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Next Week's Diary

THURSDAY

4.15am Governors' Meeting
5.00pm Year 6 Parents' Evening

FRIDAY

Nursery Christmas Production
Filming

After School Clubs

After school clubs running next week except:

Thursday: Years 5 and 6 Drama Production,
Gymnastics Club, Strategy Games

Yateley Manor Award

Congratulations to **Hazel Tennant** who has achieved her bronze Yateley Manor Award.

Hazel is the first Year 7 to achieve her bronze this year and has done so really quickly. We hope it is the first of many!

Swimming Pool

We are delighted that the swimming pool has reopened.

Could all children please ensure that they have their swimming kit in school all week so that it is available for their swimming lessons. Thank you.

A Cheesy Tale?

Robert Upton's latest blog can be found on the School website. The following is a taster:

Our view of life and future possibilities can be unhelpfully constrained by our past experience. This can mean we chase our tails doing what we have always done, being active rather than productive. This is one of the key learning points in the book, "Who Moved My Cheese?" by Dr Spencer Johnson which I have just finished reading.

[To read the rest of this article click here.](#)

[To view other blog posts visit the Headmaster's Blog page of the school](#)

Reception's Nativity

Reception performed their nativity play, The Christmas Story this week.

The children looked charming in their costumes and clearly enjoyed taking part in the play. They all spoke their lines clearly and sang and danced beautifully.

We have, of course, not been able to invite parents into school for the traditional performances this year.

Instead the play has been filmed and parents will be given a copy of the film. We really hope that they enjoy watching it with their children.



Charity of the Year

We are delighted to announce that this year Yateley Manor School's Charity of the Year is First Day's Children's Charity.

All the Year 8 children were involved in presenting five different charities that they wanted to propose to be the School's Charity of the Year. This year the presentations were filmed and beamed into different rooms for members of the School Council to watch and vote on.

As always the decision was extremely difficult. All five of the charities do an incredible job supporting children in the local area and the standard of all five presentations was really high with the senior children speaking with eloquence and feeling.

After a vote, First Day's Children's Charity, suggested by **Rhys Davies, Immi Miller, Alex Purslow, Megan Hancock** and **Robin Hawksley** was announced the clear winner. (continued on page 2)



Headmaster's Commendations

DT - Puppet: **Ranesh Barathan, Emily Chestnutt, Thomas Gasser, Grace Harvey, Arthur Jones, Tom McGinty, Hannah Stuart-King, Ethan Roberts, Leela Sachdev, Theodore Smith, Bertie Taylor, Ruby Thompson**

Fabulous Remembrance Work:

Ellie Chapman, Amelia Osborne, Emily Wilson

Beautiful Clay Poppies: **Rayan Gupta, Isaac Perry**

Reflective and Beautifully Made Fact Poppy: **Rose Symcox**

Informative Plague Leaflet: **Albert Bilcliff, Esmé Dawber, Varun Ganesh, India Gillett, Lachlan MacIntyre, Annabel McKenzie, Evelyn Smeed, Will Taylor, Henry Thornton, Niryan Toor, Felix Wooledge**

Warning Letter to Lord Montague:

Jessica Green, Megan Harding, Matti Stiles, Dougie Walley

Tremendous Effort in Writing Letter to Lord Montague: **Jake Brown, Ben Cantelo**

History – Motte and Bailey Attack:

Francesca McLoughlin

History – Independent Research on the Great Stink: **Alex Nash**

Pre-Prep Awards

10 Star Certificates: **Esmé Dawber, Jessica Green**

Reception Smiles: **Tess Fellows,**

Rupert Greensides, Sophia Machin,

Pip Mason, Ollie Wells

Also for all the Reception children for such a wonderful Nativity

Historical Snow Globe Competition

With the Christmas period upon us, why not get crafty with our historic snow globe competition for children from Year 3 upwards. You will need to:

- Research an historic event that happened on one of the twelve days of Christmas (25th December - 5th January) and design a snow globe to represent it including no more than five details.
- Explain why you have chosen this event.

[A snow globe template and more information can be found here.](#)

Alternatively why not even try and make one? Closing date is Friday 8th January. Festive prizes will be awarded!

House Points and Bonuses

	Bonuses	House Points	Overall
Fyson	1st	4th	2nd
Kingsley	3rd	1st	3rd
School	4th	2nd	4th
Stanley	2nd	3rd	1st

Bonus Point Winner: Fyson

House Point Winner: Kingsley

Overall Winner: Stanley

Christmas Holiday Clubs and Nursery Provision

The Holiday Club and Extended Nursery Provision will both be open during the Christmas holiday period between Monday 14th December and Friday 18th December 2020. These dates are based on current government guidelines and we will keep you updated on any changes which may arise.

