We have also been learning about bikes through time. Did you know the first bike was made of wood? There is also a bike named after old coins known as the penny farthing.

In the next couple of weeks we will each be needing a sock for a craft at school. We will need to draw on, and possibly cut the sock, so preferably will be old. Maybe that odd sock that needs a new home. Please bring these into school next week.

Thank you.

ECO SCHOOLS



Cut your Carbon Challenge

Our third week of the Cut the Carbon Challenge has arrived and we are enjoying hearing what families have been trying to do at home. We have heard about beetroot burgers as a plant based meal, what the children did on their device free day and places you have walked rather than driven.



If you haven't started yet, perhaps you can choose one or two challenges to do before the end of November?

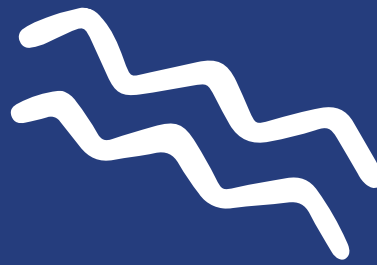


It is colder this week, but have you tried turning your heating down by just 1 degree? Could you meal plan every meal for next week, to reduce your waste and include another plant-based meal? Or do a clothes wash on 30 degrees rather than 40?



Remember to tick off on your checklist when you achieve one of the challenges! Your checklist will need to be returned to school on Monday 1st December, so we can calculate how much carbon we have saved as a school community. Even if you have only succeeded one of the challenges, we still want to know - so please return your sheet whether you have completed one or all six! You will get a certificate for taking part.





Developing a Composting area:

As part of our sustainability and Eco Schools actions, we are hoping to develop a composting area within our school grounds. We plan to use pallets to build this area.

If you are able to help with this project, by providing us with pallets or by helping us with the skills and labour to construct this area, please make contact with our site manager, Mr Wythe, on this email address: adminoffice@tweseldown.hants.sch.uk

Please do not deliver any pallets without speaking to Mr Wythe first.

FLEET WILDLIFE EXPLORERS

The Fleet Wildlife Explorers group's next meeting is **'FABULOUS FUNGI FORAY' on Sun 23 NOVEMBER starting at 2.00 pm. Basingborne Park GU52 6TQ**

Although this group is for children older than infants, the organisers are happy to welcome you, as long as an adult stays in attendance for the session.

Details: Meet in the car park of the wooded area of Basingbourne Park at the end of Basingbourne Road, Fleet, GU52 6TQ

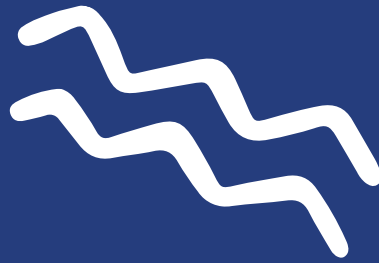
This will be the first time the Park group has had a chance to survey the fungi in the area. Simon from the Hants Fungi Recording Group will lead this outing. See what you can discover – find out how fungi were used in the past for everything from ink to sharpening razors!

Please LET Fleet Wildlife Explorers know if you would like to attend by emailing Fleet.WEX@hotmail.com – we can answer any questions - and we need to know numbers so we can sort magnifiers and other equipment that we'll need to bring along.

If you do attend, let the organisers know you are from Tweseldown Infant school and send us a photo of you having fun!

Litter Picking Loan Equipment: Remember we have litter picking equipment which you can borrow over the weekend. There are plenty of spaces for this half term: <https://volunteersignup.org/events/summary/636458>. The equipment can be collected from Miss Fewtrell (Owl class) on a Friday and returned to her on a Monday.

