



William Ransom Weekly

Good Afternoon Parents and Carers,
 Christmas arrived at William Ransom today as children across the school took part in Decorations Day, with many amazing decorations being created. But, more importantly, lots of enjoyment was had by all! The fun was not exclusive to the children though as family members of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 were invited in to share the experience (and the glitter and glue!). Thank you very much to all of those who came in today and, if you haven't had the chance yet, we would really appreciate you taking a minute to let us know your thoughts on the event by scanning the QR code to the right. It really was a great sight to see so many of you coming into the school throughout the day and having the chance to see, first hand, how your child and their classmates interact with each other and the adults in their classroom. It was also a great opportunity for all of you to get to know the adults in your child's classroom a little more and to get to know each other as well. The fact that you all had the chance to get involved in making Christmas decorations was an added bonus and, on that note, I think it's also fair to say that in some instances the adults might have enjoyed the decoration making even more than the children!



The biggest thanks of all needs to go to our hardworking staff team though, as without their creativity, planning and preparation there wouldn't have been any decorations to make - thank you all!
 Christmas continues tomorrow as Storytime with Santa takes place and, while I am thanking people, I need to say a huge thank you to all of our volunteers and members of the SPA for making Storytime with Santa, and the upcoming Secret Present Room, a reality. I am sure it will be a great day tomorrow and I am really looking forward to seeing the Wonderland Express come to life as the children board it for their special journey!
 I wish you all a relaxing and enjoyable weekend ahead.
 Mr Plunkett



Coming Up Next Week...

Monday

- Christmas Post Box Opens

Tuesday

- Yr 6 Height & Weight

Wednesday

- Yr 6 Phase Workshop
- Yr 3 & 4 Dance Workshop
- 5:30pm - SPA Santa Sleigh Ride Around the Local Area

Thursday

- Hanukkah Assembly

Friday

- SPA Secret Present Room

Hitchin Christmas Hamper Appeal

We are once again collecting to support the Hitchin Hamper Appeal and would really appreciate your help with collecting 45 selection boxes to for this worthy cause. Thank you in advance for your help.



12 Days of Christmas Raffle Tickets on sale!

Twelve fantastic prizes are up for grabs in the SPA's 12 Days of Christmas Raffle, which starts on Tuesday. The draw will take place each school day between 5-20 December. Prizes include dinner at The Shard, a Lulu Guinness luxury bag and a Trailfinders voucher worth £250!

To be in with a chance of winning, please send £5 in an envelop marked with your child's name and class into school with them. Alternatively, tickets can be bought online at bit.ly/WRxmas

On Wednesday 6 December, keep a look-out from 5-7pm as we are expecting another visit from Santa, who will be taking his sleigh on a tour of the local streets. His helpers will be with him making a collection for the school.



Christmas Around the World Assembly



We will be holding two special assemblies on Monday 18th December at 9:55am and 10:15am finding out how Christmas is celebrated around the world.

If you, or your relatives, have Christmas traditions that originated in other countries or cultures and would like to share these, please contact the School Office. You could share these in person in the assembly, or by sending in a form of words and/or photos. Whichever option appeals to you most, I would love to hear from you.

Christmas Carols at William Ransom - 7pm, Monday 18th December

On Monday 18th December, Christmas Carols at William Ransom will be taking place. This will be an outdoor event on the school playground and will involve our Year 5 and 6 children singing a selection of Christmas Carols (with everyone present joining together to sing a few more!). An area at the front will be reserved for family members of Year 5 and 6 children, but we are inviting the entire school community to join us for a festive evening of Christmas song. It will also be 50 years to the day that the school was officially opened and we feel that this is an occasion worth marking and celebrating!

With mulled wine and mince pies being sold by the SPA, we really hope that many of you will join us for this outdoor event and help to make it a Christmas night to remember!



The Orbit, Needs a Sponsor

Our Orbit team for this new school year has been hard at work already, preparing for their first magazine of the year. This is a wonderful feature of the school and the children gain so much from it, as does the rest of the school community. We are looking for a sponsor to support this great venture this year. The sponsorship pays for the printing, which comes in at around £200 per year and in return you will get the back page of the magazine to advertise your company. The magazine is twelve pages long and goes out to each of our families. Please contact the school office if you are able to support.

Year 3/4 Football Kit

We have a new addition to our football teams this year with the establishment of our Yr 3/4 football team. They have played their first match and have more fixtures lined up in the new year, but they could really do with a football kit of their own to play in. If you, or someone you know, would be interested in sponsoring them, we would really like to hear from you. In return we can add your company name to the front of each shirt. Please contact the School Office for further details.



Please Look After Our Neighbours

With 423 children now in the school, we fully realise that picking up and dropping off are going to be very busy times outside the school. But please be respectful of our neighbours. Please make sure that you are parking sensibly and responsibly and being courteous.

Crossing Wymondley Road

As you are all aware, Lollipop Kate has now retired and the role is currently being advertised. If you feel that this could be for you, then please make contact and, even though your employer would be Herts County Council, we would welcome you into our team. In the meantime, please continue to remind your children to take extra care and be extra cautious when using the crossing on Wymondley Road.

SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL WANTED!



Please be informed that the School Crossing Patrol **KATE** will be leaving on the **20TH OCTOBER 23**. We are therefore looking for someone who would be interested in becoming the School Crossing Patrol for

WILLIAM RANSOM

THE PAY IS £10.60 PER HOUR (excluding enhancements) JOB SHARE CONSIDERED

If you are interested or would like further information please contact The Active and Safer Travel Team on 01992 556816

Please take extra care while the crossing is unmanned.

Hertfordshire County Council, Transport, Access and Road Safety, County Hall, Pegs Lane, Hertford, SG13 8DN. Tel: 01992 556816 **OCTOBER 2023** Can we please remind you that it is parental responsibility to get your child to and from school safely

Hitchin Christmas Hamper Appeal
Please help us to make a difference to many local vulnerable families.
You can donate money online here You can purchase toys from our gift list here
Thank you!

You are invited to join us for our **CHRISTINGLE SERVICE** on Sunday 3 Dec at 10.00am
This service is on of our monthly 'One Bread, One Body' service a slightly less formal, shorter Eucharistic service suitable for all the family.
Christingles will be provided, and you're welcome to join us afterwards for coffee, tea and treats for the children!
We will be taking donations for the Children's society.
www.stmaryshitchin.co.uk @stmaryschurch_hitchin #stmaryshitchin @StMarysChurchHitchin