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Headteacher News

It seems unbelievable that we have only 2 weeks left of the term. Although the year is flying by, we are delighted that we can see the festive season in sight. Although very different for many families, it is an important time to remember and be thankful for our health and a time to reflect on those in difficulty, poor health and those who are lonely at Christmas time. It is also a time to take time for ourselves, be grateful for the little things as we perhaps spend time seeing family members and loved ones.

Everywhere you look there are Christmas lights, songs on the radio and TV and we find ourselves as adults reminiscing and thinking of Christmasses past and future. The delight of working in school is that children live very much in the here and now. They are just thinking of advent calendar chocolates (whatever happened to the ones just with a picture behind?!), what the elf may do tomorrow and what Father Christmas will be bringing them in 20 sleeps.

The wonder of Christmastime is definitely at Sissinghurst for the children, there are wonderful decorations in and around the school and we have our usual tree in the hall. We have today

experienced our shopping event which was a morning of delight and excitement and have so many more things we are looking forward to.

Staffing

At the end of term Mrs Hutchings is retiring after a long career at Sissinghurst Primary. Mrs Hutchings has taught in every year group over the years and currently teaches 3 classes French in KS2 and of course works with Mrs Walker to run our Forest School. She will be sorely missed, not least because of her annual commitment also to joining the fun with Y6 on their residential stay. We wish her the very best for a long and happy retirement when it gets here and thank her for her hard work and dedication to the children at Sissinghurst for 21 years.

Mrs Evans and Mrs Ivinson will take on the HLTA role for the days that Mrs Hutchings worked from next term. We are delighted to be able to use their expertise to support our children.

Have a lovely weekend

Sarah Holman





[Click here for dates](#)

Gloves

Thankyou so much to the parent who donated so many pairs of brand new gloves to children. A real act of kindness and the children are so grateful. They cannot believe they can keep them!

If your child has come home with black, royal or navy blue woollen gloves these are them. So generous and showing our kindness and service values impeccably. You know who you are – thankyou from all of us.

Twitter / X

Do follow us on Twitter/ X @sissinghurstva to keep up to date on all the exciting activities/lessons the children are taking part in. Here are a few from last week:

Learning about staying safe and crossing the road safely in Lions



Learning how to bounce balls and roll and control them in our PE lesson this morning



Sporting Events @ Sissinghurst

Such a great November for our netballers!

We played 3 games against different schools. Monday 18th November, our netball players took part in playing a friendly netball game against Lamberhurst Primary School, at Lamberhurst. This was the first time they had played as a team! They all played fantastically well, showing their skills and Knowledge of the game. Great start. Well done team.

Tuesday 26th November, we played Loose Primary School at Sissinghurst. Our team again played extremely well. They all are showing more confidence in playing their positions in netball. Amazing to see!

Thursday 28th November, Colliers Green Primary School came to Sissinghurst for a netball match. This was a girl only game. This was the first time the girls had played as a team together. They all played fantastically! You would not of know that they hadn't played together before. Like all the netball games we've played in November, the flow in passing to one another, speed, marking their partner, shooting goals, was fantastic.

Thank you to Nikki Clark, who helps me to run netball club. We are looking forward to the new year, and seeing our netballers achieve their greatest!

Mrs Saxby





Family Lives

When a child struggles to attend school, it can feel upsetting for everyone involved. From concerns about your child's emotional health to pressures from school, it can become a stressful time for families <http://ow.ly/7b9K500Q9hX>





[The Reading Agency@readingagency](https://www.instagram.com/readingagency)

Not long until the [#WinterMiniChallenge](https://wintermini.org.uk) kicks off! A free online reading challenge that encourages children to find joy in reading over the holidays. Head to <http://wintermini.org.uk> from the 1 December to sign up

<https://bit.ly/4iaUHtL#MarvellousMakers> @createcharity



Dance Dash - Thanks

Dear All,

Please can I thank, from the bottom of my heart, each and every one of your students and staff for coming together to make this year's Dance Dash the best ever for me. We had new schools, we had returning schools and we had many schools that have been supporting us for over 30 years! My heart was full, my eyes were glistening and my cheeks hurt from smiling so much! A day of such positivity and kindness is much needed and you all played your part in that. Together we raised the most AMAZING amount of.....**£4,399.59**

Thank you so much and think of what a difference this amount of money can make to those who need it. I cant wait to see you all next year!

Thanks once again

Emily and the Dance Dash team

PS Keeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeep Dancing!

ASDA Cashpot for Schools - Thanks

Thank you to all of the parents that joined Asda Cashpot for Schools.



