

# NEWSLETTER

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Autumn Issue 13—6th December 2024



**Next Manner of the Week**  
We look after our own and school property.

**Children in Need total** A huge thanks to all our pupil leaders for their help in raising a **MASSIVE £2,025** in our recent Children in Need and New Valley School (Uganda) fundraising. We absolutely smashed last year's amount and the children had so much fun taking part in all of the activities throughout the day. Thanks too to our parent/carer community for their generous donations of cakes, sweets and teddies and for sending the children in with their 50ps! A phenomenal result all round!



**Christmas Jumper Day** A reminder that Thursday December 12th will be Christmas Jumper Day and we will be celebrating this in school by wearing our Christmas jumpers or something Christmassy over our school uniforms and enjoying our Christmas lunch. Christmas Jumper Day is Save the Children's annual event which raises money for children in the UK and across the world. Every December, millions of people across the United Kingdom (and beyond!) put on a festive outfit and make a donation to help give children the magical future they deserve.



Please could you kindly bring in a suggested donation of £1.00 or whatever you can afford, on this day when the children can wear a Christmas jumper or something Christmassy (over their school uniform). Thank you as always for your generosity at this time of the year.

**Clip-on ties** We are pleased to let you know that we are now holding stock of clip-on ties in school. These can be purchased through your child's ScoPay account at the cost of £6.50 and collected from the school office.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY .....

- Tues 10th Dec**—Loud and Proud Choir singing at Epsom Market Place, 11.30am
- Tues 10th Dec**—Christmas Nativity performances, Year 1 at 10am, Early Years at 2pm
- Thur 12th Dec**—Christmas Nativity performances, Early Years at 10am, Year 1 at 2pm
- Thur 12th Dec**—Christmas Jumper Day (to be worn on top of uniform)
- Thur 12th Dec**—Christmas lunch (this can be ordered online via Aspens if your child wishes to have this)
- Thur 12th Dec**—SEND coffee afternoon, 2.30-3.15pm, infant hall
- Fri 13th Dec**—Spotlight on learning assembly, Chestnut class, 9am, large hall, parents invited
- Mon 16th Dec**—Loud and Proud Choir singing at Atkins, 3.45-4.15pm (pick up from Music Room at 4.15pm)
- Tues 17th Dec**—Christmas service at St Martin's Church, Year 2-6, leaving school at 9am
- Tues 17th Dec**—Loud and Proud Choir singing at Epsom Market Place, 1.30pm
- Thur 19th Dec**—Mini Christmas 'Sing Out', Bandlings and Songbirds, 3.20pm, Infant playground.
- Fri 20th Dec**—Early finish: Infants 1.15pm, Juniors 1.20pm



## Active Ambassador

This week's Active Ambassador is **Ava** in Juniper class - for her excellent commitment when completing the cross country, displaying a real determined attitude and improving her best score by 2 laps. Well done Ava!



**Christmas church service helpers needed** - We require a number of helpers to accompany the children on the walk to and from the church, morning of Tuesday 17th December. We will be leaving school shortly after 9am and returning close to 11.30am. Only those helping to walk to and from the church are invited to join the children in church during the service. Please [click here](#) to sign up.

Cooking Club have been busy this week making some wonderful biscuits!



**Joseph performance** Sidney in Chestnut class has been busy rehearsing with the cast of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat for their UK Tour. He performed on the opening night at the Edinburgh Playhouse this week! Sidney is cast in the roles of Zebulun (one of Joseph's brothers) and the baker. The photo shows him on stage with Donny Osmond - who is playing the Pharaoh in Edinburgh!



**SEND coffee afternoon** A reminder that we have a SEND coffee afternoon next **Thursday 12th December at 2.30pm in the Infant hall**. If you are interested in coming along, please email [inclusionadmin@stmartinsepsom.school](mailto:inclusionadmin@stmartinsepsom.school) to help us plan numbers for refreshments, thank you.

**Yoga Club date** To confirm, the last Yoga after-school club of the Autumn term is Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December.

**Young carers assembly** We were delighted to welcome Jo from Surrey Young Carers to attend our Young Carers' Assembly this week. Our Young Carers were able to share with the rest of the school, what it is like being a member of our group and talk about the meetings and the fabulous activities we do. We also told the children about what being a young carer actually means and who to talk to if they feel they may be a young carer. If you do think your child may be a young carer please contact Mrs Dove through the following email address: [youngcarers@stmartinsepsom.school](mailto:youngcarers@stmartinsepsom.school). (Photo to follow next week).



**Little Red Rucksack appeal** We are collecting again this year for Sutton Night Watch, a local homeless charity, through the Little Red Rucksack appeal. Please see the poster on page 5 for full details and items being requested. Some year 6 helpers will be helping to co-ordinate donations of items which can be dropped off up until Friday 13th December under 'the wave' in the large playground.

