



William Ransom Weekly

Good Morning Parents and Carers,

Friday saw my first experience of the Secret Present Room and what a great experience it was! To see so many of our parents, carers and family members coming in and working together to support, and bring genuine joy and happiness, to every child in the school was a real sight to behold. The sense of school community was incredibly strong and the excitement levels in the children before they had even set foot in the hall was quite something. A huge thank you to everyone who was involved, either in the lead up to the big day, or on the big day itself, and special thanks to those who gave up so much of their time to coordinate the whole event. Events like this simply cannot take place without all of the amazing volunteers - thank you all!

For many of our children and local community, Santa Claus really did come to town on Wednesday evening! His sleigh was out moving, slowly but surely, through the local streets with festive song after festive song ringing out into the night air! It was a wonderful sight seeing so many of our children looking so happy and excited as the sleigh come into view with the big man in red himself! Thank you to all of the SPA members who gave up their evening to make it happen and to everyone who gave so generously.

Earlier this week, our second child of the term showed bravery, confidence and maturity as he visited each classroom in the school to present a self-created PowerPoint about ADHD. The clarity and detail of his lived experience gave everyone a greater understanding of ADHD and how everyone is unique. If you or your family have lived experiences of any neurodivergence that you would like to share with the school, please let Mrs Delaney or the school office know.

Next week will see our Christmas performances taking place on Monday for Year 1 and 2 and on Wednesday for Year 3 and 4 and, as I am sure you are, I am looking forward to seeing our wonderful children having the chance to showcase their talents and really enjoy the occasion!

I wish you all a relaxing and enjoyable weekend ahead.

Mr Plunkett



Coming Up Next Week...

Monday

- Garden House Hospice Assembly
- 1:45pm - Yr 1&2 Christmas Performance
- 6pm - Yr 1&2 Christmas Performance (Doors open for children and adults at 5:30pm)

Wednesday

- 1:45pm - Yr 3&4 Christmas Performance
- 6pm - Yr 3&4 Christmas Performance (Doors open for children and adults at 5:30pm)

Friday

- 2:30pm - Reception Christmas Performance



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



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!

Taking Care Around Railways

With our school being very close to a railway line, we wanted to share links to two assembly videos focussed on railway safety.

We will be sharing these videos during assemblies at the start of the spring term but, with the two week Christmas break coming up shortly, we wanted to take the opportunity to share them with you now. We are aware that children might be around railways and railway lines over the break and we want everyone to be as safe as possible over that time. You can access the KS1 video by [clicking here](#) and the KS2 video by [clicking here](#).

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.



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!

A local collaborative approach to help people in our community



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