



Newsletter

December 2024

Speldhurst CE Primary
School

Newsletter Date
Friday 20th December 2024



The end of term has arrived and with it, the promise of the excitement of the forthcoming Christmas period. Our Key Stage Two children gave us the perfect send-off to what has been a very long term indeed with their beautiful singing at the carol service this afternoon— thank you to all who attended and made it such a lovely event. All of us at school wish you and your families a wonderful Christmas break with family and friends. We look forward to hearing all about what the children have been doing when we return in January!

KSI Nativity

Our KSI children performed brilliantly in this year's Nativity- 'Baarmy Bethlehem'. As always, it was a lovely way to begin the Christmas period in school and the children acted, sang and danced with great confidence. A huge thank you goes to all the KSI staff who have worked tirelessly over the past few weeks and months to help the children put on such a great show. Thank you also to the parents who helped to create costumes, learn lines, and offer that all-important moral support! A final thank-you to Roddy Paine and his team who kindly filmed the show.



Goodbye, Mrs Neighbour

Yesterday, we said goodbye to the fabulous Mrs Neighbour who has been at the school since 2018. She will be greatly missed by everyone in school and we all wish her well for her new career.

PTA Christmas Events

Over the past few weeks, the children have greatly enjoyed some wonderful Christmas events put on by our wonderful PTA.. Christmas jumpers have been on sale, the children have enjoyed a pantomime in the school hall, and Santa's Grotto provided children a chance to choose a gift for a family member. We were also fortunate enough to receive a visit from Santa himself who gave every child a present.

Thank you, as ever, to our wonderful PTA who always go above and beyond to ensure the children get to experience such lovely events. If you think you could help out with any aspect of the PTA then please do get in touch with the office— all help is more than welcome!



Forest School Shelter

Mr Steibelt and Mrs Partridge have been busy obtaining the necessary permissions to erect a gazebo-style shelter for the Forest School area. A grant was obtained from BUPA to cover the cost of the shelter and we needed to get planning permission— notices have now gone up advising of this as well as an advert in a local paper.



You can view the details on the KCC Planning

website under reference- KCC/TW/0174/2024

All being well, we'll have planning consent before the end of January and can then put up the shelter within the next 6 weeks.

Huge thanks goes to Mr Steibelt and Mrs Partridge for their hard work on this project.

Christmas at St Mary's

Saturday 21st December-

Carol Service— 6pm

Sunday 22nd December-

All-age Worship— 10am

Tuesday 24th December-

Crib Service— 3pm and 4pm

Midnight Communion— 11pm

Wednesday 25th December

All-age Worship— 10am

Sunday 29th December-

All-age Worship— 10am

Lego Competition

The PTA Lego competition is back! Mr Howe and Mrs MacNaughton are looking forward to casting their eyes over the marvellous creations the children will come up with. Photographs of competition entries should be emailed to:

speldhurstpta@gmail.com

The deadline is Friday 31st January 2025. Good luck!

INSET Day

Don't forget, Monday 6th January 2025 is an INSET Day— we look forward to welcoming the children back in on Tuesday 7th January 2025.