



Raleigh Headlines

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- Our **2020/2021 term dates** have now been published and can be found on page 6 and on our website. The five INSET day are still to be set. *Please take your holidays during the 13 weeks when school is closed.*
- **Year 3** sang at Squires last Thursday evening and raised £117 for charity. Thank you parents for transporting and supporting your children at this annual event.
- **Mr Widdowson** is the lucky winner of the FoTR ballot place for **next year's London Marathon** so congratulations to him.
- Last Friday's **discos** were sold out and I believe that they were very lively! Thanks to Mrs Farren for organising the disco and to parents who helped on the night. The event raised an amazing £1,000.
- Also on Friday was the Guildford Schools' '**Splash and Dash**'. Thanks for organising this Mrs Chalk—we came 2nd in the Year 5 cross-country element. See page 2 for the full report. Well done everyone!
- On Sunday, **Musical Theatre sang at St Mary's**—I quote, *"I'm in the congregation at St Mary's Church and had to write, not in any official capacity, but just as someone who has to thank you for the 'loan' of your children at the Family Carol Service. It was lovely: the children sang beautifully and behaved impeccably. I - and many others I know - really loved having them there. Gosh, they made me smile (and may even have made me cry...shhh!). In particular I could not help but notice how their teacher—Miss Bouchiba - stood so that they could see her, but hidden from most of the congregation by a pillar. Clearly not seeking the limelight or to detract from the children's performance, she had them all singing joyfully - even a boy at the back who started nervously and kept looking to her for encouragement (which he clearly received). You rarely get to see teaching, first hand, in action, and to have seen it done so well was the icing on the cake. Thanks to all involved, they were all such a credit to the school."*
- The **Reception Nativity** was lovely. I quote...Angel Gabriel—"You are going to have a baby!" Mary—"Gosh!" Seriously though, it is amazing that these very young children can all learn their lines and sing so beautifully. The costumes were wonderful and the parents were delighted, so thanks to the staff for producing such a polished performance so quickly. Thanks also to Rev. Herrington who led a prayer to close the service. There was a retiring collection for Cherry Trees so thanks for your generosity here parents.
- **Christmas lunch** yesterday was very jolly! 350 children ate a delicious traditional turkey dinner with all the trimmings, pulled a cracker and sang Christmas songs. Thanks for your wonderful cooking Mrs Howell and Team!!! Why not change to hot meals permanently, families? It saves time in the mornings and guarantees a delicious, filling, social lunch with friends.
- Yesterday evening The Musical Theatre Club's production of '**The Stars Come Out for Christmas**' was a great success despite the technical issues; Baby Jesus locked in the Wing, no sound.... Mrs Robinson played live throughout and to be honest it was better than the dress rehearsal. Super songs, a lovely story and lots of terrible jokes!!! Thanks to all who came and to Mrs Robinson and Miss Bouchiba of course, who have tirelessly run the club this term.
- **Mrs Piper** came in yesterday afternoon and led a masterclass on public speaking for Year 6. The children then delivered speeches this morning to persuade their peers and staff to vote for the charity of their choice. The **YAP project** will now raise money for Cancer Research which was campaigned for by Isaac who delivered a really personal, powerful speech. Well done Isaac.
- The **Christmas Fair** is tomorrow so please remind your child to bring their money, preferably in coins, in a named purse, plus a named carrier bag to collect their goodies. Very exciting! Thanks to a huge team of Friends for making this such a magical day.

Dear Neighbours,

To improve safety on the busy A246 and comply with Guildford Borough Council's conditions to our 2017 "Arts Planning Consent" for all the Mary Roxburghe Trust's activities at West Horsley Place, a new right hand turning lane for traffic travelling westwards will be created on the A246 into the main drive at West Horsley Place. Other improvements will include a new bus shelter and a reduced speed limit. This work is funded by the Trust, not the taxpayer.

We have been working over a long period with Surrey County Council to achieve the necessary consents and have now had confirmation that works will start on the 6th January 2020 and last up to a predicted 8 weeks. We are contacting you and other local organisations and schools to give as much notice as possible of the start date. We apologise in advance for the short-term inconvenience this will cause as the works will necessitate single lane alternating traffic controlled by lights. The widening of the road will necessitate the removal of approximately 120 yards of the hedge along the south side of the A246 to provide space for the new turning lane, and a new replacement hedge will be planted linking at either end to the existing hedge. The end result should be a significant improvement to road safety particularly when there are events at West Horsley Place.

