

Newsletter

7th December 2022

Autumn Term



St Paul's Cray

C of E Primary School

Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly

My Child's Art Christmas Cards



Orders are still being taken for your children's Christmas cards. Please log into My Child's Art to order.

<https://mychildsart.co.uk/oder/parent-portal/child-search/>

Username: StPauls1

Password: pusq9P8m

YOU HAVE UNTIL



**MONDAY
12TH**

DECEMBER

**TO PLACE
ORDERS WITH
GUARANTEED
CHRISTMAS
DELIVERY!**

Family Worker

If you have concerns or worries about your child, you can contact Mrs Brindle who is our Family worker.

Call 01689 821993

PTA Christmas Chocolate Raffle

Tickets on sale – only one ticket available per child.



Contact Numbers

Please ensure the School Office have more than one contact on record for your child. In the case of an emergency it is important that we have more than one number

Dogs on school grounds

A polite reminder that we do not permit parents/carers to bring their dogs on to school grounds, please refrain from bringing them inside the gates.

Choir singing at The Glades

Our choir sang Christmas songs at the Glades in Bromley. We are so proud of how well they sang and their behaviour was excellent. Thank you to all those parents who helped the children when walking and on the train and thank you to so many of you who watched and supported the children at the Glades. Thank you to Mrs Fathers from BYMT who runs our choir.

We will be singing at Nugent on Wednesday 14th December at 1.30pm - please come and support us if you can.

A video from their performance is on our website under 'Latest News'.



Phase Leaders

Should you have any queries or questions regarding your child in school you can speak to the class teacher or our phase leaders:

Early Years - Mrs Zegeling

KS1- Miss Bell

Lower KS2 - Mrs Jones

Upper KS2- Mrs Merredew

Children's Centres

The Children Centres at Cotmandene and Blenheim are running lots of sessions for parents and children. There are health clinic sessions, parent courses and learn and play sessions.

If you would like to know more, please see Mrs Morris, Mrs Zegeling or Mrs Brindle who have the timetables for these centres during the month of November.

Urgent Safety Alert issued for baby self-feeding pillows



Further to our email sent last week, this is a reminder :

Baby self-feeding pillow products are designed to be attached to a bottle so that the baby may be positioned on its back to self-feed

without the assistance of a caregiver holding the bottle and controlling the feed.

This is inconsistent with [NHS guidance in relation to safe bottle feeding](#).

When used as intended, even whilst under the supervision of a caregiver, it could lead to immediate serious harm or death from choking or aspiration pneumonia.

Nursery News

Nursery have been learning about superheroes. They have listened to lots of superhero stories and made themselves a superhero tabard and mask.



Reception News

Robins Class enjoyed threading leaves onto string to create individual mobiles. We enjoyed looking at the different colours and shapes of the leaves. We then used the mobiles to decorate a tree in the Forest School area.



Year 1 News



In Kingfishers we have been learning about materials. We were finding out which materials are good insulators for our ice cubes. We made it a fair test by making sure the ice cubes were the same size.

Year 2 News

In Year 2, we explored vertical symmetry in 2D shapes by creating loose part faces!



Year 3 News

As part of year 3's topic about Volcanoes, year 3 have sorted and investigated different rock types.

Vinnie brought in some marble and granite samples for us to inspect.

Mia brought in a newspaper from home to help our newspaper writing unit.



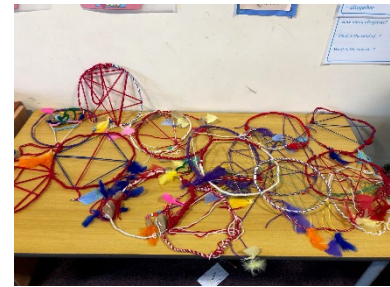
Year 4 News

Year 4 have been making Dream Catchers as part of their Art this term which links to their Geography of American Road Trip

Elms Dream Catchers:



