



Raleigh Headlines

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Loki, Leo and Ben from 6 Willow have written the most amazing description (see page 3) of a magical plant to submit to a national writing competition on the theme of Harry Potter — the prize is a school trip to Harry Potter World!

Staff News

I am sad to tell you that Mrs Foran leaves tomorrow. She is going to be a stay-at-home Mum in the first instance, although I have said to her to keep in touch. Mrs Keen, with us a few years ago, has returned, so will step seamlessly into place as 6 Willow's class teacher. We also welcome Mrs Boyd as a new TA—she has just moved here from abroad and is already loving Horsley.

EYFS and KS1 Harvest Festival

Thanks to Mrs Mumby and her team for teaching the children poems and songs that a packed hall, on three days running, enjoyed. Thanks also to Edd Cope, St Mary's Children's Minister, for leading some very appropriate prayers afterwards. The children sang beautifully and we heard every word so congratulations to them! Your generosity in donating non-perishables for the Guildford Food Bank and to buy microwaves for the refugees at Thatcher's has been staggering. The conditions at Thatchers are not great so we are doing what we can to try to improve mealtimes a little by enabling food to be heated.

Please remember that **parents' evenings** will take place on **Tuesday 22nd and Thursday 24th November** from 4.30pm to 7.30pm.

Details on how to book your face to face discussion with your child's class teacher will be issued after the half term break.

NOTE - Teacher-led clubs will NOT run during the week of parents' evening. External clubs will run with the exception of the Tuesday afterschool Love the Ball Gym club. If you are in doubt which clubs are teacher-led and which are external clubs, please check the website by clicking [here](#) Teacher-led clubs are shown in green and external clubs are shown in blue.

We are recruiting for a full-time Teaching Assistant. This is a post we have available immediately, why not come and join our friendly team. Please [click here](#) to apply via eteach. If you would like to tour before you apply, please do call and book a visit.

Parents to lunch

As you know we have now re-launched the parents to lunch initiative. We were overwhelmed by your requests and know that those who have not been successful on this occasion are disappointed. Please always be courteous to staff; they did not determine the numbers of spaces available! We receive literally thousands of emails so please only email us if we have asked you to do so.

With 436 children on site, the lunch service is very busy, as you can imagine, so offering 10 places a day over the course of 4 days is a real 'ask' for our wonderful caterers and puts them over their 'capacity' to be honest. However, they always try to work with us so are happy to cater for some parents for one week each term as a very special offer. By offering 40 places in one week over 3 terms we can therefore invite 120 people over the course of one academic year, so you should be able to get a chance while your child is on roll with us in early years i.e. in Years R or 1.

The next round of places will be open for **Reception and Year 1 parents only** and we ask you to only apply for a place if you have not yet experienced it, in order to give other parents a chance. We will let you know when the next opportunity is via Headlines, which you receive at approximately 4.30pm on a Thursday.

A **Kitchen Assistant** is required to join our ABM catering team with effect from 8th November 2021. Uniform and Training provided. For more information, please contact Sue Howells on 01483 281904 or 07807084529.

A piece of writing by Loki, Leo and Ben in 6 Willow for the Harry Potter competition

Within the forest, behind the waterfall, a cave sat in silence and within it a shimmering lagoon lay. A sensational piece of vegetation emitted a glowing luminescence that filled the warm water. It stood proudly, just 8 metres beneath the surface with leathery petals encasing the ball of pure energy, with the stout stalk suspending the ghastly brilliance that is The Mortem Abstractum.

A floral beauty it is but do not judge this book by its cover for the Mortem Abstractum is deadly in the wrong circumstances. Its thriving vines swathe and wind themselves around the helpless victim, incapacitating them until, if they're a human or animal, their facial features will melt like candlewax. If the victim is a plant, the vines will encase it and absorb the plant's life force which will eventually make its way to the centre of Mortem Abstractum, giving it immense strength. The poor plant will be reduced to a hazardous, acidic dust which destroys anything it comes into contact with.



However, on the eleventh day of the eleventh month at the eleventh hour, the phosphorescent vines of Mortem Abstractum fall into a deep sleep. Whilst the plant is in this magnificent slumber, an eleven year old child is able to harvest the juice from the end of one of the vines. When they consume the rancid nectar of this beast, they will gain unrivalled knowledge of every spell imaginable for eleven precious hours. But, beware! They must use it wisely or a deadly curse will be imposed upon them.

Harvest Festival

Thank you parents for your generous donations.
Our collection was picked up this morning and taken to Cobham Food Bank .



Polesden Lacey will be welcoming back **Ignite** for another after-dark spectacular from today until Sunday 6th November. Ignite is an after dark trail running through the gardens combining lights, fire and lanterns, it's an opportunity to experience Polesden Lacey in a fun and different way.

If you would like to purchase tickets, [click here](#).

