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Newsletter 4 – 16/11/18

Diary Dates 2018 – 2019

November

Fri 16th – PTA Discos / Children in Need
Thu 22nd – NSPCC Visit
Fri 30th – Children Sing at Tadley
Christmas Lights Switch-on

December

Tues 4th – PTA Movie Night
Fri 7th – PTA Christmas Fair
Weds 12th - Rocksteady concert

Christmas Shows

Thurs 6th (afternoon) – FS & KS1
Grandparents
Fri 7th (morning) – KS2 Grandparents
Mon 10th – KS2 (afternoon and evening)
Tues 11th – FS & KS1 (morning)
KS2 (evening)
Weds 12th – FS & KS1 (3.30pm)
Weds 19th – Christmas Dinner
Red/Green/Tinsel Day
Thurs 20th – Christmas Jumper Day
Fri 21st – Carol Service
Break up for Christmas
(school uniform)

Remaining INSET Days 2018-2019

Mon 7th January 2019
Monday 25th February 2019
Monday 22nd July 2019
Tuesday 23rd July 2019

The second half of autumn term is in full swing and the children have been involved in a variety of things going on around the school. We have been reflecting and thinking of others with the Remembrance Day and Children in Need events happening. We are now heading into the festive season with many exciting things to look forward to! With the cold and wet weather having arrived, it has not deterred us from enjoying the great outdoors so please ensure your child always has their coat and suitable P.E clothes for wearing outside.

Mrs A. L. Armstrong, Headteacher

PTA Jumble Sale

The PTA held their first jumble sale here at the school last Saturday. Thank you for your donations of clothes and other items. £200 was raised. Another thank you to the members of the PTA who organised this event. There are plans to hold another jumble sale in the future – watch this space!

Newchurch Road Development

You will have noticed that the development of the old Burnham Copse Infant School site has begun on Newchurch Road. I have had an initial discussion with the developers and we are due to meet next week to discuss details of their programme. They are keen to offer opportunities for the children to gain from the process and we may be able to organise to visit the site as well as receive a visit from the developers to make a presentation to the children about building and safety.

We will also discuss implications for traffic and road use over the coming months. The developers wish to work with us to minimise impact as much as possible at peak times. They will also give regular updates throughout the building programme.

In the meantime, please be aware that there will be site traffic around which will have some effect on parking at school drop off and pick up times and take additional care to allow for this along Newchurch Road.

School Dinner Change

Due to a shortage of beef from the suppliers, on Tuesday 20th November the meat option has changed to pork.

Absence during Term Time

A reminder that requests for absence during term time can only be authorised in very exceptional circumstances. Government expectations are that every child will have a minimum overall attendance rate over 95%. Illness cannot be avoided but please make every effort to ensure that routine dental and medical appointments are made during the school holidays or for times outside the school day during term time. Thank you for supporting your child's education by co-operating with us in this matter.

Road Safety Shop

Our Junior Road Safety Officers will be opening their Road Safety Shop after school on Wednesday 21st November. They have high visibility jackets and bibs for sale as well as a number of other items. Do have a look at what is on offer.

Children in Need Day

There were plenty of spots around in school today! The children and staff all supported Children in Need Day by wearing non-school uniform and we raised a total of £284.22 to help vulnerable children. Thank you for your donations.



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Parent Questionnaire Results

Thank you to those parents who completed our annual questionnaire form in October. Your views are an important source of information and contribute to the school leadership's evaluation of vital aspects of our provision. The Governors have analysed all the responses. The results for 2017 are also included for comparison.

	2018	2017
My child is happy at this school.	100%	96%
My child feels safe at this school.	100%	98%
My child makes good progress at this school.	95%	93%
My child is well looked after at this school.	100%	100%
My child is taught well at this school.	98%	95%
My child receives appropriate homework for their age.	96%	92%
The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.	94%	94%
The school deals effectively with bullying.	91%	90%
The school is well led and managed.	97%	96%
The School responds well to any concerns I raise.	90%	87%
I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress.	91%	92%
Would you recommend this school to other parents?	100%	100%
Average	96%	94%

With all areas returning 90% or above in agreement and 100% of our parents saying they would recommend our school to others, we are very pleased with the overall results. There are areas to focus on for continued improvement, as highlighted in yellow, and we will be seeking further feedback from parents to contribute to this process.

Small things, big help!

Thank you for the donations of boxes of tissues which we continue to receive. The colds and bugs have started so we are making very good use of them. Do please keep them coming!

New Intake and Open Morning date

We have arranged another Open Morning for parents of children due to start school in September 2019. From 9.30 - 10.30am on Monday 26th November parents are welcome to join us for a tour of the school and to meet members of staff to ask questions. Individual tours on other dates/times are also welcomed. Please call the school office to make an appointment if you would like to visit at another time.

Bags 2 School

Thank you to everybody who has been generous and donated unwanted clothes and goods. They were collected and weighed on Monday and a very impressive £200.08 was raised for school funds. We have allocated the money towards the subscription for an online home/school maths programme which all our children will be able to use. It will specifically help with the learning and reinforcement of multiplication tables. Year 3/4 have already be trialling the programme and we have had a very enthusiastic response from pupils, parents and teachers. More details to follow.

Remembrance Day

You will have noticed the wave of poppies on the school fence which surrounded the Silent Soldier that we hosted last week. The children were inspired by the work we did in classes to support Remembrance Day and honoured our minute's silence which we held on Friday morning with thoughtfulness and respect. Thanks to your generous donations for our coin collection for the Royal British Legion we raised a total of £157.11