Bookings may only be made for the full week or for three days: Tuesday to Thursday.

The Extended Nursery Provision is for Nursery aged children and the Holiday Club is open to children from Reception upwards. Please note that in the current situation holiday care is only open to Yateley Manor children.

Booking for these dates are now open. Please see the [website for more details](#).

Term Dates for Academic Year 2021 - 2022

Autumn Term 2021

Starts	Monday 6th September
Half Term	25th October - 5th November (2 weeks)
Ends	Thursday 16th December

Spring Term 2022

Starts	Monday 10th January
Half Term	14th to 18th February
Ends	Friday 25th March

Summer Term 2022

Starts	Wednesday 20th April
Half Term	30th May to 3rd June
Ends	Friday 8th July

Staff Training Days

Autumn Term 2021	Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd September Friday 17th December
Summer Term 2022	Tuesday 19th April

Provisional Date for September 2022

Start of Autumn 2022	Monday 5th September
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NB Please note the school will be closed on the Bank Holiday Monday 2nd May 2022.

While every effort will be made to keep to these dates, the School reserves the right to alter them, if required.

Congratulations to ...

Hannah Falode (4SS) who passed the ABRSM Grade 1 Piano Performance with merit.

Sarah-Jane Butler (8RJE) who auditioned during half term for the National Youth Choir of Great Britain and has been offered a place. This is a fantastic achievement, **Sarah-Jane**, well done.

Happy Birthday

Charlie Carter 4
Emily Chestnutt 8
Lucas Irwin 12
Abigail Kidman 6
James McGinty 9
Anika Nair 11
Jacob Perry 4
Violet Reynolds 13
Miles Tennant 9



Charity of the Year continued

Other charities proposed were Spotlight (**Toby Brown, Sam Reader, Ginny Burton, Natalie Dyason, James Harvey**). Vision 4 Youth (**Freddie Spoor, Eva McLoughlin, Harry Judson, Sarah-Jane Butler, Luca Cella Walker**), Honeypot (**Christopher Stubbs, Ella Tyrrell, Violet, Reynolds, Oliver Rowan, Poppy Everest**) and Forces Children's Trust (**Ben Mullaney, Amelie Butterwick, Guy Miller, Matthew Daines, Christian Dawber**).

Well done to all our Year 8s for their excellent presentations and particularly to the five who proposed First Day's Children's Charity. More information on the charity can be found on page 4).

Flu Vaccinations

Well done to all our children in Reception to Year 7 who had their flu vaccinations this week. They were all brilliant, behaved impeccably and were complimented on this by the visiting nurses. Well done!

Thank you to.....

The **Lumpkin Family (Niamh 2GHC)** for the donation of Playdoh and Playdoh accessories for Reception.

The **Macoraghty-Mines Family (Eloise 7JAC and Rex 3GJR)** for their donation of superhero masks for Reception.

The **Wilson Family (Emily 2VMN and Henry RSB)** for their donation of toys and crafts for the Nursery.

FYMS Christmas Fayre

Yards for Yateley 2021 Challenge

Our recent Yards for Yateley 2020 challenge was such a success, we are considering re-running (no pun intended) it again at different times during 2021.

We wanted to do a poll of parents to see whether this is something families would be interested in participating in next year. Therefore, we would be very grateful if you head over to our Facebook page where we are doing a poll to decide whether to re-run this next calendar year. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/friendsofyateleymanor>

Keep in touch

Just a reminder of all the different ways to keep parents informed of what is happening with FYMS. As well as weekly information in INAMOS, we also have a Facebook page that we invite parents and wider family members to join. You can find the page using the following link <https://www.facebook.com/groups/friendsofyateleymanor>. We also have a group page on LinkedIn for parents that perhaps do not use Facebook. You can find the page using the following link. <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/8613938/>

Tower of Light Gets a Makeover



Year 5 took on the challenge to paint the Tower of Light. Using their understanding of tint and shade, hot and cold and complementary or analogous colours they painted some fabulously creative circular patterns. This is just the first phase



in this area's make over as they will introduce art textiles in phase 2.

