



Advent begins!

As we begin the countdown to Christmas, a reminder for those children who would like to send Christmas cards to their friends in school. The post box will be set up on Monday 11th December with Year 6 children sorting and delivering the mail on a daily basis. All envelopes need to state the child's full name (forename and surname) and their class name. Our final delivery will be on Thursday 21st December when we close at 1:30pm for the Christmas holiday.



Golden Ticket Winners

Congratulations to Katie, Zyra, Thomas, Sofia, Finley, Lucas and Isla for being selected for our special lunch. The comments on their certificates showed that they were: being very kind, caring and polite; acting maturely and showing empathy; being patient and caring towards his younger peers and a friend in need; being helpful in the lunch hall; and having a kind and generous nature.



DIARY DATES

Thur 7 th December	Inter-house 'Circuit training' event
Fri 8 th Dec	Lower school dress rehearsal for KS1 children
Fri 8 th Dec 3:45pm	Football match at Cove3G
Mon 11 th Dec	Christmas Post Box opens
Mon 11 th Dec	Lower school dress rehearsal for Year 5 & 6
Mon 11 th Dec 6:30pm	Residential Trip 2019 meeting for Year 5 parents
Tues 12 th Dec 9:30am	Lower school performance to parents
Wed 13 th Dec 6:00pm	Lower school performance to parents
Wed 13 th Dec 3:25pm	School Council Christmas Cake Sale CHANGE OF DATE
Thur 14 th Dec	Choir performing at Aldershot FC Carol Service CANCELLED
Fri 15 th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day £1 donation to Save the Children
Fri 15 th Dec	School Christmas Lunch
Fri 15 th Dec	School Christmas Raffle – Winners drawn during assembly
Mon 18 th Dec 10:00am	School Christmas Church Service at St Christopher's Church
Tues 19 th Dec 7:00pm	Choir performing at Cove Senior School
Wed 20 th Dec 9:15am	Ukulele Concert for parents of children in Hawk class
Thur 21 st Dec 1:30pm	Term finishes for Christmas holiday
Thur 4 th Jan	School opens for the Spring term
Mon 8 th Jan	Year 6 Weighing and Measuring (School Nurse)
Mon 15 th Jan	Deadline for Year 2 parents to apply for a Year 3 place for Sept 2018
Tues 16 th Jan 3:25pm	PTA Tea and cakes event (Details to follow)
Thur 18 th Jan	Year 4-6 Futsal Tournament (details to follow)
Thur 18 th Jan	Year 5 trip to Winchester Science Centre

School Crossing Patrols

I have received a message, through one of our governors, from Barbara Hurst. Barbara is our local Councillor and she has a great interest in the well-being of children in our local area. She has informed us that Hampshire County Council are proposing to end school crossing patrols. Barbara has started a petition to ask HCC to reconsider their proposal and was wondering whether Cove Juniors would support it by encouraging parents to sign up with the comment, "I think Cove children would be particularly hard hit because Fleet Road is so dangerous."

If you would like to sign the petition, please follow the following link:

<http://chn.ge/2iUYorE>



Senior school students collecting siblings

Please could we ask that all older students, who have been asked to collect their younger brothers and sisters, behave appropriately when on the school grounds. There have been occasions recently where students have been riding bikes or playing football on our playgrounds while waiting for their siblings. This is unsafe and unsupervised and yesterday a younger child was hurt when a football hit them. It is not possible for our staff to supervise these older children as they are working hard to support the children of Cove Juniors. Unless we see an improvement in behaviour, we will need to ask older students to remain in the area by the large oak tree rather than coming onto the main school site. This message has also been shared with the senior school and will be shared with the students directly.

Words of the Fortnight!

To encourage our children to use a wider range of vocabulary, we set a challenge for the children which we hope you will join in with at home too. Every two weeks, a new word is introduced in each class and the children get rewards for using them in their writing or in conversation. Our new words are:

Lower School

'Responsibility'

Noun - the state or fact of having a duty to deal with something or of having control over someone

Year 5

'Revenge'

Noun - revenge involves hurting or punishing someone who has hurt or harmed you

Year 6

'Fanatical'

Adjective - obsessively concerned with something

How often can you use these words at home?

