# **School Notices**

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# **Parking Next Week**



Please note the school car park will be out of action Tuesday to Friday next week which means there will be more cars parked on the road around school. This is due to new gates being fitted.

As you may well need to park further away from the school please do factor in the additional walking time to your journey.

# Just a quick reminder about the start of the day. Classroom doors are open from 8.45am and close at 8.55am promptly.

To arrive in the classroom after the introduction of a lesson is not a pleasant experience for a child and often results in difficulty in settling to work and in understanding what is required of them, and so we do appreciate your support with ensuring your children arrive in school at the correct time.

## The Big Ambition

The Children's Commissioner has launched <u>The</u> <u>Big Ambition survey</u> to understand what children want ahead of the next General Election. We have been asked to share the link with our parents and children. Please click here to access and complete the survey.

https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/the\_big\_ambition/

This year, our **Second Hand Uniform and Festive Jumper Sale** will be fundraising for Home-Start Watford, Three Rivers and Hertsmere to support our vital work in the local community.



Watford &

**Three Rivers** 

The sale will take place in the school hall, Tuesday to Friday, from 8.30am to 8.55am.

If you're able to donate, we ask you to make your sale donations through Home-Start's Big Give Christmas Challenge portal. This is because donations to them through this portal will be doubled, making twice the impact.

How? Scan the QR code and click on 'Donate Now'. When submitting details, we ask you to add HPS to the end of your surname. Donation details won't be shared with the school, it is just to allow Home-Start to tell us the total we've raised.





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Home-Start Watford and Three Rivers

# Reception and KS1 Christmas Story Night Wednesday 6th December 5pm - 6pm

Twas a few weeks before Christmas and all through the school, Reception and Key Stage 1 children were dressed in their pyjamas listening to Christmas stories!

In order to continue with our emphasis on reading for pleasure, we would like to invite all children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 back to school to listen to some special Christmas stories read by a variety of adults. This event will be taking place on Wednesday 6th December between 5pm and 6pm. The children will be welcomed back to school and put into small groups and taken to their designatedspace. They will then have 3 stories read to them by 3 different adults and will be treated to a hot chocolate and a biscuit (alternatives will be provided for dietary requirements). Refreshements will be available for parents who would like to stay and wait for their children. If your child would like to attend then please complete the following google form by Friday 1st December. This will allow us the time to group the children and organise appropriate refreshments.



## It's a Cracker

Tuesday 12th December at 2.00pm Wednesday 13th December at 9.30am

The EYFS and KS1 Christmas show this year is "It's a Cracker" Each family can book up to 2 tickets across the performances, so either 2 tickets to see 1 show, or 1 ticket for each show. Booking for the performances will open on Monday 27th November at 12pm and close on Wednesday 6th December at 12pm.

It will be possible to take photographs, without obscuring any person's view, at both performances, for your personal use

only. You are not permitted to upload any photographs taken to social media. Individual information re: costumes will be sent home by the class teacher. All children are participating in all performances.

<u>Please click here to book your tickets</u>





Visibility is a key issue all year round, all day round, whether children are walking or on their bike. However, over the autumn/winter months, it is especially important as the school day can start and end in twilight. During term time, the majority of child road accidents happen in the afternoon and evenings, especially in the autumn and winter when it gets dark earlier in the day.

The general principles of being visible to motorists are:

- During the day, bright and fluorescent clothing is best.
- At twilight and night time, reflective clothing or tape that is picked up in car's headlights is best.
- It is against the law to cycle at night without a white front light, a red back light and a red reflector at the back.
- Always choose routes and cross at places that are well-lit.
- Where possible, cross the road at a pedestrian crossing
- The message for pedestrians and cyclists is to wear bright clothing during the day and reflective clothing or accessories after dark.

Drivers should be especially careful around schools and mindful of their speed when visibility is poor.

## Friday 24th November – Ruby: supports other people with friendly smiles, gives praise and helps others to solve problems.

Year 1 – Ella and Sufiya are always kind and help their peers solve problems and offer friendly smiles.

Year 2 – Rachel and Josh are always happy to help others without being asked and always with a smile on their face! Well done for being such kind, great role models.

Year 3 – Franklin and Prahan always have smiles for their friends and never fail to try to help them solve problems.

Year 4 – Johnny has been greeting his peers with positivity and Ehra wants to support others in lessons when they are struggling.

Year 5 – Zunaira and Rafi are always willing to help others in the class and both always have a smile on their faces.

Year 6 – Elijah has been very supportive of others in the class being friendly with a big smile and Freddie is always a friendly child who gives praise to others and helps them solve their problems.

#### This week, Clive the Carrot is awarded to...







#### Housepoints – Friday 24th November 111 112 68 November 112 68

#### **Muntjac wins!**



### **Class Specific Messages**

#### Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Winter Craft Morning

On Monday the 18th December, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children will be taking part in a really lovely craft morning that has been organised by the staff. They will set up a number of different stations with various activities for the children, and the children will be able to explore and take part in them throughout the morning. In order to make sure we have enough supplies for everyone we are asking for £2 voluntary contribution per child for this event which is payable via your Arbor Account under 'Trips'.