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Diary Dates 2017 – 18

October

Tues 17th – Harvest Assembly, 9.15am
Fri 20th – Yr 1 & 2 trip to 4 Kingdoms
Break up for Half Term
Mon 23rd – Fri 27th – HALF TERM
Mon 30th - INSET
Tues 31st – Children return to school

November

Weds 1st – Starlings Care Club AGM
Fri 17th – Children in Need
Get Fit for Your Family Day
PTA Discos
Fri 24th – Singing at Tadley Christmas
Lights switch on

December

Fri 1st – PTA Christmas Fair
Weds 6th – Rock Steady Concert, 9am
Weds 13th – Brodowski String Quartet
perform to school

Christmas Shows

Thurs 7th (afternoon) – FS & KS1
Grandparents
Fri 8th (afternoon) – KS2 Grandparents
Mon 11th – KS2 (afternoon and evening)
Tues 12th – FS & KS1 (morning)
KS2 (evening)
Weds 13th – FS & KS1 (3.30pm)
Thurs 21st – Break up for Christmas
Fri 22nd – Weds 3rd Jan – CHRISTMAS
HOLIDAY

January 2018

Thurs 4th – return to school
Fri 5th – PTA discos
Fri 12th – INSET no school for children
Mon 15th – Thurs 18th Yr 6 Bikeability

February

Fri 9th – break up for half term
Mon 12th – Fri 16th – HALF TERM
Mon 19th – INSET no school for children
Tues 20th – return to school

INSET Days 2017-18

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

The children enjoyed the live theatre production of ‘The Hobbit’ this week. Funded by the PTA, this was a fabulous opportunity to see drama at its best. The experience has fuelled the children’s imagination to produce some excellent writing.

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 31st October 2017.

For further information and to apply online go to

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions>

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

A reminder that the final day for book sales from the Book Fair will be Monday 16th October. The school is given commission for each book sold which we use to expand our library resources. Sales have been excellent so far so thank you for supporting this event.

Basingstoke Bisons Ice Hockey Game offer

Our school has been given the opportunity to go to Planet Ice in Basingstoke to watch the Basingstoke Bison Professional Ice Hockey Team play a game and then enjoy a family skate afterwards for **only £6 each!** A separate letter is being sent out with a slip at the bottom to purchase tickets. Numbers are limited to do get in there quickly!



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Get Fit for Your Family Day

We have already had some places booked for this event which will take place on Friday 17th November. If you have yet to respond, please return the reply slip to the school office as soon as possible to book a place for you and your Year 6 child.

New Faces

As part of the school's commitment to supporting the training of educational professionals we will be hosting a number of trainees this year. Miss James is already working in Wagtail class alongside Miss Anteney, as she undertakes her year of teacher training. We are also hosting 2 Educational Psychology students, Mrs Daniel and Mrs Cichon this year from Southampton University.

Sainsbury's Bag Pack

Thank you to all the parents and children who came along to support this event. The PTA raised a staggering £557.52. We received many complimentary comments from the shoppers about our children who were well looked after by members of the PTA.

This money has got our fundraising efforts for new netbooks off to a flying start.

Parent Consultations

Parent consultations were well attended. Thank you for completing the questionnaires which were available to complete during the evenings. We will collate your responses and reflect on any comments. Your feedback is important to us.

Harvest Assembly

Our annual Harvest celebration takes place on Tuesday 17th October at 9.15am. We do hope you will be able to join us for this assembly.

Do remember that 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 16th or Tuesday 17th October.

Small things, big help!

I am sure you are aware that schools, like all public services, are finding it increasingly challenging financially. There have been significant increases in the cost of goods and services that are essential to providing the best for our children. We are constantly trying to come up with ways to make our funds go further. While we do not want the burden to be passed on to our parents there are small ways that you may be able to help if you feel able. For example, we are approaching winter and already the colds and sniffles have started! We keep a constant supply of tissues in school for the children to use whenever they need to. When you next do your weekly shop, please consider buying just one, extra, cheap box of tissues to donate to school. We will be very grateful to receive them via the school office or your child can give them directly to their class teacher. By not having to buy tissues the school will save some money. Thank you for considering helping us in this way.