School Council Trip to London

Thanks to the superb planning and organisation of Miss Freeman and Mr Gargan, the school council experienced a wonderful day in London last week. They visited many notable landmarks including Downing Street, Buckingham Palace and Churchill's War Rooms. The day ended with a fascinating trip around Westminster Palace where we saw our government in action discussing legal matters in the House of Lords and Brexit being debated in the House of Commons. The children were a real credit to our school and was proof that our democratic voting process had chosen wisely.



Shakespeare Schools Festival

We have received the following feedback about the recent Shakespeare Schools Festival:

"I would like to offer sincere thanks and congratulations to Cove Junior School for your wonderful production of *The Tempest* as part of the 2017 Shakespeare Schools Festival. Students and teachers alike have put hard work, imagination, determination and passion into this production, and were a credit to the school. I'd like to take this opportunity to highlight just a few fantastic moments that you should be especially proud of:

- I loved that you let the dogs out and that even rocks had powerful appearances. What a fun, inventive, creative production!
- Your creative input was wonderful and it showed in so many ways, I particularly loved your energised and happy ending. You clearly understood the play very well and were able to make intelligent and original creative decisions as an ensemble with your director.
- You had a demonstrable understanding of the language which allowed the audience to follow the story with ease. This is a centuries-old play and even many professional actors find it difficult to convey the meaning of these words to their audience, so the clarity with which you told the story was very impressive.
- I also loved how you used facial expressions and gestures for the characters, remembering that communication isn't just about the words you use, but the way you deliver them. This made the story clear and engaging for your audience and ensured that the characters of this magical island were really believable and immediate.

Cove Junior School's production was a wonderfully rich and imaginative *Tempest* that took us all on a magical journey. Congratulations to everyone involved in this superb production."

First News Subscriptions

As a school, we subscribe to the First News newspaper and many of our children love reading this excellent publication. You were recently sent a flyer with a special offer relating to setting up your own subscription at home. If you do decide to take up this offer, school can benefit financially. Our school's unique code is: **X17SCJS** which needs to be entered when you subscribe.

Subscriptions can also be set up through the following links:

subscribe.firstnews.co.uk or subscribe.firstnews.co.uk/christmas
(for Christmas gift subscriptions)

BIG NEWS FOR 2018

This Christmas, get kids talking with a gift subscription to First News, the children's newspaper.

PLUS: THE BIG BOOK OF MY YEAR - a fun way for children to record their memories of the year ahead.

Subscription gifts from £10

Children in Need Day

Thank you to everyone who donated money.

We raised **£249.47** in total.



Christmas Carol Concert

Unfortunately the choir are no longer singing at the Aldershot service ... fortunately they are now performing at the Cove Senior School Christmas concert. The concert starts at 7:00pm and tickets are available at Cove Senior's reception desk. Adult tickets are £5, child tickets are £3 and tickets for a family of 4 are £14.

RAF Odiham Trip

We took part in a Road Show to celebrate and remember all those in our armed forces of today and in the past. The main focus was to recognise the sacrifices made by many during the First World War with a particular emphasis on the war in the skies. This event was organised by the charity, Never Such Innocence, who engage children with learning about this part of our history.

The children wrote and then performed their own song about the contribution made by women in Britain during wartime. Over the next 2 weeks, the children will take part in two further workshops writing poetry and completing art work.



The Cake Sale

WEDNESDAY 13TH DECEMBER CAKE SALE

INFO

It will be a cake sale after school with the cakes that the children have made. The school council will be running the event and half the money is going to be donated to the Phyllis Tuckwell hospice.

By the chairman of school council.

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Plates will be
coming out on 8th
of December

Christmas cakes
will be great, but
any cake will do

Cakes run out
soon so go
straight there after
school!

COVE CAKE SALE

Time: straight after
school

Date: Wednesday 13th
December