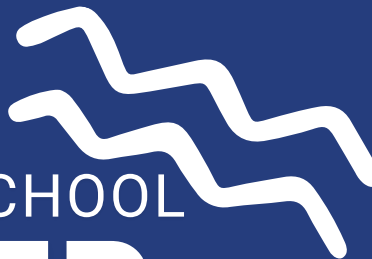


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TWESELDOWN INFANT SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER



DIARY DATES

NOVEMBER

17th Nov - PTFA Zoom meeting 8pm

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

Over the next few weeks, year R and year 1 children will be visiting Beaulieu Motor Museum to support their learning about 'transport'. The classes will attend according to the below schedule:

Thursday 20th November – Otter & Mouse Classes

Friday 21st November – Squirrel & Rabbit Classes

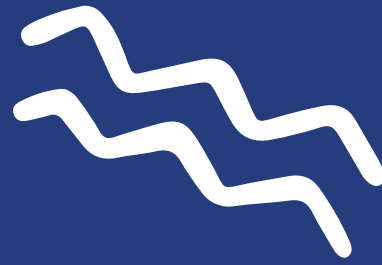
Thursday 27th November – Badger & Hedgehog Classes

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.

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

WORLD DIABETES DAY

It is **World Diabetes Day** on **Friday 14th November**. For this occasion, we invite children to wear **mufti** including something **blue**. Please also bring in a £1 contribution for Diabetes UK. Please see the email on this for further information.

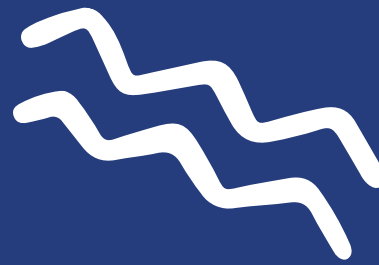
FLU VACCINATIONS

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

BE BRIGHT, BE SEEN

Due to the darker days rolling in, on 21st November we encourage Tweseldown families to wear something bright to and from school.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



FLEET FESTIVITIES

Fleet Festivities will be taking place on 26th November. This is when Fleet welcomes Christmas - children from years 1 and 2 choir will be singing at 4.20pm.

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. It's a **FREE** entry event open to all local families. Please see the attached poster for further info.

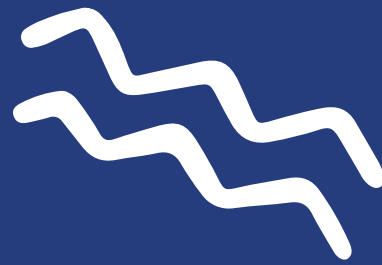
CHRISTMAS RUN FOR PHYLLIS TUCKWELL

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

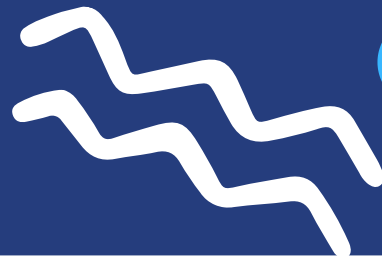


CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME

The children had such a great afternoon yesterday watching the Christmas Pantomime - Sleeping Beauty. They were laughing from start to finish and really enjoyed it! The cast even managed to get a couple of our teachers up on stage to join in the fun...



RECEPTION



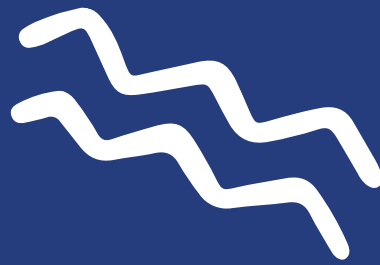
This week we read the story *The Hundred Decker Bus* by Mike Smith. Together we made predictions as to what might happen to the bus along its journey. We also made our own maps for where our bus could go, some of us chose to go the park, some to the beach! Then in Drawing Club we drew our own buses using pre writing shapes. As a class we wrote CVC words, then independently we wrote the initial sound to where our bus is going, e.g., p for park.

In Maths this week we have been comparing amounts using more than and fewer than. We used teddies in our class to compare which teddies had the most toys, using the stem sentence Big Bear has more toys than Little Bear. Little Bear has fewer toys than Big Bear.

The children have made poppies and we held a two-minute silence for Remembrance Day. In History, we compared old cars and new cars. We talked about features new cars have, including how cars now have seat belts to keep us safe.

Finally, the children had a fantastic time watching the pantomime of *Sleeping Beauty*! Next week Mouse, Squirrel and Rabbit classes are going on the school trip to Beaulieu Motor Museum. This trip links to our topic of Whizzy Wheels as it provides the children with the opportunity to explore a range of vehicles and learn how they work.