We will be sure to update you with any further information we receive from Surrey County Council.

With best wishes,

Mary Roxburghe Trust

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A great time was had at the Y5 and Y6 GHS fancy dress Biathlon, last Friday. The children looked great, smiled throughout and worked hard as a team against tough opposition (all Private schools). Despite this, we were delighted to be placed second in the Y5 Cross Country discipline. Well done to Ami and Annie also, who were the first 'home' for The Raleigh. A lovely sport filled, festive afternoon was had by all. Great!



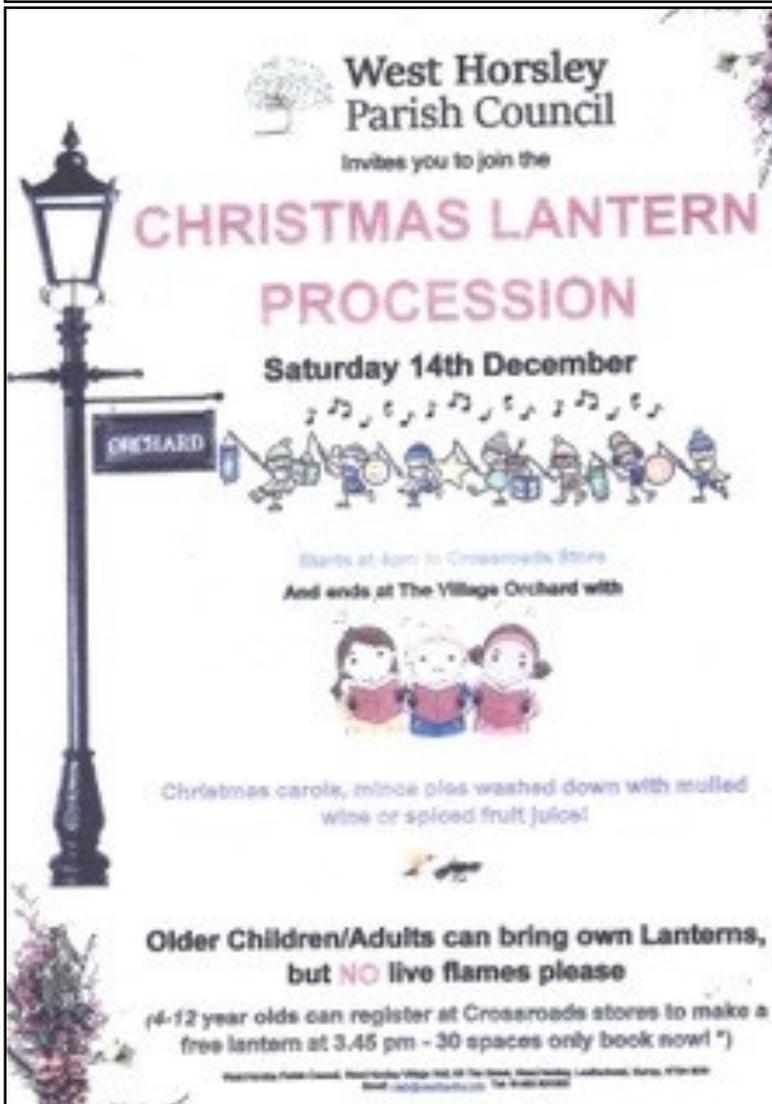


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Though the tween and teen years have always been challenging, in today's digital world our young generation face more pressure than ever. Lela Loves is a passionate advocate for happy teen living—supporting tweens and teens through this exciting and tough journey into adulthood to make the transition happy and positive for both body and mind.

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We can offer free postage to all Raleigh parents if you are happy to pick up from Effingham Junction (please use LELALOVESHOPPING at the checkout to take the postage cost off and we can then contact you to arrange pickup).



House Points awarded from the Jolly Jar mufti and the Christmas Cards.