BEYOND THE GATE



Clothing: The temperatures have finally dropped, and it is feeling more Autumnal now. If your child has Beyond the Gate this half term, **please ensure they have a warm hat, scarf (or even better snood) and waterproof gloves. They must also have waterproof trousers. Year One children need a full change of clothes, with plenty of layers.**

Volunteers: There is still plenty of spaces for volunteers in our Year One sessions. Without volunteers, sessions may need to be cancelled due to ratios. Please sign up in advance: volunteersignup.org/9MM99

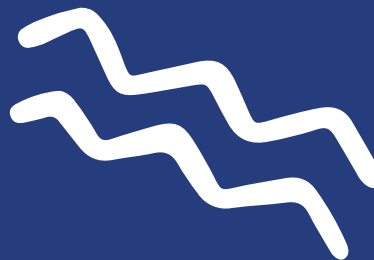
Blog: Have you looked at the Beyond the Gate blog on the website? It is a great way to stimulate a conversation with your child about what they enjoyed doing and what they learnt: <https://www.tweseldowninfantschool.co.uk/page/?title=Forest+School+Blog&pid=277>.

Donations:

For an activity Mrs Dear needs lots of open pine cones. If you are on a walk and find any please collect them and put them in the Forest School donation box in the school entrance.

Other helpful donations currently:

- Craft pipe cleaners
- Kindling
- Cotton wool
- String or twine
- Bird seed (without peanuts in please)
- Fat balls



THANK YOU

Thank you to all who tuned into our meeting on Monday. We really appreciate you taking the time to join us to share your ideas.

Upcoming PTFA Events & Dates

21st November from 14:45-15:15 – Second-hand uniform sale (this time it's on a Friday!)

28th November from 17:00-19:00 – Festive Fireworks

3rd December from 20:00 – PTFA Social at the Wyvern: ALL WELCOME

4th December – Winter Disco

Second-hand Uniform Update

The next PTFA second-hand uniform sale is this **Friday 21st November** from 14:45-15:15 in front of the school entrance.

All items are £2 each, except for t-shirts which are £1 each.

We are still quite low on volunteers for selling, and clearing away. We've circulated a volunteer sign-up link via WhatsApp and Facebook – please take a look and sign-up if you can spare a little bit of time.

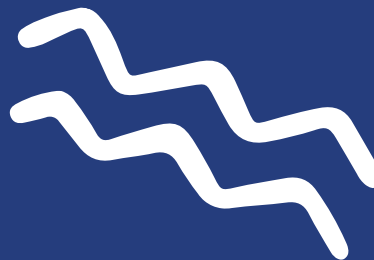
Support your school, save money, and help the environment!



Festive Fireworks – Friday 28th November

We are very excited about our upcoming Festive Fireworks. If you haven't done so already, you may want to have a closer look at the email that was sent out containing the stallholder and food vendor information – there will be lots of lovely things on offer!

TICKETS HAVE SOLD OUT! Thank you for purchasing your tickets and supporting your school. We are so excited to see you all at the event.



Winter Disco – Thursday 4th December

Our first disco of the year is getting ever closer. Just a reminder that if you have made the bundle payment of £12.50, you have already paid for all discos for the academic year.

If you didn't make the bundle payment mentioned, and your child would like to attend the disco, please use the QR code on the poster in your child's classroom window and use your child's name as the reference.

If you prefer to make a bank transfer, please use the details below and follow the referencing guidelines underneath. The price of the disco is **£2.50** per child. **Please make the payment by Thursday 27th November.**

Name: **Tweseldown Infant School PTFA**

Account number: **27335060**

Sort code: **30-80-42**

*****Please ensure you put your child's name and current class as the reference. (First letter of child's name, surname, and first 3 letters of class are sufficient. E.g. JBloggsKin = Joe Bloggs Kingfisher)*****

To make this disco amazing for the children, we need some volunteers to help out on the day. We are currently still low on volunteers, especially for Years 1 & 2. Please click on the volunteer link and sign up if you can spare some time to help -

<https://volunteersignup.org/JYXP3>

PTFA Social at the Wyvern – Wednesday 3rd December

Please join us at the Wyvern pub for a pre-Christmas get together on 3rd December at 20:00. This is just for an informal drink and all are welcome. We'd love to see many of you there!

