



## Dear Families

Well, here we are; Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December and we are all buzzing and full on Christmas, having been to the PTFA Christmas Fair this afternoon. Thank you to the families who braved the VERY cold weather to join us. We are also enormously grateful to our team of lovely and dedicated parents who make these fundraisers happen. Thank you for all you do to raise money for our little school.

## Christ's College Choir Visit:

The choir from Christ's College visited Clandon on Wednesday morning and performed several songs to the Clandon children. We were all blown away by their enthusiasm and the energy of their performance, as well as by the fact that they had learned all their songs by heart. At the end of the Christ's performance Woodlands performed one of the songs from their nativity and all the Clandon children sang one of our favourites, 'My Lighthouse', which many of the Christ's pupils joined in with.

## Christmas Tree:

You won't fail to miss the beautiful Christmas tree standing in the playground outside Homelodge. A huge thank you to Lee Wong at Edwins Garden Centre, Clandon Park, for donating the tree to Clandon School.



Edwins has a stock of lovely Christmas trees available to buy if you'd like to have one in your home (and they do come in smaller sizes than the school tree!)

## Christmas Cards:

The postbox is ready in the school office for posting Christmas cards. Children can visit Mrs Sun or Mrs McGowan in the school office to post their cards in the box and cards will be collected, sorted and delivered by a "postpupil".

## Winter Mini Challenge 2023 in Surrey Libraries:

From today, Surrey Libraries are encouraging every child and their responsible adult to visit their local Surrey library to pick up their books and start reading! Besides picking up books from their Surrey library, children can borrow books from their school library, and download for free Surrey Libraries' eBooks, eAudiobooks and eComics. All reading counts! What a great Christmas holiday activity.

Find out more about the challenge via this link:  
<https://surreyeducationservices.surreycc.gov.uk/Article/151205>

## Christmas Activities and Services at the Clandon Churches – ALL WELCOME:



at the Clandon Churches  
[www.clandon-churches.org](http://www.clandon-churches.org)



Celebrating the feast  
of St Lucia

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December 3.00-5.00pm**

**East Clandon Village Hall**

Why not take a break from shopping and spend a couple of hours at the Clandons' Christmas Messy Church? We'll be celebrating the feast of St Lucia with Scandi-inspired Christmas crafts, carols and a scrumptious festive feast for all the family. We do hope you will join us!

If you are coming along, please let Tessa know (particularly about any dietary issues) so we can make sure there are Crafts and food for all!

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### CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES at the Clandon Churches



**Advent Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at West Clandon Church**  
Do come to our very special family-friendly **All Age Eucharist service** on Advent Sunday at **10.30am**, the day which marks the official beginning of the church's Christmas season. Today we shall light the first candle of the Advent wreath.

**Messy Church 9<sup>th</sup> December in East Clandon village hall**  
Hooray – it's **Christmas Messy Church on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December** in East Clandon Village Hall, **3.00-5.00pm**.

Families are warmly welcomed to join us for an afternoon of Christmas craft and creativity, song and celebration and some fabulous festive food for all the family!



**Christmas decoration workshop 16<sup>th</sup> December at West Clandon Church**

On Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December, our friends at Clandon Park are organising a **Christmas decoration workshop**! Everyone is invited to drop in at West Clandon church between **2 and 4pm**, where a specially commissioned local artist will help them make beautiful Christmas Tree decorations – one to adorn the church's tree and one to take home for yours!



**Christmas Eve Crib Service 24<sup>th</sup> December at West Clandon Church**

Held at **3pm** on Christmas Eve in West Clandon Church, the **Crib Service** is always really popular. We would be delighted to welcome you and your family. Children (and adults too!) are encouraged to come along dressed as a Nativity character or in other suitably festive attire.



**Children's Choir**



We are recruiting for the **Clandons Children's Choir** to sing at the Crib Service on Christmas Eve. Contact Tessa Forbes as soon as possible if you have a child (aged 5-11) who loves singing and would like to join in!