YEAR 1



What a busy and exciting time we've had in Year 1!

We were really lucky to start the week being visited by a huge lorry and some vans. We enjoyed climbing inside the big cab and some of us even sounded the horn. Thank you so much to Mr Underwood for bringing these in for the children. They had a great time despite the rain!

In English, we've been reading *The 100 Decker Bus* and had so much fun writing about our favourite decks – from swimming pools to zoos in the sky!

In Maths, we've been learning how to use bar models to show our understanding of addition, and everyone has been working so hard to explain their thinking clearly.

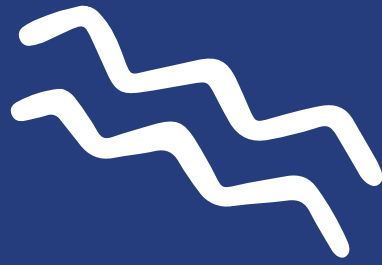
In Art, we've been inspired by the artist **Kimmy Cantrell** and created our own colourful mask drawings – they look amazing!

In Science, we've continued to explore different materials and their properties, testing and sorting them like real scientists. We also had an incredible time watching the visiting pantomime – there was so much laughter and excitement!

In PE, we've been developing our teamwork skills through fun games and activities. What a fantastic week it's been!



YEAR 2



This week, the children have been learning more about the wonderful weather! They were very interested to learn about extreme weathers that we can experience in the UK such as heatwaves, floods, storms and drought. With this in mind, they were able to have mature discussions about how different weathers appear in different seasons; noticing that some of our regular weathers happen across all seasons but actually the main difference between the seasons is the temperature.

Thank you to everyone who has sent their child into school with a recycled milk bottle so they are able to make a rain gauge. They will record their own data throughout the half term to help decide if November is the rainiest month of the year. Also, well done to everyone who has been extending the children's learning at home with their weather themed homework. It is lovely to hear the children speak about what they have been learning so confidently.

Also this week the children are continuing to think about materials in their Science lessons. They have been learning how to carry out an investigation, to test the strength of materials. Next week, we will move on to think about materials which are waterproof or absorbent. We're sure the children would love to carry out some of their own material experiences at home too.

The true highlight of the week has been the pantomime!

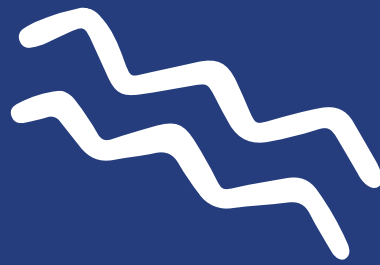
'Oh no it wasn't!'

'Oh, yes it was!'

The children thoroughly enjoyed watching the modern version of Sleeping Beauty. It was wonderful to see them joining in so enthusiastically. Hopefully they will tell you all about their favourite parts.

Have a restful weekend when we get there!

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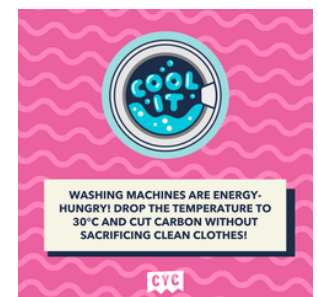
Cut your Carbon Challenge

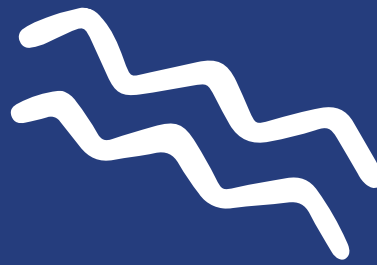
We are approaching the end of the second week of this campaign for November, and we hope your family are enjoying the challenges, creating positive change, and cutting carbon together. Which of the challenges have you tried so far? Perhaps you could share your success and ideas with other families.

What is your challenge for next week - perhaps find a tasty plant based meal, or plan your device free day?

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. You will get a certificate for taking part.

See the email sent before half term for all the information.





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.

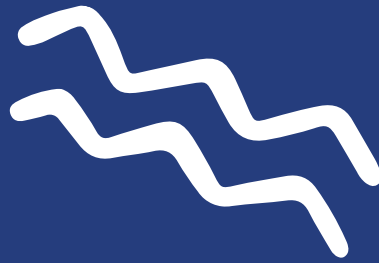
Developing a Composting area:

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. Thank you.

BEYOND THE GATE



Clothing: With the rain this week, our Beyond the Gate site is now becoming muddy. Therefore, it is important that all children have waterproof trousers for their sessions. Year One children require a full change of clothes, including a waterproof coat and trousers (please read the letter sent before half term for the requirements). Please ensure your child knows what is in their bag and what they need to wear. Year R require waterproof trousers and coats, which will go over their school uniform for their sessions this half term.

