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## Diary Dates 2017 – 18

### September

Tues 26<sup>th</sup> – Individual School Photos  
Weds 27<sup>th</sup> – Open morning for 2018 FS

### October

Fri 6<sup>th</sup> – Open morning for 2018 FS  
Tues 10<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> – Book Fair  
Weds 11<sup>th</sup> – Parent Consultations  
Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> – Parent Consultations  
Tues 17<sup>th</sup> – Harvest Assembly  
Fri 20<sup>th</sup> – Break up for Half Term  
Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> – Fri 27<sup>th</sup> – HALF TERM  
Mon 30<sup>th</sup> - INSET  
Tues 31<sup>st</sup> – Children return to school

### November

Weds 1<sup>st</sup> – Starlings Care Club AGM

### December

Christmas Shows  
Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> (afternoon) – FS & KS1  
Grandparents  
Fri 8<sup>th</sup> (afternoon) – KS2 Grandparents  
Mon 11<sup>th</sup> – KS2 (afternoon and evening)  
Tues 12<sup>th</sup> – FS & KS1 (morning)  
KS2 (evening)  
Weds 13<sup>th</sup> – FS & KS1 (3.30pm)  
  
Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> – Break up for Christmas

### INSET Days 2017-18

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2017  
Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2017  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2018  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2018  
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2018

With the new school year well underway, we are turning our attention to the development of the school grounds. You will, I hope, start seeing some changes outside that will further improve our outdoor environment to support the children's learning. If you have any ideas, skills or equipment that you could share with us, please let Mrs Stupples know.

Mrs A. L. Armstrong, Headteacher

### Woodland Walk

Our work to develop the school grounds has begun. Thank you to the team of parents and children who worked so hard to clear a pathway through the trees at the bottom of the school field for our woodland walk. Organised by Mrs Stupples, they succeeded in making a fantastic route for us to use during lessons. The Science Park wall has also received its undercoat ready for some stunning artwork to be added. Watch this space!

### Road Safety Trainees

Would you be interested in becoming a volunteer trainer to help support the delivery of children's Road Safety in school? Alongside Mrs Dines you would be able to help to deliver all important messages to our children to enable them to stay safe when on or near roads. Please speak to Mrs Dines for more details.

### 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 can not 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.

### Book Fair

We will be holding a Book Fair here at school from Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> to Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October. Look out for further details which will be coming to you in a separate letter.



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### **Get Fit for Your Family Day**

In partnership with The Hurst we are pleased to be able to offer a very exciting opportunity for parents and children of our Year 6 pupils. On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November we will be holding a 'Get Fit For Your Family' event here at school. The event involves thinking about health and fitness, including preparing a healthy meal which you will enjoy together at lunchtime, and aims to support families in maintaining a healthy lifestyle alongside busy family life.

The children will be able to take part with one of their parents/carers and all the activities take place within the school day.

We have purposely chosen a Friday when we know that AWE has a non-working day to enable those of you who work there to take part more easily.

Please make a note of the date and look out for further information about how to book places for yourself and your child. Places will be limited but we hope to accommodate as many Year 6 children and their family members as possible.

### **Tadley Christmas Lights**

During the evening of Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November, Tadley Christmas Lights will be switched on. Every year we are invited to sing at this event and we always look forward to being able to offer this opportunity to all our children. Please keep the date free so that your child is able to join us and you will be able to see them perform to the people of the town. We have a target to beat. Last year we had around 100 singers. Let's increase this number this year!

### **Tesco**

We have had the fantastic news that the school came second in the voting event 'Bags of Help' which is arranged by Tesco to support nominated local causes. As a result the school has been awarded £2000 which will be put towards the school grounds development project. Thank you to Mrs Stupples for organising this fundraising opportunity.

### **New Intake and Open Mornings**

Our new Foundation Stage pupils have started school life in Robin and Nuthatch classes. They have arrived in school with confidence and excitement and are busy making the most of every opportunity that the Foundation Stage team have planned for them. It is a pleasure to see them settling in so well.

Already, parents of children due to start school in September 2018 are preparing for starting school. We have the first of our annual Open Mornings for these parents on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 9.30-10.30am. If you know of anyone who may be interested please let them know.

### **Individual School Photos**

A reminder that the photographer will be in school next Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> to take photographs of all the children. For some it will be their first school photograph and for others it will be another photograph to treasure as part of your annual record of their time in school.