## School Attendance

Each week in the newsletter we will tell you the school attendance for the previous week and list the classes who had the highest attendance.

25th — 29th November 2024

**Infants last week: 94.2%**  
Highest class was Fox with 97.5%

**Juniors last week: 94.4%**  
Highest class was Oak with 97.1%

## Golden Tickets!



This half term selected children have been awarded a Super Star 'Golden Ticket' by their class teacher as part of our weekly celebration assemblies on a Thursday. Early Years, Year 1 and Year 2 parents will have received an email from school with information on the option their child has chosen to exchange their ticket for.

**Children in years 3-6—if your child has been awarded a Golden Ticket, their teacher will have told them in class and they will have selected to exchange their ticket from one of the following 3 options:**

- Come to school in their own clothes for the day (non-uniform day). They are invited to redeem their choice on **Thursday 19th December**.
- **Bring in a teddy, cuddly toy or blanket for the day**. They can bring in their chosen item on a day of their choosing next week (week beginning Monday 9th December). They will be able to have their chosen item with them during their learning in class but will be asked to keep it safe in the classroom during breaktimes and lunchtime.
- Either a **hot chocolate or milkshake**, which they will enjoy in school next week.



Please let the office know if there are any issues with the above.

This week's house points	
Durdans	336
Hylands	267
Maidstone	223
Woodcote	262



### PTFA news .....

ptfaepsom@gmail.com

We are on Facebook and Instagram  

Next PTFA meeting is:  
Friday 17th January at 8am  
Venue: School library

### Dates and Information

#### Christmas Hamper Raffle

A huge thank you to you all for your very generous donations of luxury hamper items this morning!

The raffle will be drawn next Friday 13 December. There's still time to get your raffle tickets! Please see below for more info.

#### Christmas Disco - Friday 6 December, 3:30pm - 6:30pm

A reminder that the disco is a drop-off event. Please accompany your child to the hall where they will be signed in and back out at the end of their disco.

Park View Crepes and other refreshments will be available to purchase

#### Winter Wonderland - Friday 6 December, 3:30pm - 7:00pm

We would like to clarify that **no ticket is required for entry** to Forest School Winter Wonderland and it is not only for those attending the discos; all are welcome! Children must be supervised at all times. Please do not bring any dogs into Winter Wonderland and no smoking or vaping on site.

Cash, tokens and card payment will be accepted for the activities and any purchases you make. We look forward to seeing you there!




**THE PTFA**

# CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

The PTFA is delighted to launch the 2024 Christmas Raffle!  
Buy your tickets for £1 to enter in the chance to win one of the fantastic prizes on offer, including 50+ Christmas hampers, a range of vouchers, books, toys and gifts for all of the family!

\*The raffle will be drawn at 11:55pm on Friday 13th December

Buy your tickets online here: 

<https://app.classlist.com/events/#!/raffle/view/1217351335>

# Values Tie and Stars of the Week



**Badger- Values Tie: Ezrin. Superstar: Marion**

**Star of the week: Annabel** for being a Brave Branley, performing so well during the dress rehearsal of our Christmas production on Tuesday.

**Dormouse– Values Tie: Aiden. Superstar: Emma G**

**Star of the week: Megumi** has been a real Thinking Thedrick this week. She has really thought about learnt phonic sounds to enable her to read words with more independence. Well done Megumi, keep up the super work!

**Fox - Values Tie: Sloane. Superstar: Austin**

**Star of the week: Beau** for his on-going fine motor control and pencil grip. Beau has been working so hard on his letter and number formation. In adventure time, it is lovely to see him concentrating on his colouring in/ and drawing pictures.

**Mole– Values Tie: Alyssa. Superstar: Serine**

**Star of the week:** This week **Millie** has blown me away with her work in English. She has created some brilliant innovations whilst consistently using her full stops and capital letters in her writing. You should be so proud of the progress you are making Millie! Well done, keep it up.

**Hedgehog– to follow next week**

**Otter– Values: Ava. Superstar: Alara**

**Star of the week: Tyler** has had a great week this week and I am so proud of his efforts. He worked incredibly hard during his reading activity, applying his phonics and comprehension skills.

**Rabbit– Values Tie: Phoebe. Superstar: Christian**

**Star of the week: Tomas** for his remarkable focus and engagement in class which have truly shone through. Tomas has consistently demonstrated an admirable ability to listen without calling out, setting a fantastic example for his peers! Well done, Tomas!

