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Newsletter

13th December 2013

Christmas time

Christmas is always a fantastic time in school, if rather a busy one! The children have been busy rehearsing for their productions, making Christmas decorations and finishing off all their activities from this term. All we now have left to do is two dress rehearsals, three productions, Christmas dinner, Christmas parties and making sure everything goes home at the end of term!

Can I say a big thank you to all the parents who have been helping to learn lines, sing songs and get costumes together. Can I also thank Mrs Gubby who has provided two amazing sheep for our production this year, which just happens to be all about sheep.

While all of this festivity is going on the Staff are still hard at work looking at the children's work from this term and identifying where the children need to go next, as well as adapting the planning for next term. Looking at the children's progress this term with the teachers across the school over 80% of the children have made significant progress since September, with 90% of the children in Year 2 making a level of progress or more in their reading. We hope you are as proud of the work your children have been doing as we are. Have a Merry Christmas, and a very Happy New Year.

Matt Greenhalgh
Headteacher

Upcoming events

FoBS Christmas Fair 5-7.30pm

Friday 13th

**Year 1 and 2 Christmas Play 9.45am
and 2:00pm**

Tuesday 17th

Year R Christmas Play 9.45am

Wednesday 18th

School Christmas Lunch

Thursday 19th

Last day of term 3.15pm finish

Friday 20th

School opens 8.45am

Tuesday 7th January



Christmas Coffee

Before each 9:45am performance on Tuesday and Wednesday the school will be providing coffee and mince pies for parents who wish to wait. You can save your seat and then join us in the drama room for some refreshment.



Additional money for school

The school is funded on every child we have in school. We also receive additional money from the government for children who are entitled to Free School Meals and for children from Service Families. Children who have been entitled to Free School Meals at any time in the last six years or children who have had a parent in the Services in the last three years also provides funding for the school. Please let us know if your child falls into this category as the additional money the school gets is significant and is a great help at supporting not only your child but all the children's education. To check if you are entitled to Free School Meals you can log on to <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/hc3s/freeschoolmeals.htm>.

Year 2 Christingle Service

Last Friday the Year 2 children travelled down to St Marks Church to start our school celebrations for Christmas. The children took part in a beautiful Christingle celebration and despite a technical hitch with the music they sung beautifully.

The Christingle is a way of explaining the religious concepts of Jesus and Christmas to young children in a way they understand. It is also a lovely celebration and it is my favourite part of the year. I am sure the parents who attended will agree that seeing the children holding their lit Christingles and singing 'This little light of mine' really was special.

A big thank you must go to Reverend Scott Bromley for allowing us to use her church and being so supportive of our school.



Stars of the week

28th November

Maggie Brooks
Ashley Avis
Livi Stilwell
Daisy Grange
Harry Kirby
Jack Haskett
TJ Brooks

5th December

Phoenix Down
Hayden Disney
Lewis Parry
Ollie White
Sophie Dyche
Ellie Whiting

12th December

Shay Wilson
Ella-Louise Jarrett
Imogen Stevens
Natalie Zuberek
Marcel Kozlowski
Joseph Cross

New member of staff joins the Year 1 Team

I am very pleased to announce that Mrs Pullen will be joining us after Christmas as Kangaroos Class Teacher. She is an experienced teacher who worked at our school many years ago. Before she got married, she was known as Miss Forster. Mrs Pullen will job share with Mr Burr as Kangaroos teachers. Mrs Pullen will be in class Tuesday to Friday and Mr Burr will continue to be in class on Mondays.

NSPCC Big Walk raises £1798

The NSPCC sponsored walk that took place a few weeks ago raised a staggering amount of money. Can I say a huge thank you to all the parents who gave so generously and managed to find so many people to sponsor their child. Between both schools we managed to raise over £3000. Everyone involved in setting up the event was just amazed at how generous our school communities had been. The NSPCC organiser was surprised at how much money had been donated.

The children had a great time on the walk. The Juniors Young Governors and Mr Reilly did a brilliant job of organising the event. Not only were there different activities for the children to do to earn bonus points but the Juniors had also made an inspirational video for the children to watch before the start of the walk. As a school we would like to thank Mr Reilly and the Junior's Young Governors for all the work they put into the organisation and making the event so much fun.