HELPFUL CONTACTS

CAMHS - Hampshire Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service – helping with emotional wellbeing and mental health for children aged 5-18 years old. <https://hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk/>

ERIC-Help coping with children bedwetting. <https://eric.org.uk/childrens-bladders/bedwetting/>

Family Lives -Co-parenting after divorce or separation. Free online help, or call for free on 0808 800 2222 <https://www.familylives.org.uk/>

Gingerbread -Advice and practical support for single parents <https://www.gingerbread.org.uk/>

Grief Encounter -Supporting bereaved children and young people.
<https://www.griefencounter.org.uk/>

Parentkind -Loads of resources for parents, covering many topics, including Common Sense Media; Fatherhood; Childcare Choices. <https://www.parentkind.org.uk/for-parents/parents-resources/parenting>

Psicon-A specialist team, offering the highest quality diagnostic assessments, treatment and support for Autism, ADHD and Mental Wellbeing. <https://www.psicon.co.uk/>

Relate -Get help with: counselling; mediation; supporting parent relationships; work place relationship support. <https://www.relate.org.uk/what-we-do/counselling/relationship-counselling>

Rainbow Trust -Support for seriously ill children and their families.
<https://www.rainbowtrust.org.uk/>

Safe Haven Aldershot -Drop in, 365 days a year for mental health crisis. 6-11pm, Monday – Friday; 12:30pm-11pm weekends and bank holidays.
Also available virtually using link: <https://nhs.vc/sabp/safe-haven-aldershot>

<https://www.sabp.nhs.uk/our-services/mental-health/safe-havens/SafeHavenAldershot>

Together for Short Lives -Family support team and helpline provides families of seriously ill children with emotional, financial and practical support and advice. Helpline: 0808 8088 100
<https://www.togetherforshortlives.org.uk/>

The Sleep Charity -Advice and support with bedtimes and sleep.
<https://thesleepcharity.org.uk/>

Winston's Wish -Bereavement charity supporting grieving children and families.
<https://winstonswish.org/>

Young Minds -A place of support if your child is struggling with anxiety.
<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/parents-a-z-mental-health-guide/anxiety/>

BE BRIGHT & BE SEEN this winter



Now the clocks have changed it's getting dark earlier. This makes it more important than ever to ensure that you can be seen when you're out and about near roads.

How many ways can you think of to make yourself bright?

Check over the page for some top tips!

5 top tips on how to **BE BRIGHT & BE SEEN**

- 1** Brightly coloured or fluorescent clothing shows up well in daylight and at dusk when you're heading to and from school.
- 2** If you're out and about when it's dark, wear reflective items to make sure you can be seen in car headlights. Reflective vests, sashes or wristbands work well. Remember, fluorescent clothing doesn't work after dark!
- 3** Don't forget to accessorise! Even small items such as clip on reflectors, armbands and stickers on your outfit or school bag are a great way to improve your visibility.
- 4** If you like to cycle, remember that it's the law to have clean and working lights at night (white at the front, red at the back), as well as a rear reflector. It's good to fit spoke reflectors too.
- 5** Of course, 'Being Bright' helps drivers to see you, but that won't guarantee that you stay safe. You still need to make sure that you stop and look in all directions for traffic every time you cross.

