



Friday 08th December 2017 (Newsletter 07)

Dear all,

As we enter into the final weeks of a very long term, we have a lot of activities taking place and we would like to ensure that everyone feels as informed as possible.

We are really excited that we have the opportunity to share in the Christmas Pantomime at the Tacchi Morris, and we hope to bring this into the calendar again next year.

The pupils and staff from nursery to KS1 have been working extremely hard putting together their nativity plays, and it is safe to say that everyone set to attend is in for a real treat. There are many other activities over the final two weeks of term, which would not work without parent, pupil and staff support so I would like to say a big thank you in advance and wish everyone an enjoyable end to the term.

We would like to **congratulate Rory Trower** who has been selected to join the Southampton Saints Southwest Football Development Centre, after attending trials with them.

Nativity Costumes

A reminder that all remaining Nativity costumes for Year 1 and 2 pupils should be brought into school by Monday 11th December.

Christmas Lunch

Our Christmas lunch day will be on **Thursday 14th December**.

Christmas Jumpers

On **Friday 15th December** we will be celebrating National Christmas Jumper day. Children should wear their normal school uniform, but are welcome to wear a Christmas Jumper instead of their school jumper. There is no cost for the day, but children are welcome to bring in a donation to their classes, which will be passed on to the Save the Children charity.

Pantomime

Unfortunately no further tickets can be purchased for the pantomime and those who have not returned ticket slips will be unable to attend and will remain at school.

Due to the running time of the show, the children attending the performances next Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th December will be returning to school late. Please collect your child from their classroom at 4:45pm. If there are any problems, please contact the school office. Those children booked in for a full session at Kingfishers will attend upon return, and those who are booked in for a half session will have this credited and carried forward.

Messy Church

Unfortunately due to the Pantomime finishing later than expected, we have decided to cancel the Messy Church at Christmas event which was due to be held next Wednesday, however we are in the process of arranging some extra entertainment for the following Wednesday 20th December in advance of the Carols by Candlelight event in the school hall. We hope lots of you will be able to join us on the 20th.

Christmas Party Day

Thursday 21st December is the last day of term, and we will be having a party day. Teachers will contact you regarding further details. It will also be non-school uniform.

Christmas Fair

The Young Enterprise Christmas Fair will also take place on Wednesday 20th December - further details to follow on ParentMail.

Parent Board

Parent Board will meet on Monday 11th December at 2.40pm.

Food Bank Collection

There will be a food bank collection at Brittons Ash Community Hall on Wednesday 13th December. If you would like to contribute, please drop in between 2pm and 5pm.



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School Council

The School Council did a fantastic job of raising £78 for Children in Need. We are very proud of them. Also, a thank you to everyone who took part in the Christmas Decoration competition. They look amazing and we appreciate the effort that pupils put in. Winners will be announced during Friday's Collective Worship. The School Council will then be decorating the Christmas tree in the hall with all of the entries.

Donations

Thank you to those of you who donated Christmas items for school and chocolate for the tombola at the Village Hall last weekend.

Thank you to Melcombe Farm, (Melcombe Lane, North Petherton, TA6 6NF) for the donation of the Christmas tree in the School Hall and Nursery. They offer both cut and dug up trees ranging from £10.

We would also like to thank Tom at Aldi for the donations of wrapping paper, as well as B&Q for the Christmas Tree in the Heart Space.

Shoebbox Appeal

A huge thank you to all the families who donated filled Shoebboxes to the school, we sent a total of 240 shoeboxes along with £90 cash donations for the Operation Shoebbox programme.

School Day Times

A reminder that the school day starts promptly at 8:55am. We have seen an increase in children arriving to school late over the last month or so. Children arriving late must sign in via the School Office.

Parents View Questionnaire

On Wednesday 29th November we sent a ParentMail regarding a Parent View survey, thank you to all those who have submitted feedback already. The survey will close on Friday 15th December.

Change of Address and Contact Numbers

A reminder to ensure that you keep the school office informed of any change of contact details such as address and mobile telephone numbers.

Scooter/ Bike Safety

Please support us in insisting your child does not ride their bike or scooter on the school grounds. These should be dismounted at the gate and children should walk into school. Also a reminder that bikes should have lights and wherever possible children should wear high visibility clothing.

Road Safety

The road immediately outside the school has a 20mph speed limit, however we are aware that on occasions this is not observed by passing traffic. Please ensure for your children's safety that you only cross the road using the pedestrian crossings and always follow the Road Safety guidelines of Stop, Look, Listen.

Cold Weather Policy

With colder weather being upon us, in the event of any school closures communication would be made via Parentmail, Facebook, the school website and local radio. For more information, please see our severe weather policy on the school website.

Kind Regards,

Ian Robinson – Headteacher



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Diary Dates

Date	Activity
Monday 11th December	Parentboard at 2.30pm
Tuesday 12th December	Reception Nativity at 10am
	Year R and Year 6 Panto Trip
	Year 1 Family Learning session
Wednesday 13th December	Reception Nativity at 2pm
	Year 1, 2, 3 and 5 Panto Trip
Thursday 14th December	School Christmas Lunch
	Nursery Nativity at 2.30pm
Tuesday 19th December	Year 1 and 2 Nativity at 2pm
	Year 4 Panto Trip
Wednesday 20th December	Year 1 and 2 Nativity at 2pm
	Candlelight Carol Service
Friday 02nd February	PTA School Disco
March	Parent Consultations
Friday 16th March	PTA Easter Bingo
10th, 11th, 12th & 13th April	Year Five Bikeability
May	KS1 SATS - TBC KS2 SATS – W/C 14 th May
07th, 14th, 21st & 28th June	2018 Reception Class Transition Mornings
Friday 22nd June	Non school uniform
Thursday 28th June	Sports day
Saturday 30th June	PTA Summer Fayre
Monday 02nd July	New parents information evening (Reception class 2018) 6pm
Thursday 05th July	Reserve sports day
Friday 13th July	School Leavers Disco

Committee Dates

Monday 18th December	FGB 7pm
Friday 19th January	Business committee 8.15am
Tuesday 27th February	Education committee 8.15am
Monday 12th March	Business committee 8.15am
Friday 27th April	Business committee 8.15am
Tuesday 01st May	Education committee 8.15am
Monday 14th May	FGB 7pm
Friday 15th June	Business committee 8.15am
Tuesday 10th July	Education committee 8.15am
Monday 16th July	FGB 7pm

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