



Merry Christmas!

As we near the end of 2017, I would like to thank you all for your continued support. This term has been a very long and busy one for the children and staff and there have been so many exciting opportunities for learning. We are, as always, very proud of everything that the children have achieved and this came to an exciting climax last week with the excellent Lower School performance of 'Aladdin'. My thanks go to all of the children (for learning so many lines and lyrics) and the staff for producing such a great show for us to enjoy.

We are very lucky to have such a hard-working and committed group of staff in all areas of the school who constantly go 'above and beyond' to ensure the best possible outcomes for our children - I'm sure you will join me in thanking them for their dedication.

All of our children have earned a well-deserved break - I hope Christmas is everything that they're hoping for!

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Golden Ticket Winners

Congratulations to Oliver, Reece, Josie, Foyzur, Thomas, Faith and Ellie for being selected for our special lunch. The comments on their certificates showed that they were: fantastic helpers at lunchtime; being kind and caring; always eating their lunch with a smile; keeping the games area clutter free and helping to put equipment away at the end of lunch; always being willing to help; and being polite. Well done!



DIARY DATES

Wed 20 th Dec 9:15am	Ukulele Concert for parents of children in Hawk class
Wed 20 th Dec 12:00 noon	Choir performing at the Snow Goose (For local Senior Citizens' Christmas meal)
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
Thur 18 th Jan	PTA Bags2school Event (details to follow)
Tues 30 th Jan	Young Voices Concert at the O2 arena in London
Tues 30 th Jan	Fire Service visiting Year 5
Thur 1 st Feb	Athletics Tournament at Samuel Cody for Year 5 and 6 (details to follow for selected children)
Thur 1 st Feb	Lower School trip to Butser Farm
Mon 5 th Feb	Inter-house netball / basketball event
Thur 8 th Feb	Last day of half term
Fri 9 th Feb	INSET DAY
Mon 12 th – Fri 16 th	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Mon 19 th Feb	School opens for Spring 2 term
Thur 1 st March	World Book Day
Thur 1 st March	Notification of Year 7 2018 secondary school places
Fri 16 th March	Notification of Year 3 2018 junior school places
21 st – 23 rd March	Year 4 Residential trip to Calshot
Thur 22 nd March	Year 3 / 4 Tag Rugby Festival at Samuel Cody

Christmas Hamper

Many thanks to all of the members of staff who donated gifts to put in this year's Christmas hampers. We raised £265.50 to go towards school-based fundraising which will benefit all of our children. Congratulations to Charlie (Lancaster class) who won the adults' hamper and Daniel (Spitfire class) who won the children's hamper.



Gymnastics lessons in Spring term

As a result of recent guidance from Hampshire County Council about the teaching of gym to KS2 pupils, we have had to make changes about the way these lessons are being taught. Teachers now need to have completed specific qualifications before they are able to teach this curriculum area. We have put in place a rolling programme for training throughout this academic year but in the Spring term, the children will sometimes be taught by other teachers in a rotation of activities. For example, all children in Year 6 will be taught by Mr Gargan on a Thursday afternoon and will rotate through 3 different lessons during the afternoon.

Please remember that children must have their PE kits in school every day to ensure that they do not miss PE lessons.

Word of the Holiday!

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 word is:

'Celebration'

Noun - anything that is planned or done in order to honour something or somebody



How often can you use this word at home this Christmas?

Online Safety

Please read the following message which we have been asked to circulate to all parents to reinforce the importance of online safety:

With the Christmas holidays approaching and the prospect of children perhaps receiving digital media as a gift in some shape or form - tablets and gaming consoles, for example - we thought it would be an appropriate time to remind you about the responsible use of such devices.

Following the recent news stories relating to the Police's increasing concerns about child exploitation through social media (<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-42224148>), please do take the time to set up robust parental controls on devices and ensure that you set the passwords and codes so that only you know them.

There is some helpful advice relating to this on Hampshire County Council's website: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/childrenandfamilies/safeguardingchildren/online-safety>

If your children are likely to be using the internet, you may find it helpful for them to be aware and to have viewed this website: https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/5_7/

Helpful advice is also available from the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC) website:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Aside from the risk of exploitation and cyber bullying, it is unfortunate in this day and age that content exists on social media that would be inappropriate, and potentially harmful, for young children to view.

*If you receive images or videos on Snapchat, Instagram, Whatsapp or via any other social media featuring inappropriate content, these should be deleted immediately and **reported to the Police** on the non-emergency **101 telephone number**. Many people are still unaware that showing or sharing inappropriate images or videos with others could mean they are committing a crime. However, if a genuine mistake is made, it would be treated as such by the Police.*

Thank you for your support in keeping our children and families safe online at all times of the year.

<h1>S</h1> <p>Stay Safe</p> <p>Don't give out your personal information to people / places you don't know.</p> 	<h1>M</h1> <p>Don't Meet Up</p> <p>Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Always check with an adult you trust.</p> 	<h1>A</h1> <p>Accepting Files</p> <p>Accepting emails, files, pictures or texts from people you don't know can cause problems.</p> 	<h1>R</h1> <p>Reliable?</p> <p>Check information before you believe it. Is the person or website telling the truth?</p> 	<h1>T</h1> <p>Tell Someone</p> <p>Tell an adult if someone or something makes you feel worried or uncomfortable.</p> <p>Follow these SMART tips to keep yourself safe online!</p> 
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