Volunteers: We require volunteers to enable the children to fully embrace the opportunities and allow enriching activities to take place in the sessions. Without volunteers, sessions may need to be cancelled due to ratios. Parents who volunteer always find the sessions rewarding and enjoyable. Some businesses give volunteer hours to staff and some parents have used these to attend. We look forward to you joining us: volunteersignup.org/9MM99

Blog: To see what your children got up to in the sessions, remember to look at the blog which is updated regularly. It is a great way to stimulate a conversation with your child about what they enjoyed doing and what they learnt:

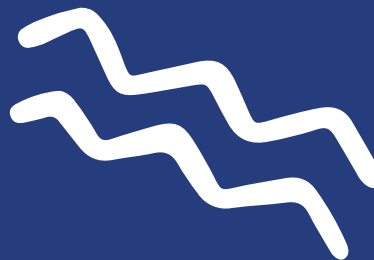
<https://www.tweseldowninfantschool.co.uk/page/?title=Forest+School+Blog&pid=277>.

Donations:

If you are able to donate any of the items below we would be very grateful;

- kindling
- cotton wool
- string or twine
- pine cones

PTFA



Upcoming PTFA Events & Dates

17th November at 20:00 – PTFA Zoom meeting

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

PTFA Zoom Meeting

Our next PTFA meeting will be held on **Monday 17th November** at 20:00 via Zoom. Further details, including the link to join will be sent out via the class WhatsApp groups closer to the time. We would love for lots of you to join and share your ideas. We hope to see you there!

Second-hand Uniform Update

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

We will be accepting donations of **jumpers and cardigans ONLY** from next week (w/c 17th November).

We will need some support with setting up, 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!

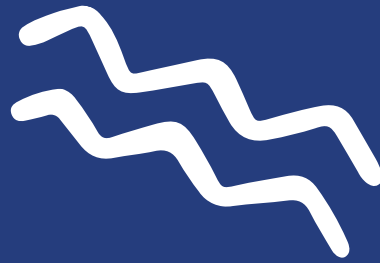


Festive Fireworks – Friday 28th November

We are very excited about our upcoming Festive Fireworks. You should have hopefully received an email with some more information about the wonderful stalls and food vendors we've got booked for the event.

TICKETS ARE SELLING FAST! Early bird tickets have sold out. But you can still purchase standard price tickets via this link -

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/tweseldown/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=107046#>



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.

Name: **Tweseldown Infant School PTFA**

Account number: **27335060**

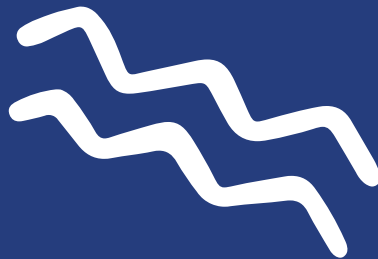
Sort code: **30-80-42**

*****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. Please click on the volunteer link and sign up if you can spare some time to help - <https://volunteersignup.org/JYXP3>

AUTUMN TERM EXTERNAL CLUBS

These clubs are run by external providers, for more information please contact them directly.



Day	Before School	After School
Monday		<p>French by Fun Francais 3.10pm till 4.00pm funfrancaisltd@gmail.com</p> <p>Drama Kids Session 1: 3pm-4pm Session 2: 4pm-5pm fleet@dramakids.co.uk</p>
Tuesday		<p>Street Dance by The Performers Place 3.05pm till 4.00pm info@theperformersplace.co.uk</p> <p>Year 1 and 2 Football by Planet Soccer 3.05pm till 4.10pm admin@planet-soccer.info</p>
Wednesday		
Thursday	<p>Gymnastics by Hart Gymnastics 8.00 till 8.35 am schools@hartgymnastics.org.uk</p>	
Friday	<p>Yoga with Katie 8.00 till 8.35 am kate@kwgcoaching.com</p>	<p>Theatre School by The Performers Place 3.05pm–4.30pm info@theperformersplace.co.uk</p>

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/>

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FESTIVE
LOW NOISE
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2025

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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event=event&eventId=107046#](https://www.pta-events.co.uk/tweseldown/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=107046#)



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,
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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.enthuse.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!

FOLLOW THE STAR



**TO THE GREATEST
STORY EVER TOLD**

Christians Together in Fleet are inviting you to be part of the Christmas story, meeting the characters from the nativity, making some Christmas crafts and taking photos of the Bible stories brought to life.

Join us on Gurkha Square at the Christmas Festival on Wednesday 26th November from 4PM till 7PM. Free crafts and gifts to take away.