**Squirrel– Values Tie: Sophie. Thomas. Superstar: Juliana**

**Star of the week:** This week, **Alex** has really shone! His improved focus during lessons has been impressive, and he consistently demonstrates kindness to his friends. Keep up the fantastic work, Alex – I am so proud of you!

**Vole – Values Tie: Harry. Superstar: Aras**

**Star of the week: Zion**, an all around excellent learner that always takes every learning opportunity as a chance to grow. I am super impressed with how responsible you have been, balancing your school work alongside your acting career. Well done, Zion!

**Holly– Values Tie: Celine. Superstar: Jaine**

**Star of the week: Brody** worked really hard and persevered in art when completing continuous line drawings. He managed to draw a shark and a fish. He should feel proud of his efforts. Well done Brody!

**Juniper– Values Tie: Evan. Superstar: Arya**

**Star of the week: Hudson** for consistently good effort and focus in class - great work Hudson!

**Willow– Values Tie: Annie. Superstar: Kate**

**Star of the week:** Well done to **Nancy** for wowing us with her amazing writing during this unit. We are so amazed by your brilliant use of adjectives and adverbs, and love to read your descriptive sentences. Keep up the awesome work. Well done Nancy!

**Maple– Values Tie: Myla. Superstar: Jemimah**

**Star of the week: Elias–** you have worked really hard in English trying to add in all the key features to your stories. Keep it up!

**Poplar– Values Tie: Leo. Superstar: Finley**

**Star of the week: Johan** - you have been working exceptionally hard in reading this term and have made fantastic progress. Keep it up!

**Plum– Values Tie: Maisie. Superstar: Nathan**

**Star of the week: Mirabella** for writing clear and concise instructions to make a lantern in her cold task this week. Well done Mirabella!

**Hawthorn– Values Tie: Akhira. Superstar: Aaron**

**Star of the week:** Kendrick for showing amazing perseverance and determination during the cross country challenge. Also for demonstrating his great passion and enthusiasm to his learning, across the curriculum. Well done, keep it up :)

**Hazel- Values Tie: Nia. Superstar: Minhah**

**Star of the week: Matty** is a mathematician in the making. He has demonstrated an excellent understanding of fractions in maths, working out his answers quickly and systematically. Matty has a good understanding of number and uses his arithmetic skills to solve word problems independently. Well done Matty!

**Beech– Values Tie: Bea. Superstar: Johanna**

**Star of the week: Chloe**, well done for trying hard to improve the quality of your writing. You are making fantastic progress, due to the effort you put in.

**Chestnut—Values Tie: Willow. Superstar: Erin**

**Star of the week: Ethan** for great work in English creating setting descriptions based on our model text.

**Oak—Values Tie: Rhys. Superstar: Josh**

**Star of the week: Amelia** for superb levels of discussion during Talk Partner sections of the lesson - always focussed with meaningful additions.

**Pine—Values Tie: Oliver. Superstar: Iona**

**Star of the week: Harry**, for his excellent contributions during maths as well as really challenging himself whilst working on ratios.



'Tis the season to be giving

# LITTLE RED RUCKSACK APPEAL

We're collecting again this year for Sutton Night Watch (a local homeless charity working in Surrey and London). We'd be very grateful for donations by Friday 13th December of the following items:

TOOTHPASTE  
TOOTHBRUSHES  
SNACK BARS  
WATER BOTTLES/DRINKS  
DEODORANT  
SHOWER GEL  
SHAMPOO  
HAND SANITISER  
SOAP  
SANITARY PRODUCTS  
WARM HATS  
WARM GLOVES  
WARM SOCKS  
WARM SCARVES

Adult sizes only for hats, gloves, socks, scarves & toothbrushes, please. Preloved clothing is fine as long as they are freshly washed & in very good condition.

All donations can be left under the wave with our Year 6 helpers or taken up to class where they'll be collected.

**Christmas**  
with epsom vineyard church

**CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA**  
**SAT 7th DEC**  
**2pm - 4pm**  
**EPSOM SOCIAL**  
1 Derby Square, Epsom KT19 8AG

**CHRISTINGLE SERVICE**  
**SUN 8th DEC**  
**10:15am - 12pm**  
**BLenheim HIGH SCHOOL**  
Longmead Rd, Epsom KT19 9BH

**NO-REHEARSAL NATIVITY**  
**SUN 22nd DEC**  
**10:15am - 12pm**  
**BLenheim HIGH SCHOOL**  
Longmead Rd, Epsom KT19 9BH

**CAROLS**  
*by Candlelight*  
**TUES 24th DEC**  
**4pm - 5pm**  
**EPSOM VINEYARD CHURCH CENTRE**  
23 Lansdowne Rd, Ewell KT19 9QJ

[www.epsomvineyard.org/christmas-2024](http://www.epsomvineyard.org/christmas-2024)