Reminders

- ✓ Y5 Portals to the Past Workshop 21st October
- ✓ SCITT Choir to Guildford Cathedral 21st October
- ✓ Cross country at KGV 21st October
- ✓ Y4 Swimming 21st October
- ✓ Half Term 24th to 28th October
- ✓ Love the Ball half term camp 24th to 28th October
- ✓ Y6 Height & Weight Measuring Programme 2nd November
- ✓ Y6 Visit to the Mary Rose 3rd November
- ✓ Y4 Swimming 4th November
- ✓ Y6 Visit to West Horsley Place pm 4th November

Following the House Cross Country event, these are the current House placings.

1st	Ark Royal	235
2nd	Roebuck	196
3rd	Tyger	193
4th	Falcon	148



Congratulations to Joshy in Y5 who competed at the Pegasus Mens Regional Finals last weekend and has been selected to represent South East England as one of six gymnasts to make up a squad to compete this December at the National Finals.

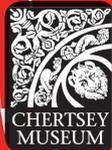


Last Friday our Chair of Governors, Dr Nash, joined our School Council to talk about Safeguarding.

The children did a great job so thank you parents for preparing them so well.

The members of the School Council thoroughly enjoyed Dr Nash's visit so a big thank you to her for giving up her time.

October Holiday Activities



Decorate for the
butterflies & bees

Tuesday 25th Oct
11:00-12:30 or 2:00-3:30
Cost: £4

Spider capes
& masks

Thursday 27th Oct
11:00-1:30 or 2:00-3:30
Cost: £4

www.chertseymuseum.org/events
Call 01932 565764 to book your place

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INVITES YOU TO BRING YOUR FAMILY TO OUR

SUPERHEROES PARTY

MONDAY 31ST OCTOBER 2022
THE WHEELHOUSE, EAST LANE
4-6PM

COME DRESSED
AS YOUR FAVOURITE
SUPERHERO!

Inflatables
Soft Play, Glitter Tattoos,
Super Activities
and much more...

TICKETS

Adults & Children £3 each
to include entry, activities, food and drink.

Available to buy online at
www.stmaryswesthorsley.co.uk

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This event is aimed at 0-7 year olds and is being run by St Mary's Children and Youth Ministry as a positive alternative to Halloween.

Is your child in year 6?



If so, you need to apply online for a secondary school place by **31 October 2022**. Applying on time gives you a better chance of getting one of your preferred schools.

If you live in Surrey, you can find out all you need to know about school admissions and apply online at surreycc.gov.uk/admissions or you can call us on **0300 200 1004**.

Apply online
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31 October 2022



Is your child starting school in September 2023?



If your child was born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019 you will need to apply for a school place. You can apply between **31 October 2022** and **15 January 2023**.

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Friday 9th December



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We are THRILLED to announce that this year's Winter Wonderland Festive Fair at The Raleigh School has been confirmed for the 9th December and we REALLY need your help and support to make this a magical and exciting day for all the children. For those new to the school, the fair is organised by the Friends of the Raleigh and we transform the hall into a Christmas market and hope to offer every child a magical Christmas experience.

However, without your help and support, there will be no Festive Fair and so we are asking you to please have a good look around your homes and donate some of the following:

Soft Toys

Please leave donations of good quality clean soft toys for the Tombola in a labelled bag and place in the plastic storage box in the playground from Monday 31st October until Friday 25th November.
Donations will be collected daily.

Bring a gift mufti - 23rd November

Bring a gift for Mums/Aunt/Grannies or Dads/Uncles/Grandpas

We need loads of donations of new or nearly new goodies that Mums, Aunts/Grannies and/or Dads/ Uncles/ Grandpas would love and we're kindly asking that you bring in a gift for one (or two!) of the above groups in exchange for a mufti day on Friday 26th November. It's a great way to recycle some of those unwanted gifts that aren't to your taste but could be to someone else's! For example some bath bombs, books, bubble bath, perfume, books, gloves, gardening items. Perfect or near perfect condition only please. Donations will be collected from the playground on the 23rd November.

Toys, DVDs, Games & Puzzle Donations 31st October - 25th November

We will be gratefully collecting donations for the Toy stall.

Please give toys etc in perfect or near perfect condition, these can be left in the plastic storage box in the playground. We are politely asking you to remember the age range of our shoppers and do not give items for babies or pre-school children and ensure all items are suitable for purchase by under 12s.

Bring a Jolly Jar Mufti Day 2nd December

Just in case you don't know, Jolly Jars are clean empty jam jars filled with wrapped sweets, chocolates, small toys etc and decorated on the outside in your child's house colours. Jars don't have to be filled with sweets - please be creative and fill with anything you think children would enjoy unwrapping. The children can wear their own clothes to school for the day in return for bringing in a Jolly Jar or 3!!!!

Please NO NUTS in the Jolly Jars.

AND FINALLY....don't forget that our very special guest, all the way from the North Pole, will be in his grotto ready to listen to your children's Christmas wishes.

Many thanks,

The Christmas Fair Team