House	Jolly Jars	Christmas Cards
Roebuck	120	222
Tyger	91	44
Falcon	103	128
Ark Royal	103	62

The position of the house shields in the hall will be confirmed next week!

A massive thank you to Poppy, Isla, Amy, Max, Ann, Olly, Alex who have been our very reliable year 6 librarians this term.



May we please ask that if you arrive early for pick-up and sit in your car, please do not leave the engine running, which causes environmental issues and detrimental effects on health.

School Matters!



Attendance

Last week, 20 children arrived late, 7 children attended medical and dental appointments in school time and there were 4 unauthorised absences for family holidays.

Last week's winning class was 5 Hazel with 99.69% for the second week running so congratulations to them and Miss Bouchiba.

155 children still have 100% attendance which is fantastic so very well done to them!

St Mary's West Horsley Christmas Services

We warmly invite you to join us!



Family Carols Sunday 8th December at 10am
with Raleigh Musical Theatre Group

Carols by Candlelight Sunday 15th December at 7pm



Christingle Service Christmas Eve at 3pm
(Children can come dressed as an angel, shepherd, animal or wise man)

Midnight Mass Christmas Eve at 11.15pm



Family Christmas Celebration Christmas Day at 10.30am
with Holy Communion



St Mary's
WEST HORSLEY



= Family
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Our Christmas Services will be held at **St Mary's Church, Epsom Road KT24 6AP**
(Free car parking available to the rear of the church)

Dates for your Diary

Dates in red are new dates/items added this week

Monday 16th December 2019	KS2 Carol Concert 6:30pm (drop off 6pm)
Tuesday 17th December 2019	Years 1 & 2 Christmas Concert to parents 9am and 2pm
Wednesday 18th December 2019	Reception and KS1 Christmas Party at 1:30pm
Thursday 19th December 2019	2 Lime to Dene Place 1:40pm 2 Pine to Lime Grove 1:40pm Last posting date for Christmas cards
Friday 20th December 2019	End of Autumn 2 Term 1:30pm
Monday 6th January 2020	Spring Term Starts
Friday 10th January 2020	NO OPEN HOUSE
Monday 13th January 2020	Childnet presentation to children Childnet Presentation to parents 6pm—7pm
Wednesday 15th January 2020	Individual School Photographs
Thursday 16th January 2020	Year 4 Rainforest Workshop Author Simon Murray workshop KS1 Individual School Photographs (change of date)
Friday 17th January 2020	3 Birch Class Assembly Year 6 Polar Exploration workshop—afternoon
Monday 20th January 2020	Year 4 Swimming starts Year 4 Marchants Hill Meeting at 14:45
Friday 24th January 2020	INSET DAY
Monday 27th January 2020	Year 4 Swimming
Friday 31st January 2020	Year 2 Drama Workshop
Monday 3rd February 2020	Year 4 Swimming
Friday 7th February 2020	Open House 3:20-4:00pm
Monday 10th February 2020	Year 4 Swimming
Thursday 13th February 2020	Year 5 to the British Museum
Friday 14th February 2020	End of Spring Half Term 1 Love Languages Competition CLFS
Monday 24th February 2020	Beginning of Spring Half Term 2 Year 4 Swimming
Friday 6th March 2020	Open House
Tuesday 10th March 2020	Parents Evening
Thursday 12th March 2020	Parents Evening
Monday 23rd March 2020	Year 4 Swimming
Tuesday 24th March	Year 5 depart—Osmington Bay
Friday 27th March 2020	Year 5 return—Osmington Bay
Wednesday 1st April 2020	Yr 3 to Dapdune WHarf
Friday 3rd April 2020	End of Spring Term 2 School finishes at 1:30pm

The Raleigh School

Academic year 2020/2021

Autumn term 2020

Start of term	Half term	End of term
1 September 2020	26 October–30 October 2020	18 December 2020
Inset Days: Yet to be set		

Spring term 2021

Start of term	Half term	End of term
4 January 2021	15 February – 19 February 2021	1 April 2021
Inset Days: Yet to be set		

Summer term 2021

Start of term	Half term	End of term
19 April 2021	31 May to 04 June 2021	21 July 2021
Inset Days: Yet to be set		