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## Diary Dates 2017 – 18

### 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, 9.15am  
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  
Fri 17<sup>th</sup> – Children in Need  
Get Fit for Your Family Day  
PTA Discos

### December

Fri 1<sup>st</sup> – PTA Christmas Fair  
Weds 6<sup>th</sup> – Rick Steady Concert, 9am  
  
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

Our Open Mornings for the 2018 new intake have been well attended. Thank you to our Year 5 and 6 children who acted as able tour guides. The visiting parents were very complimentary and enjoyed their tours.

Movie Night on Tuesday was also well attended and I was extremely proud of all the children as they sat and watched 'Boss Baby'. The PTA have already planned the next film!

Mrs A. L. Armstrong, Headteacher

### Year 7 Admissions 2018

A reminder to all our parents/carers of current Year 6 pupils that the deadline for applications for September 2018 Year 7 places is fast approaching. Applications need to be submitted by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017.

For further information and to apply online go to  
<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions>

### The Importance of Reading

A scrutiny of reading records this week has shown very strongly the impact of the frequency of hearing your child read at home. Those children who are regularly supported at home and in school are reinforcing and developing their skills with confidence. Hearing your child read a minimum of 3 times a week will make a difference.

### 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

The Book Fair will be here at school next week, from Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> to Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October. We hope to see you there. The school is given commission for each book sold which we use to expand our library resources.



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

Letters for this event which will take place on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November have been sent out to Year 6 parents/carers today and we are expecting a good response. Please return the slip to the school office as soon as possible to book a place for you and your Year 6 child.

### **Tadley Christmas Lights**

As you know, during the evening of Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November, Tadley Christmas Lights will be switched on and we are invited to sing at this event. The children were told in an assembly this week and were keen to take part. We are looking forward to breaking last year's attendance record when 103 children from BCP gathered to sing. Please keep the date on your calendar.

### **Sainsbury's Bag Pack**

The PTA have organised a bag pack for this Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October in Sainsbury's, Tadley, between 10.00am and 2pm. We need children to help us and also any willing parents with an hour or so to spare. We have done this before and the very generous people of Tadley donated a significant amount of money which we were able to put to good use buying things that we would otherwise not be able to afford to offer our children. This year we are keen to raise money for new netbooks to help with the children's IT skills. Please donate a bit of your time, or your child, to help with bag packing this Sunday.

### **Parent Consultations**

Parents consultations take place next week. Already, many of you have booked appointments with your child's teacher via our online booking system. There are still spaces available and we urge you to make sure that you attend. If you have any problems using the system, do contact the school office who will be happy to help.

### **Harvest Assembly**

Our annual Harvest celebration takes place on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 9.15am. Parents are warmly invited to attend. Every class in the school will be contributing to the assembly and are busy rehearsing already. Each year we collect packet and tinned food items for the Basingstoke and Tadley foodbank and all your donations are very gratefully received. Please contribute what you can. Your child can bring any items for our collection on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October. We will then arrange for all the items donated to be collected by the foodbank staff. Needy families in the area will benefit from them immediately. Thank you.

### **Individual School Photos**

The school photographer spent a busy morning here last week. The proofs have been sent home with your child this week and any orders need to be sent into school by Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October.

### **PTA Discos**

The school discos run by the PTA have been booked for the following dates:

Friday *17<sup>th</sup> November* 2017, Friday *5<sup>th</sup> January* 2018, Thursday *29<sup>th</sup> March* 2018, Friday *25<sup>th</sup> May* 2018, Friday *20<sup>th</sup> July* 2018

All the children are able to attend. We run two discos during each evening, an early disco for Foundation Stage and Years 1 and 2 and a later disco for Year 3 – 6. We hope your child will be able to come along.

Our PTA have already planned a year of events and working hard behind the scenes to keep their fundraising efforts going. We are very grateful for their commitment to the children and the school. They are always keen to welcome new members or to receive any offers of help at individual events. Please let us know if you have any time or ideas to share. Thank you.