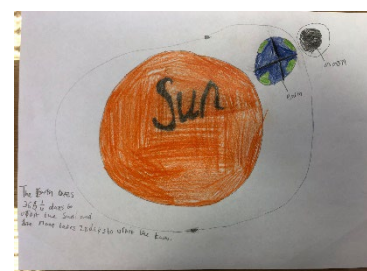
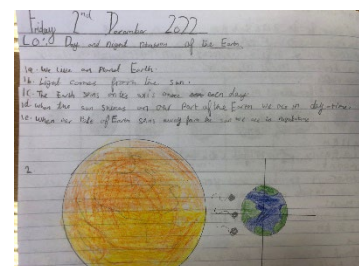
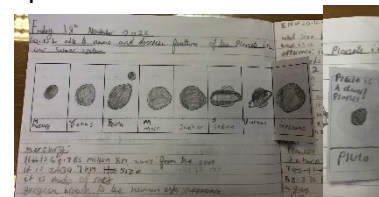
Rowans Dream Catchers:

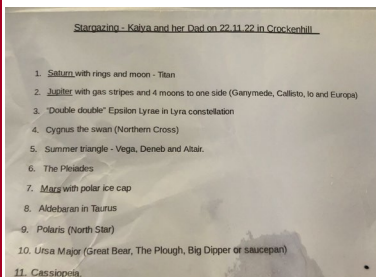


Year 5 News

Year 5 have enjoyed having swimming sessions this term, they have been going weekly for 10 weeks to The Walnuts.

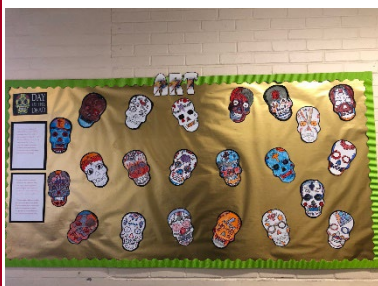
Year 5 have also been studying 'space' in school for Science and Kaiya went to her Grandad's house and looked through a telescope and binoculars. She saw Jupiter, Mars and Saturn (even the rings of Saturn were visible) she has told the class all about this – ask Kaiya any questions on space.





Year 6 News

Year 6 have been studying the culture of Mexico as part of their Geography Topic; this included learning about The Day of the Dead (Dia de los Muertos) and producing masks during their art lessons.



Reading for Pleasure

Some of our year 6 Sunshine Reader leaders have been enjoying a book together. They have finally finished this chosen story and have chosen a new one. The girls enjoy talking about what they are reading together.



Skeleton Competition

To encourage links between reading and discovery we had a competition to guess the animal skeleton. Lots of children, staff and members of the local community entered but in the end we had 4 winners who correctly guessed a giant panda! Winners were Olivia T (Year 3), Miss Appleby (Year 2) and Sally and Lou our cleaners. We have bought some books about animal skeletons for children to enjoy.



Thank you

We would like to say thank you to Tidy Timbers for their kind donation of a Christmas Tree and lights for our school; it is lovely to have support from a local Business!



PE Timetable Spring Term 1 - 2023

	9.00- 10.00	10.00- 11.30	1-1.40 HALL	1.40-2.20 KS1 PLAYGROUND	2.20-3pm KS2 PLAYGROUND FIELD
Monday			Year 3 (Cricket)		
Tuesday			Year 5 (Basketball coach)		
Wednesday	Nursery Sport for Tots Hall		Year 1	Year 1 and 2	
Thursday			Reception	Year 4	Year 4 (Swimming)
Friday			Year 6 (Gymnastic coach)		

Compulsory P.E. Kit (boys and girls):

Children are to wear PE kit on their PE days all day. This should consist of:

trainers or plimsolls,
plain black joggers/plain black leggings or plain black shorts,
plain white t-shirt,
plain black hoodie or school jumper

Children who are not in correct PE kit will be expected to change into the school's spare kit for the day.

