



## Newsletter 8 - Friday 15th December 2023

### Farewell to Mrs Carter-McQueen

Today we said farewell to Mrs Carter-McQueen who leaves New Haw after 13 years to become headteacher of The Raleigh School in West Horsley. During a delightful special assembly children danced, sang and recalled their happy memories of working with Mrs Carter-McQueen. She will be sadly missed by pupils and colleagues alike. In saying farewell we thanked her for the wonderful contribution she has made to our school and wished her every success in her new role.



### Year 4 xmas assembly

This week, Year 4 have delighted audiences with two fantastic performances of their Christmas assembly. They sang, performed poetry and acted out the nativity story beautifully. It was the first time that a whole year group have performed our Christmas assembly and it was wonderful to see them all up on stage. It really got us all in the Christmas spirit!



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### Staff panto

The children enjoyed a fun morning on Monday with a pantomime, "oh yes they did!" performed by a very familiar cast!





### Dr Ben Spencer MP - Christmas card competition WINNER

Congratulations to Chloe who won the Christmas card competition for our local MP Dr Ben Spencer. Chloe will be making a trip to parliament on Monday and having a guided tour. Well done Chloe!



### **Headteacher Awards**

Congratulations to the following children who have been awarded a Headteacher Award for progress, improvement or academic excellence. These awards are made at the end of each half term and can be awarded for improvements in behaviour/attitude or for academic excellence.

<b>3Q</b>	<b>3V</b>	<b>3G</b>	<b>4D</b>	<b>4R</b>	<b>4A</b>
Emily Oberauer	Zac Harris	Josh Burvill	Isla Duncan	Loresa Raci	Elsie Mae Norman
Ehsan Hussain	Kacey Nunn	Hiba Wajid	Muhammad-Musa Khurshid	Quinn Ritchie	Faith Green
<b>5S</b>	<b>5J</b>	<b>5C</b>	<b>6S</b>	<b>6G</b>	<b>6M</b>
Aaron Theobold	Isabella Hall	Millie Evans	Pollyanna Elliott	Norah Huynh	Ibrahim Razaq
Alicia Haynes	Henry Coumbe	Sebastian Riley	Stefan Ocnasu	Finley Bedford	Daniella Anderson





## The Art Club this Christmas

Our Year 5 and 6 Art Club hosted a festive visit for The Grange. The children enjoyed getting to know new friends from the year 2

Art Club, teaching them some skills and helping them create some lovely Christmas craft. In turn, they then learnt how to make and decorate a beautiful paper wreath.



They also loved sharing their work from this term with their parents at our after-school gallery.

Mrs Shadbolt created a stunning gingerbread house to accompany our miniature paper houses. It was very atmospheric when we dimmed the lights!





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## Have yourself a 'green' Christmas!



This Christmas we have turned to the children to ask for ideas about how to have a brilliant time whilst being eco-friendly. These were just a few of their inspirational ideas...

1. Turn off Christmas lights at night- 6pm to 10pm is fine
2. Buy local ingredients that are organic where you can
3. Gift people thoughtful second-hand gifts
4. Buy the food you will use to reduce waste and don't take more food than you can eat on Christmas Day!
5. Get out your board games for family fun instead of using electric-powered devices.
6. Use present bags multiple times and string instead of tape.
7. Make your own paper decorations, instead of buying plastic.



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## Royal British Legion

A very HUGE thank you to everyone who donated to the Poppy Appeal this year, we are delighted to hear we raised so much again this year.



### Y4 Swimming

On Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January, Year 4 children will commence our National Curriculum Swimming program, commencing with an assessment of their swimming skills at Eastwood Leisure Centre. The assessment will be followed by lessons every Thursday, which as well as being fun are aimed at developing their skills and become confident and proficient swimmers, able to perform a safe self-rescue. Don't forget to bring your swimming kit consisting of a swimming costume/swim shorts, swim hat (all children) and a towel. Also remember to remove all jewellery.

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### School Diary

Tuesday 2nd January	School resumes
Thursday 4th January	Y4 Swimming assessment
Tuesday 9th January	Y3 Geography trip to Woking Park
Thursday 11th January	Y4 swimming lessons
	5S Class assembly
Wednesday 17th January	Young Voices Concert at the O2 London
	Y6 Young Shakespeare
Thursday 18th January	3Q Class assembly
Thursday 25th January	Y4 swimming lessons
	6G Class assembly
Thursday 1st February	Y4 swimming lessons
	3G Class assembly
Friday 23rd February	4A Class assembly
Friday 15th March	4R Class assembly

# Christmas Holiday Activities

## Create a Christmas Village

21st December 2023  
11-12:30pm or 2-3:30pm  
Cost: £4 Age 4-12

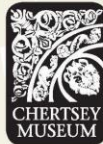
Use mini cardboard houses to create a gingerbread-style Christmas village. Decorate with paints, gems and glitter.

Four and five year olds must be accompanied by an adult.

Booking is essential

Book online at

<https://chertsey-museum.arttickets.org.uk> or  
by phone: 01932 565 764



## School uniform fund

### Need help with the cost of school uniforms?

If your child needs a school uniform, you may be able to receive some financial help.



### Who can apply for a voucher?

- 1 Household annual income below £33,000.
- 2 Savings below £6,000.
- 3 Must be liable for Council Tax.
- 4 From nursery age up to school Year 11.



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