**Be Bright,
Be Seen**

THINK 

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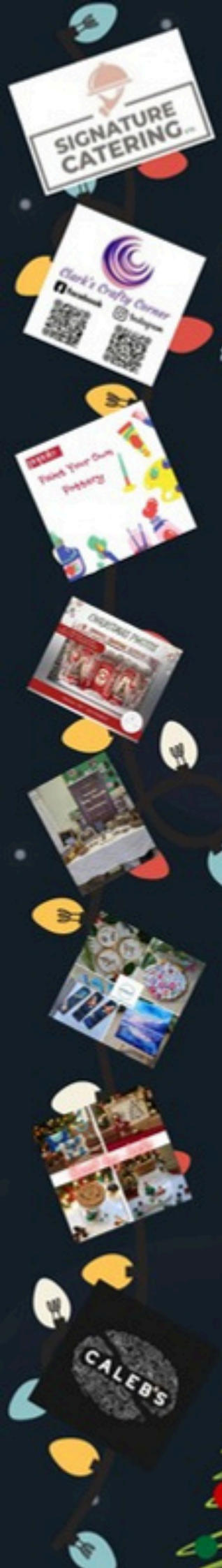
FRIDAY,
NOVEMBER 28TH
5PM TO 7PM

Food and activity stalls include
Catherine Alexandra Art, The Crafty
Primrose, Marsh Mallows Cakes, Sand Art,
Marsh Crafts, Tropic Skincare, Peppones
Street Food

For Tickets please use
the QR code or link
below



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SAVE THE DATE!

Parents of children in Fleet schools are warmly invited to an online meeting on

**Wednesday 3rd December
at 7pm**

Papaya

The session will be led by Papaya, who deliver expert-led talks and workshops designed to help families make informed decisions about technology use:

- **Focused on digital wellbeing**
- **Non-judgemental**
- **Practical**
- **Interactive and inspiring**

Papaya have partnered with **Smartphone Free Childhood**, making this a valuable opportunity to explore ways to support parents in understanding and promoting digital wellbeing at home.



DISCO

£2.50

THURSDAY 4TH DECEMBER

YEAR R - 15:00-15:45

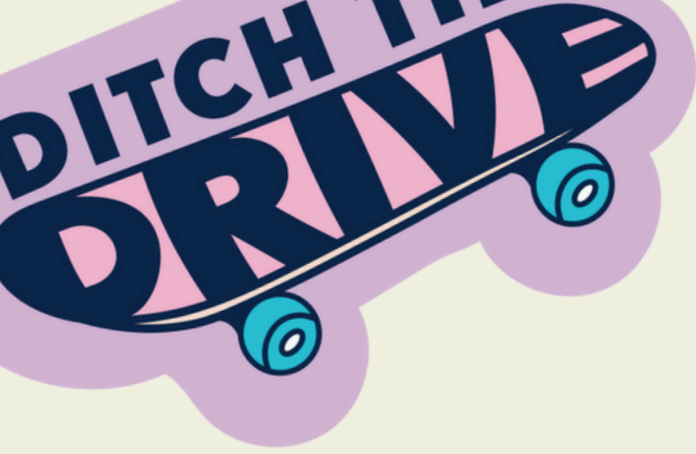
YEAR 1 - 16:00-16:45

YEAR 2 - 17:00-17:45

PLEASE USE THE
CORRECT CLASS QR CODE
POSTER OR MAKE A BANK
TRANSFER

IMPORTANT: If you have made a £12.50 bundle payment for your child, you do not need to pay for this event.

Please contact ptfa@tweseldown.hants.sch.uk if you have not yet made a bundle payment but would now like to.



CUT YOUR CARBON



Throughout November, we're challenging everyone to complete 6 small carbon-cutting activities at home with friends and family.

These actions will reduce your everyday carbon emissions and benefit our planet.

To find out how you can get involved, speak to a member of the school Eco-Committee.