Kent Adult Education

Family learning courses

[Kent Adult Education](#) offers **free online courses for parents** on topics such as managing behaviour, understanding teenagers, supporting ADHD at home, and autism awareness. Each course consists of two-hour sessions over three to four-weeks. These are excellent resources to guide parents needing additional support.

Are you concerned about the impact screen time has on your family? Join us for a FREE* workshop designed for parents and carers to think about the advantages and disadvantages of technology on their children and family. <https://ow.ly/SgVW50UiSsU> (*Subject to eligibility)



CHRISTINGLE SERVICE



Sun 8th Dec
10-11am

@Trinity,

with children's groups - coffee/tea after



ALL WELCOME!

**FAMILY
CAROLS**

Sun 15th

December

@Frittenden Church

Coffee/tea after



10-10:30

@Frittenden Church



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Creative Paperworks Poster 2024





Would you like to:

- Make 2D and 3D objects from paper?
- Use card and paper to help your child's creativity?
- Develop your creative side?
- Make new friends whilst learning a new skill?

This course is for you!

Where: Cranbrook Library

Date: 10th December 2024

Time: 3:15 – 4:30pm

To book a place please contact cranbrooklibrary@kent.gov.uk





Aladdin Panto in Cranbrook

Please find below the details for the upcoming Aladdin Pantomime, staged by Cranbrook Operatic and Dramatic Society between 28-30 December 2024.

<https://www.cranbrookods.org.uk/aladdin>

Premier Education - Holiday Camp

Dear Parent/Guardian,

It brings me great joy to inform you that our highly anticipated 5-star holiday camps are returning this December and January! The camps are scheduled to take place from Monday 23rd December – Monday 6th January, from 9am-3:30pm. Designed for children in year 1 to 6, our multi-activity camps provide a diverse range of sports, games and arts/crafts. To join the fun, please click the following link: <https://www.premier-education.com/holiday-camps/>

HAF - I'm delighted to announce that we have a limited amount of HAF spaces available too! Be quick as these are filling up!

See what happens at on our holiday camps by watching this short video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AzvUhizaLWc>

Where are we?

- East Farleigh Primary School – Dec 23rd & Jan 2nd
- Putlands Sports and Leisure Centre - Dec 23rd, Jan 2nd/3rd & 6th. (Jan 3rd is only £10!)

*Tax-free childcare vouchers accepted here. For more information on childcare vouchers, please click the following link: <https://info.premier-education.com/en/help/childcare-funding>

A holiday club you can trust. We're rated 'Excellent' on trustpilot with over 22,375 reviews! <https://uk.trustpilot.com/review/premier-education.com>

To join the fun, click the following link: <https://www.premier-education.com/holiday-camps/>

Kind regards,

Matt Aldis

The Sissinghurst Drama Class

Drama Workshops with East Sutton Community Youth Theatre

Will be held in the Main Hall On Fridays now from 7.45 a.m. to 8.50 a.m.

SPRING TERM starts on Friday 10th January 2025 School Years 2 to 6.

Drama with Mike Dyer-Ball.

Mike is a Professional actor, who trained at the Central School of Speech and Drama, appearing at many repertory Theatres,

including the Marlowe, the Vaudeville Theatre, West End, and in TV drama, such as Casualty. Formed ESCYT in 1993.

Productions, Scenes, Drama Exercises ["Suspension of Disbelief"] such as *Outdoor Survival*, *Hotel Fabuloso*, *Haunted House*,

Rabbits and Ferrets, Dancing, Singing and a host of other activities. Confidence building/Imaginative/FUN!

COST for Eleven weeks, only £55.00.

☑ It is loads of fun ☑ Why not give it a try?

Joining E.S.C.Y.T means access to:-

Our Fantastic Summer Fun Camp in August 2025 (30th Year), www.summerfuncamp.co.uk

Theatre trips to London to see shows including *Lion King, Matilda, Annie, Mary Poppins etcetera.*

Please don't miss this golden opportunity!

Brochure and Enquiries, please 'phone/email:

Mike Dyer-Ball: www.escyt.co.uk

On 01622 844321 / 07885 790 781/mike@escyt.co.uk

News & Events

For upcoming local events in the parish of Cranbrook & Sissinghurst:

<https://cranbrookandsissinghurstpc.co.uk/whats-on/upcoming-events/>

Sign up to receive 'Be In The Know' emails from the parish council:

<https://cranbrookandsissinghurstpc.co.uk/>

Or follow the Parish Council Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/CranbrookandSissinghurstPC>

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