Next Week's Menu

PALMER & HOWELLS

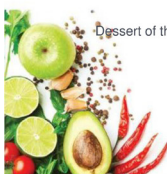
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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Toad in the Hole	Lamb Tagine	Baked Meatballs	Roast Lemon and Thyme Chicken	Fish Goujons
Vegetarian Sausage	Chick Pea Tagine	Spinach and Mushroom Bake	Ratatouille	Pea Risotto
Jacket Potato Choice of Toppings	Jacket Potato Choice of Toppings	Jacket Potato Choice of Toppings	Jacket Potato Choice of Toppings	Jacket Potato Choice of Toppings
Roasted New Potato Gravy Green Bean	Couscous Carrots Flat Bread	Spaghetti House Herb Bread Savoy Cabbage	Brown Rice Fine Beans Pearl Onions	Wedges Peas House Tartar Sauce
Salad Bar	Salad Bar	Salad Bar	Salad Bar	Salad Bar
Dessert of the day	Dessert of the day	Dessert of the day	Dessert of the day	Dessert of the day

Freshly Baked Bread, Seasonal Salads, Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt are available daily

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Independent School Caterers



Christmas Present Appeal

At this time of year we usually support the Salvation Army by collecting shoe boxes filled with gifts to be distributed to disadvantaged children within the local community. This year, the Salvation Army are, unfortunately, not able to accept these boxes for distribution.

With so many families in need this year we would still like to offer some support so we are asking for donations of tins or tubs of chocolates. The Salvation Army will be giving vouchers to their families in need this Christmas and it would be lovely to attach these to a tin or tub of chocolates.

If you are able to donate a tin or tub please bring them to School Reception by Friday 4th December. Hopefully we can bring a smile to a child's face this Christmas.

Update: A few parents have asked this week whether it is possible to contribute to the vouchers. The Salvation Army would be delighted with any donations. These can be made either through their [Just Giving page](#), as a cheque made payable to The Salvation Army Wokingham or by purchasing a voucher. The Salvation Army will be giving Boots, Sainsburys or Tesco Vouchers. Vouchers and cheques may be left in School Reception and we will make sure they are passed on.

Thank you to everyone who has already made donations. We are very grateful for everyone's support.

Music Performance Videos

It is unfortunate that we are not able to have live performances with an audience at the moment.

However, to ensure that our hard-working musicians receive the applause they so richly deserve our peripatetic teachers will, endeavour over the course of this year, to record a performance of their pupils during their individual music lessons.

These are then being played by Mrs Hustler during the child's class music lessons for their friends to hear and will also be emailed to their form tutor and to their parents.

We hope that families will enjoy watching the performances together at home.

Performances of our ensembles are also being made and will be available to families in December.

Charity of the Year - First Days

First Days is a Berkshire based children's charity that helps families living in poverty. In the UK more than 4.5 million children live in poverty and with current situation this is likely to rise sharply. First Days' aim is to reduce the long-term effect of child poverty by equipping them with the essential items they need for their early years and at school.

The charity started in 2013 in response to needs in the local community. They realised that while there were many families in the community who desperately needed equipment and warm clothes for their children, there were many others who owned and no longer needed these items. Now, eight years later, the charity has helped more than 10,000 children and distributed over 250 tonnes of donated goods and supplies. First Days receive no financial support from the Government and rely solely on fundraising and community donations to be able to undertake their work.

First Days believe all children deserve the same start in life. They are committed to helping families at times of crisis and recognise that children should be safe in their home and out and about, be confident at school and have fun! They are able to supply toys, new baby equipment, furniture, school uniform, warm clothing and everyday essentials such as toiletries, toys and books. They also fund school bags and school stationery. In the near future they also hope to offer access to activities such as music lessons, guides and scouts, sports clubs, school trips.

Since Covid began to impact us, First Days have also been working with Wokingham Borough Council and other charities to provide emergency food parcels and support.

We are very delighted that First Days has been chosen to be our Charity of the Year. During these difficult times, and particularly as we head towards Christmas, we are pleased that our pupils understand that there are many children less fortunate than themselves who need our help and support.

We look forward to supporting and raising money for First Days during the course of this academic year. If parents have equipment that they would like to donate or if you would like to help the charity in other ways over the Christmas period please visit their website: <https://www.firstdays.net/>

Sporting Opportunities

As the children have not been able to take part in any sports matches this term, our Sports Department have been taking advantage of the extra time to give the children different experiences.

The football leagues for Years 5 and 6 and for Years 3 and 4 gave the children the opportunity to play in mixed age teams (within their bubbles). As well as giving the children competitive match experience it was fantastic to see skills and friendships developing as the Year 6 and Year 4 children encouraged and supported the younger children in their teams. The more recent mixed knockout football tournaments gave the girls from Year 3 upwards the chance to show off their footballing skills and the boys from Year 3 upwards have also been trying hockey.

Years 7 and 8 have had a lacrosse taster and yesterday a remote fitness session.