Important Events

Monday 12 th December	All day	Christmas Jumper Day (donation of £1 to Save the Children)
Monday 12 th December	Lunchtime	Christmas dinner day –please pre-book your child's meal https://forms.gle/tLMB3qie5URhrXDH8
Tuesday 13 th December	2.30pm	KS1 Nativity (Year 1 & 2) – parents/carers invited
Wednesday 14 th December	9.15am	KS1 Nativity (Year 1 & 2) – parents/carers invited
Thursday 15 th December	10am	EYFS Nativity (Nursery & Reception) – parents/carers invited
Thursday 15 th December	1.45pm	Panto performance in school from Outside the Box Productions – please send in your donation of £3
Friday 16 th December	10.15am – 11.15am	EYFS parent Christmas crafts session – further details to follow
Friday 16 th December	2.30pm	EYFS Nativity (Nursery & Reception) – parents/carers invited
Monday 19 th December	2.30pm	Class parties/food
Tuesday 20 th December	AM	Services at St Mary's Church for years 1 – 6 – times of services to follow – parents/carers invited
Tuesday 20 th December	End of Term	Nursery closes at 11.45am for all children. Reception closes at 1.20pm. KS1 and KS2 close at 1.30pm.
Wednesday 18 th January	2.50pm	Year 6 Oaks Class Assembly – parents/carers invited
Wednesday 25 th January	2.50pm	Year 4 Elms & Rowans Class Assembly – parents/carers invited
Wednesday 1 st February	2.50pm	Year 3 Maples Class Assembly – parents/carers invited
Monday 6 th February	All day	Children's Mental Health Week
Tuesday 7 th February	All day	Internet Day
Wednesday 8 th February	2.50pm	Year 5 Ash Class Assembly – parents/carers invited
Wednesday 1 st March	2.50pm	Year 1/2 Puffins Class Assembly – parents/carers invited
Thursday 2 nd March	All day	World Book Day
Wednesday 8 th March	2.50pm	Year 1 Kingfishers Class Assembly – parents/carers invited
Wednesday 8 th March	All day	International Women's Day
Monday 13 th March – Friday 17 th March	All day	Science Week
Wednesday 15 th March	2.50pm	Reception Class Assembly – parents/carers invited
Thursday 1 st June		GRT History Month
Monday 5 th June	All day	World Environment Day
Tuesday 20 th June	All day	World Refugee Day
Date to be confirmed		Sports Day
Wednesday 12 th July	All day	French Day

SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES

2022 - 2023

AUTUMN TERM 2022

Autumn 1 – Wed 31st Aug – Fri 14th Oct

Half Term – Mon 17th Oct – Fri 28th Oct

Autumn 2 – Mon 31st Oct – Tues 20th Dec

SPRING TERM 2023

Spring 1 – Tues 3rd Jan – Thurs 9th February

Half Term – Mon 13th Feb – Fri 17th Feb

Spring 2 – Mon 20th Feb – Fri 31st Mar

SUMMER TERM 2023

Summer 1 - Mon 17th Apr – Thurs 25th May

Bank Holiday – Mon 1st May

Half Term – Mon 29th May – Fri 2nd Jun

Summer 2 – Mon 5th Jun – Fri 21st Jul

STAFF TRAINING DAYS (school closed)

Day 1 – Tues 30th Aug 2022

Day 2 – Weds 21st Dec 2022

Day 3 – Fri 10th Feb 2023

Day 4 – Fri 26th May 2023

Day 5 – to be confirmed

SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES

2023 - 2024

AUTUMN TERM - 2023

Autumn 1 – Wed 30th Aug – Fri 13th Oct

Half Term – Mon 16th Oct – Fri 27th Oct

Autumn 2 – Mon 30th Oct – Weds 20th Dec

SPRING TERM 2024

Spring 1 – Weds 5th Jan – Thurs 8th February

Half Term – Mon 12th Feb – Fri 16th Feb

Spring 2 – Mon 19th Feb – Fri 28th Mar

SUMMER TERM 2024

Summer 1 - Mon 15th Apr – Thurs 23rd May

Bank Holiday – Mon 6th May

Half Term – Mon 27th May – Fri 31st May

Summer 2 – Mon 3rd June – Tues 23rd July

STAFF TRAINING DAYS (school closed)

Day 1 – Tuesday 29 August 2023

Day 2 – Thursday 21 December 2023

Day 3 – Friday 9th February 2024

Day 4 – Friday 24th May 2024

Day 5 – Wednesday 24th July 2024

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