**Christmas Day family services**

On The Big Day itself, do come along to one of our special family-friendly **Christmas Day services** - **East Clandon Church, 9.15am** or **West Clandon Church, 10.30am**



Further information from [tessa@clandon-churches.org](mailto:tessa@clandon-churches.org)

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## ... and another Christmassy Activity ...



You're invited to a  
**Festive Decoration Workshop**

**16 December 2023**  
**2.00pm–4.00pm**

Drop in at West Clandon Church for a free workshop to make a decoration for the Church Christmas tree. All local villagers welcome.

[nationaltrust.org.uk/clandonparkproject](http://nationaltrust.org.uk/clandonparkproject)



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### **Update on the Road Closure by Burnt Common Roundabout:**

Thank you to Natalie Jones and Catherine Brindle for sharing this response regarding the road closure which may affect some journeys to school using the A247 ...

I am writing to provide further details of the UK Power Networks (UKPN) works taking place on the **A247 Clandon Road, Send**. These works involve the installation of an electrical supply to new domestic premises which are scheduled to be occupied shortly and include excavation of a trench for the new service connection, laying ducts, cables, jointing and reinstatement of the highway.

Although the information provided on one.network details this as a 'road closure' from 1st-17th December, these works are actually being completed in two stages to minimise disruption to traffic as much as possible. The **first phase** of these works is to commence from **1st-6th December** where two-way temporary traffic lights will control opposing traffic flows between **9:30 am to 4:00 pm every day** with the road returned to full use in both directions outside of these times.

In the **second phase** of works a **northbound (only) directional road closure towards Burnt Common Roundabout** will be in place from **6th-17th December** to complete the duct and cable laying and make the final jointed connection onto existing supplies. This traffic management solution has been carefully considered. It is important to note that temporary traffic signals cannot be successfully deployed in close proximity of the roundabout where the final connection must be made, due to congestion along the opposing traffic flows and the risk of queuing traffic back to the A3 itself and the safety concerns this would raise. Please note that **throughout Phase 2 of the works southbound traffic will be able to travel along the A247 unimpeded.**

**A fully signed diversion route will be in place taking drivers who reach the northbound closure point down the curved slip road onto the A3 to then travel south, coming off at the Burpham exit, passing Sainburys and rejoining the A3 via Clay Lane to travel north back to Burnt Common. Traffic seeking to travel north along A247 from the Clandon Crossroads will be diverted at the crossroads themselves, into Guildford along the A25 to join the A3 and travel north to the Burnt Common junction.** Surrey Officers and UKPN are aware that some motorists may elect to use alternate narrow cross-country routes to travel around the point of A247 closure. However, due to the volume of traffic expected at rush hours, we do not encourage the use of these roads and signage will be deployed to warn of the unsuitability of such routes for all traffic.

We continue to liaise closely with UKPN and their contractors to minimise the impacts caused by these necessary works. Due to the large number of works in this area already scheduled for forthcoming school holidays along with the need to coordinate with the programme of works on the M25 Highways England Junction 10 project and other applications for essential works in the Send, Ripley, Ockham, East and West Horsley areas, several of them development driven, there are currently no other possible alternate dates available to carry out these necessary works prior to the date when the properties are to be occupied. Regrettably, the Traffic Management impact of the utility companies' connections works to development sites is not something ordinarily factored into the planning approval stage and so Surrey County Council must facilitate such works when appropriate in order to allow the permitted completion of the development and subsequent occupation of the premises.

## Developing Communication Skills:



Would you rather  
guide Santa's  
Sleigh or fly with a  
snowman?



Warmest wishes from

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## Autumn Term Dates

\*New dates added or updated event

December	Fri 1 <sup>st</sup>	Whole School	PTFA Christmas Fair after school starting at 3.00pm
	Wed 6 <sup>th</sup>	Key Stage 2	Carols in the Wilderness at 2.30pm
	Fri 8 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch
	Fri 8 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School	Reindeer Run
	Tue 12 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School	Visit to Pantomime at Yvonne Arnaud Theatre 4pm finish
	Wed 13 <sup>th</sup>	Woodlands	Nativity at 9.30am
	Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School	Last Day of Term, school finishes at 1.30pm

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