

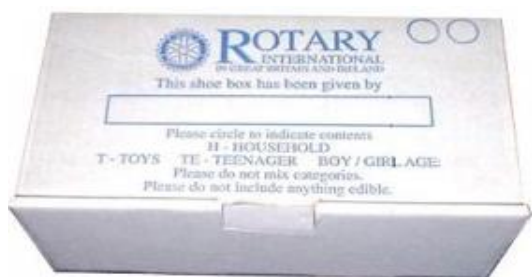
Christmas Books for Turing House

The book list organised by Turing House Friends is off to a great start; 50 of the 177 titles have already been purchased. We are creating labels to put inside them so that there will be a permanent record of who donated them to the school.

http://www.amazon.co.uk/gp/registry/wishlist/3OHZ1M6U9CLY0/ref=cm_sw_em_r_wsl_zL6swb08510C8_wb

We are also delighted to announce the generous sponsorship from Penguin Random House Children's Publishers; a huge thank you to Catherine St John-Smith for organising this. They will be donating a further 100 books to the library so we will soon have lots to put under our Christmas tree!

Rotary Shoebox Appeal



See page 3 for further details of this charity appeal we are taking part in this year. Shoeboxes of donations will

also go under our tree before being collected for distribution by The Rotary Club.

Christmas Tree!

The lights are on in Teddington High Street so our tree is up! Thank you to Ms Sherry for the Turing House coordinated decorations. Books that are donated and Shoebox charity donations will all go under it over the next few weeks. If it still looks good on the 18th we're happy to receive a cash donation to our library fund from anyone who would like it at home!



Forthcoming Events

7 December: 'Spirit of Christmas' 7pm

11 December: KS3 Girls' Dance Competition - Orleans Park

18 December: *Save the Children* Christmas Jumper Day

Fixtures

1 December: Boys' 5-a-Side Football Tournament - Twickenham Academy

2 December: Girls' Basketball Tournament - Waldegrave

8 December: Girls' Basketball - AWAY v Teddington

11 December: Boys' Basketball Tournament - Hampton Boys' School

Elleray Hall Visit

Happily, on Tuesday we were able to rehearse again at Elleray Hall in advance of our Carol Service. Everyone is enjoying these lunchtime activities very much indeed.



Literacy Fact – Apostrophes

The three golden rules

1. Use an apostrophe when you leave letters out of two words joined together (a contraction)

- *I'm (I am)*
- *You're (you are)*

2. Use an apostrophe with -s to show something belongs to someone/thing (for possessives of singular nouns)

- *Harold's crayon*
- *My daughter's First Communion*

3. Use an apostrophe without -s to show something belongs to people/things – plural (for possessives of most plural nouns)

- *the girls' swing set (the swing set belonging to the girls)*
- *the students' projects (the projects belonging to the students)*

School Show Rehearsal Schedule

Once again, due to the need to prioritise rehearsals for 'The Spirit of Christmas', there will be no school show rehearsal next week. The remaining rehearsals for this term are as follows:

A whole-cast rehearsal will be taking place the first week back after the Christmas break. In the meantime, make sure you're learning your lines!

DATE	WHO IS NEEDED?
8/12/15	Car-crash chorus (MO) Bruno, Girl, Doorman, Mr Jenkins, Mrs Jenkins (SH)
15/12/15	Bruno, Girl, Doorman, Mr Jenkins, Mrs Jenkins, Grand High Witch, Grand High Witch's assistant

Spirit of Christmas

As the 7th December fast approaches, rehearsals for The Spirit of Christmas are really going apace! We will be having extra practices next week aside from those already happening so it is essential that all students involved have their instruments in school every day. It is exciting to see so many of our students keen to participate and we look forward to equal enthusiasm from the parents in the congregational carols.

Cashless Catering

This week we registered students onto the cashless catering system so that they can pay for their food electronically. Final preparation and setup takes place next week and we will start using the system on Monday 7th December.

Please make sure that you have accessed your online account and provided them with some money to pay for their food before then!

<https://www.scopay.com/turinghouseschool-richmond>

Rotary Shoebox Appeal

This year we are taking part in the Rotary Club Shoe Box Appeal: *'The gift of a shoebox that contains toys, toiletries, educational items or household goods is a drop of happiness to the people of Eastern Europe who live in a world of poverty. For many, it will be the first present that they have ever received and it lets them know that somebody, somewhere cares.'*

We hope that all students will all want to take part and when they receive a shoebox they can decide whether to give their box to a baby, a child, a teenager or fill it with household items. The Rotary Club will then collect these boxes before we break for Christmas. There is no need to purchase items, simply fill the boxes with things from home that are surplus to requirements. Some suggestions are:

Baby: This is given to new mothers and can include baby wipes, cotton wool buds, baby shampoo, baby oil, talc powder, bonnet, bootees and mitts, baby grow, knitted matinee coat, small soft toy or plastic rattle. Age up to 12 months.

Child: Toys such as 'Matchbox' type toy cars, small bouncy balls, jigsaws, fluffy toys, dolls, colouring books, felt tip pens, Lego, yoyos, bubble blow, etc. Should indicate if for a boy or girl.

