

Diary Dates

29th November
Julia Donaldson story-writing workshops for Year 2 and book sale/ signing in the School Hall at the end of the day.

7th December
Christmas Market

19th December
Last day of term.

3rd January
Back to School—Spring Term starts.

18th— 22nd February
Half Term

8th-22nd April
Easter Holiday

23rd April
Inset day



Smile with Santa

Get the perfect Christmas momento—a professional digital photograph of your child with Santa.

One of our mums, who runs Woodard Photography, will be on hand to take pictures as the children visit Santa in his grotto.

Photos can be booked when you buy tickets for a visit to Santa for an additional £5 charge.

Hero For A Day

Children in Early Years were really put through their paces last week with a special super hero day.

They tested their strength and agility in the hall, tackled problem-solving challenges and used their super hero



skills and senses to hunt down clues and complete tasks.



Many thanks to the parents and carers who encouraged the youngsters and came up with some super costumes.

Christmas Is Coming . . .

Classes are starting to get into training for the Christmas production, allocated tickets are being sent home, requested 'swaps' will be looked at next week and costume letters have been sent home.

A professional photographer will be attending to take class photos of the children in their costumes (based on photographic consents already given). These will be available for sale afterwards.

The Friends are also getting busy organising the Christmas Market which combines stalls, competitions, a raffle and an opportunity to visit Santa in his grotto on 7th December.

They rely on parents and carers getting involved by supplying raffle prizes, refreshments, toys (and their time) to make it go with a swing so please check out the attached letters to see what is planned and what you can do to help.

Santa has confirmed he will be paying us a visit for the market, and the Friends will be out in the main playground on Wednesday next week selling tickets for a trip to his grotto. Numbers are limited so make a note on your fridge or in your diary!

Raffle tickets and competition envelopes and show tickets will be sent home via bookbags—please keep a look out!

Book signing next Thursday

Julia Donaldson, creator of the *Gruffalo*, *The Ugly Five* and many other modern children's classics, will be in school next week to meet with our pupils.

During the day she will be sharing her love of story-telling and writing through two workshops for our year 2 children and after school she will be joining us in the School Hall where a selection of her books will be on sale and she will be on-hand to say hello and sign any of your purchases.

If, as a working parent, you will not be picking up from school on Thursday but would like to order a book, you can do this in advance via the Steyning Bookshop website and a signed copy will be left with us for you to collect later.

<http://www.steyningbookshop.co.uk/books>
and click on the 'Julia Donaldson' link.

Remember to add your child's name and class and 'Pound Hill, Crawley Event' plus any specific message (such as merry Christmas James) in the 'order notes' section.

The automatic postage charge which is added will be removed from your final payment as they will bring the books along for collection on the day.



Clubs update

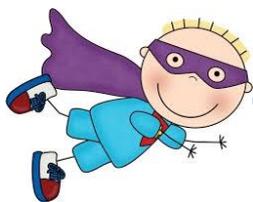
Thanks to everyone who helped with the Early Years' Cake Sale— baking, buying, eating and manning the stall.

A fantastic £262.50 was raised to be spent on equipment for those classes.

Owing to Julia Donaldson's visit and the earlier illness of the drama club leader additional sessions have been added to these clubs. Last sessions for the current clubs are as follow:

Yoga: 26th November
Drama: 3rd December
Multi-sports: 27th November
Science: 27th November
Dance: 28th November
Chess: 29th November
Football: 6th December (no club on 29th Nov)
Golf: 30th November.

Clubs will restart in the New Year. Letters for parents to request places will be circulated when we return to school after Christmas.



Next Friday (30th November) parents of Early Years children are invited to pop into class either at 8.30am or at 2.50pm pick-up, to see the childrens' amazing superhero artwork.

We would love to see you there, please come to the classroom doors as usual.

Good luck!

We are very sorry to be saying goodbye to Mrs Robbins our receptionist who has secured a similar job in a school much closer to home.

We are sure you will join us in wishing her the best for the future and enjoying a less rushed morning routine!