FREE
ENTRY

JOIN US FOR

Christmas

IN
CHURCH CROOKHAM

SATURDAY 29TH NOVEMBER
12PM - 4PM

Festive Fun for all the family

- ❄️ **FREE SANTA VISIT WITH GIFT** ❄️
- ❄️ **CHRISTMAS MARKET** ❄️
- ❄️ **FREE CHRISTMAS CRAFTS** ❄️
- ❄️ **FESTIVE FOOD & DRINKS** ❄️
- ❄️ **FREE FACE PAINTING** ❄️

**CHURCH CROOKHAM
COMMUNITY
CENTRE,
GU52 8AQ**



CHURCH CROOKHAM
PARISH COUNCIL

Christmas Card COMPETITION

WIN A £25 GIFT VOUCHER FOR TOY ARENA, FLEET

Join in with our Christmas Card competition this year for Children Aged 1-12 years old. The winner of each Age Category will win a £25 gift voucher for Toy Arena in Fleet. Plus, all cards submitted will be sent to a resident of our local care home community after the event.

HOW TO ENTER:

- ❖ **PICK UP A BLANK CARD & ENVELOPE**
(from the Foyer of Church Crookham Community Centre OR your local school reception)
- ❖ **CREATE YOUR MASTERPIECE CARD**
- ❖ **WRITE A LITTLE MESSAGE ON THE INSIDE**
(leave the To/ recipient section blank but sign off with your first name & Age - this is because, after the event, all cards will be sent to an elderly member of the community in a local home)
- ❖ **FILL IN THE FORM ON THE BACK OF THE CARD**
- ❖ **PLACE IT ALL INTO THE ENVELOPE**
(Do not seal the envelope)
- ❖ **DROP INTO THE POSTBOX IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE FOYER BY MONDAY 24TH NOVEMBER**

This Christmas the school is taking part in a sponsored **Christmas Run**

to raise vital funds to support



Phyllis Tuckwell[®]
Hospice Care
...because every day is precious



As the Christmas season draws near, our school is embracing the spirit of giving and your child will be taking part in a sponsored run – a fun, festive event to support the incredible work of Phyllis Tuckwell.

Phyllis Tuckwell provides vital palliative and end of life care to patients, their families and carers across our community. This sponsored run is a moment where the children can come together, dressed in festive cheer, to make a real difference to those approaching the end of life.

Your child will be given either a set of reindeer antlers or an elf hat to wear on the day of their run, which they can then take home with them.

They have also been given a sponsorship envelope to take home to try and raise as much money as possible for Phyllis Tuckwell before their run. We know this time of year can be busy and budgets can be tight, but even the smallest donation can have a big impact. Your support helps fund nurses, counsellors, therapists and doctors who support families when they really need it.

Please use the sponsorship envelope that your child has been given to make a cash/cheque donation or you can visit phyllistuckwellhospicecare.enthus.com/christmasruns or scan the QR code on the envelope to donate online.

The NHS/Government only cover about 25% of costs for Phyllis Tuckwell, which means they have to raise over £25,000 a day to be able to offer all of their services, free of charge, to patients, their families and carers. Your donations will mean that they can continue to be there when needed the most.

Clifton Ingram Solicitors (incorporating Bell's Solicitors) are the sponsor for the Phyllis Tuckwell Christmas Runs this year. As a local law firm, Clifton Ingram is dedicated to supporting the local community. In addition to their sponsorship, they've also supplied fun colouring sheets for the children to take home, with the chance to enter a prize draw to win a Nintendo Switch! Return the colouring sheet along with the sponsorship envelope on the day of the run.

£10 could pay for two days' worth of aromatherapy oils, bringing comfort and relief to patients worn down by the effects of radiotherapy and chemotherapy.

Thank you for your support!



Living
naturally
at home



Fleet Wildlife Explorers

Join your local RSPB Youth Group

Fleet RSPB Wildlife Explorers provides children 8yrs plus with an exciting and varied programme of indoor and outdoor activities that develops their interest in birds, wildlife and the environment (families welcome) - all related to having fun and learning more about the natural world around us.

Monthly Indoor or Outdoor Meetings (excl. Dec & Aug)

Check Facebook page for up-to-date details of meetings.

For further details:

Email: Fleet.WEX@hotmail.com

Facebook: [Fleet RSPB Wildlife Explorers | Facebook](#)

Phone: 07415 017 394