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Newsletter 3 – 29/10/18

Diary Dates 2018 – 2019

November

Tues 6th Nov – PTA Movie Night
Fri 9th Nov – Remembrance Day
Fri 16th – PTA Discos / Children in Need
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

Our outdoor enhancement programme has got off to a flying start with the improvement to the playground and Foundation Stage areas. The builders worked hard to finish before half term and we are all enjoying the use of the results of all their hard work.

Mrs A. L. Armstrong, Headteacher

URGENT Allergy Information – We Need Your Help!

We have children in school with various allergies, some of which are very serious and necessitate the carrying of epi-pens to treat the child in an emergency. We have previously advised that no nut products, including chocolate spreads, can be brought to school by any child for snacks or in lunch boxes. Thank you for helping us with this already.

You may not be aware that some food items contain less obvious nut by-products and it is important that parents also read the ingredient lists to check for nut oils which may be put in the food items. Please would you work with us by trying to avoiding products containing these ingredients wherever possible?
Thank you for helping us with this.

Bags 2 School

Please bring to school any unwanted clothes by Monday 12th November, 9am. Any clothes collected are then weighed and Bags 2 School give our school a cheque based on the clothing weight.

Remembrance Day

This year, November 11th falls on a Sunday. We will therefore do our annual change collection on Friday 9th. The children can bring in any change that you can spare. They then place their coins, a class at a time, on a large image of a poppy. All coins collected are donated to the Royal British Legion and contribute to their poppy appeal.

Walktober

To celebrate the end of Walk to school whatever the weather month, I would like to see how many children can walk to school on Wednesday 31st October. Park and Stride is a great way to exercise and lessen pollution in the area around school. From Mrs Dines

Tadley Christmas Lights

During the evening of Friday 30th 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!

Parent Consultation Questionnaires

Thank you for completing the questionnaires that were provided at Parent Consultation evenings. They are now with the Governors for analysis and we will let you know the results as soon as we have them.



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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 2019 are preparing for starting school. We have already had two of our annual Open Mornings for these parents in September and October and are due to have another one before the application deadline (January). More information on the date to follow.

Earrings being worn in school

Unless your child's ears have been pierced within the last six weeks, earrings should not be worn in school. We have special tape within school that can protect freshly pierced ears although to reduce the risk of accidents to ears or missing jewellery, we would prefer it if your child doesn't wear them. Thank you for your support in the matter.

Young Ambassadors

We were pleased to host the annual Young Ambassadors' Conference here just before half term. Children from schools in the area came to participate in a morning of activities to develop their understanding of the important role they have been selected to carry out. Young Ambassadors support and befriend new children in all year groups. They are a valuable asset to the school. Our latest ambassadors will finish their training in November.

Basingstoke Variety Show

A huge congratulations to the school choir who performed at the Mayor's Variety Show at The Anvil earlier this month. Supported by Miss Young and Mrs Clark, they confidently sang a number of song parts which they had been learning and practising over a number of weeks. There were many positive comments from members of the audience and the event organisers. Well done everybody!

Harvest Assembly

Our Harvest Celebration was another proud moment for us all. Every child, from Foundation Stage to Year 6, contributed to their class performance and entertained us with their singing and some poetry. The confidence with which they delivered their pieces was very impressive.

Thank you to all those who were able to come along to watch. There were at least 178 of you in the audience which is a record number for Harvest. Your generous donations to the food collection resulted in another record. 138.42kg of food was given to the foodbank to support struggling families in the local area. Thank you.

Diddy Rugby

Our Foundation Stage children are enjoying their weekly Diddy Rugby sessions which have recently started. The visiting coach has said she is very impressed with their enthusiasm so far. The early skills that she is teaching them help to develop their fine and gross motor skills while engaging in fun activities. We are pleased to be able to provide this opportunity for the children this year.

Hospice Project

10 pupils from Year 6 have recently completed a very special project with St Michael's Hospice. They spent 4 afternoons, alongside patients who use the hospice service, undertaking an art project. Their new 'friends' will visit us here at school in the next few weeks to see their finished art work displayed and enjoy tea and cakes with the children. We are extremely proud of all the children who took part and have received a number of positive comments and praise from all of those involved.



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Book Fair

The Book Fair was very well supported – thank you. The school earned a total of £346.20 commission which will be used for new library and reading books.

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.

Bear Hunt

Our Foundation Stage have already enjoyed their first school trip. An outing to Pamber Forest to take part in a Bear Hunt was a great success. All the bears were found and brought back safely to school to be looked after, along with sticks, leaves, seeds and a host of autumnal discoveries. The children used their 'finds' to make pictures and displays which look very creative.

Small things, big help!

Thank you for the donations of boxes of tissues which we have already received. More are welcome so please keep them coming!

JRSOs

We have 2 newly-trained Junior Road Safety Officers. Eli and Henry have agreed to take on the roles and will be supporting Mrs Dines in all our school travel and transport initiatives this year. Thank you to both of them for their commitment so far.