Teenager: Please remember boxes for teenage boys and girls up to the age of 18. Such as: make-up, toiletries, sportswear, scarf, gloves, hat, writing materials, deodorants, comb, mirror, football memorabilia, etc.

Household: Household Goods such as hand soap, toothpaste and brushes, envelopes, letter paper, biro pens, etc. Toys are especially appreciated, since these boxes can be used for birthday gifts. This box is also good for older folk, especially if a warm scarf or a pair of gloves is included.

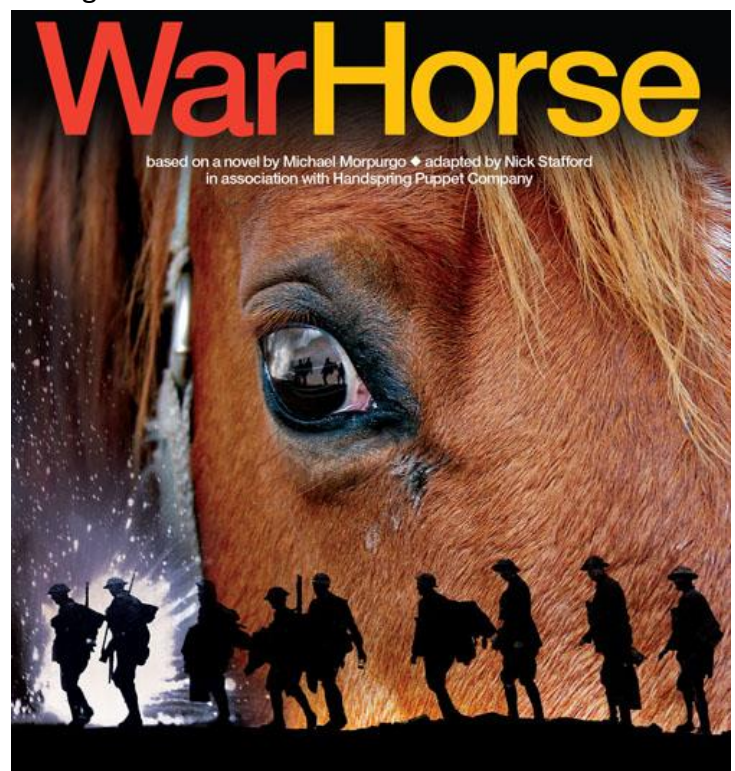
War Horse

We are delighted to announce that on Monday 22nd February, we will be running a trip to see the stunning, critically acclaimed stage adaptation of Michael Morpurgo's 'War Horse'.

In English currently, we have been reading Morpurgo's poignant, elegiac novel 'Private Peaceful', which is also set during World War I. It is a story of friendship, love and courage, which has allowed us to explore the pressures and hardships faced by the men who bravely fought in the First World War. Being able to see 'War Horse' will be a fitting complement to these studies.

The trip will run in the evening, costing £30 for transport and tickets (seated in the stalls). As enthusiasm was so high, we have currently reserved enough tickets for the entire school to go! However, we will need to confirm places in the next few weeks.

A letter will be going home next week with a reply slip and there will be an option to make payments either online using Tucasi or by cash/cheque; details will be in the letter. For any students who may need financial support to be able to participate in this trip, please contact Ms Sherry via the school to discuss arrangements.



21 Days of Gratitude

This week we launched our 21 days of gratitude initiative in the lead up to Christmas. What we hope our students, staff and parents will do is think about one of the items on the list below each day for the next 21 days. The idea behind this is to thank people and be grateful for the things we have. Students began on the 24th with number 1, so feel free to join in.



21 Days of Gratitude

It is not happy people who are thankful, it is thankful people who are happy.

1. A friend.
2. Physical activity you can do
3. Something kind.
4. A teacher
5. What brings you joy.
6. What you enjoy but not...
7. What you're good at...
8. An Adventure
9. Something funny
10. Your parents
11. Something beautiful
12. Something that was hard to do but you learned...
13. Family
14. Nature
15. What you love about yourself.
16. Your favorite food
17. Your favorite book.
18. Happened this weekend.
19. A gift you received.
20. What you do everyday.
21. Can't live without.

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England v Ireland Legends – Charity Match

If your appetite for watching Rugby was fuelled or just re-kindled by the World Cup why not go to see the England v Ireland Legends at the Twickenham Stoop on Friday 26th February?

25% of all adult tickets sold using the [Turing House order form](#) come back to the school and we will use this to enhance the library further. Adult tickets are available at £10 and £20, and children's tickets are £5.

Home Start

If you have some free time after the Christmas holidays, and you are a parent or grandparent, you could help other families with pre-school children. Local charity Home-Start Richmond is offering a free course to train you to be a home-visiting volunteer, supporting families with difficulties such as post-natal illness, bereavement or disability.

There is an introductory coffee morning on Weds 13 January and then course runs 10am-2.30pm, every Weds for 10 weeks from 20 January – 23 March (not half-term). After the course, you would visit a family for 2-3 hours a week. For more information, please contact Angie Ahmed on 020 8487 8500 info@homestart-richmond.org.uk or visit www.homestart-richmond.org.uk. Home-Start Richmond, 211 Parkway House, Sheen Lane, East Sheen, SW14 8LS.

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Support and friendship
for families