



# Newsletter

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20<sup>th</sup> December 2019

## Merry Christmas

Dear Parents,

Can I start by thanking all the parents who have given so much support this term. The support we have had from parents helping with Forest Schools every week, coming in to hear readers, coming to work with the children in class, helping on school trips has been fantastic. We really could not do it without you. Can I also say thank you for the time parents give up to come to assemblies, the phonics morning, to help with special events like the Year R food tasting and the Year 2 tank making. These occasions mean so much to the children and it gives them a real focus for the work we do in school. Lastly can I say thank you for all the support with reading and spellings. The time and effort you put in really does make a difference to your child.

I also want you to know how proud we are of the children this term. They have been amazing! The assemblies they have done have been brilliant but the Christmas performances this year have been outstanding. The children have put so much time and effort into the shows this year, both at school and at home. I am sure you enjoyed them as much as the staff did.

I do wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I look forward to seeing you all back after the holidays on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

Matt Greenhalgh

## Upcoming Events

**6 January 2020**

INSET Day

**7 January 2020**

8.45am Term Starts

**9 January 2020**

3pm Year R Parents in to watch Bug Club

**15 January 2020**

Deadline for Year R and Year 3 applications

**28 January 2020**

2.45pm Elephant Class Assembly

**4 February 2020**

2.45pm Giraffe Class Assembly

**10-14 February 2020**

Science Week

**11 February 2020**

E-Safety Day – Dress up as a Super Hero

**14 February 2020**

End of Term

**17-21 February 2020**

Half Term

**24 February 2020**

8.45am Term Starts

## Applications for Year 3 and Year R

The deadline for Year 3 and Year R applications to be in is the 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020. If you get your applications in by this date then you are much more likely to get your preferred choice of school. After this date things become much more complicated.

If your child is in Year 2 currently then you need to apply to Hampshire Admissions for a place in Year 3. If you need any help with this process or would like to discuss different options then please come and see us. We will help as much as we can.

If your child is due to start school in September or you know someone who has a child due, please make sure you get your applications in on time. Again if you would like to discuss anything or you need any help then please do come and chat to us.



## Christmas Jumpers

We would love to have any Christmas jumpers that you don't want after the Christmas holidays.

Next year we would like to have Christmas jumpers that children have outgrown, available to sell cheaply in the run up to Christmas.

Not only will this hopefully save parents a lot of money it will raise a small amount for the school as well.

So many Christmas jumpers are only worn once or twice and the rate children grow they no longer fit the following year. The cost of the jumpers and the opportunity to reuse items rather than throw them away is the reason we want to try to get this idea up and running.

We will be collecting Christmas jumpers the first week back after the break. Please just send your washed jumpers in to school and we will store them to use next Christmas.



### Stars of the Week

#### 28<sup>th</sup> November

Imogen Owens  
Tia-Marie Trapnell  
Kai Charitmas  
Josh Ayres  
Marco Anamani  
Archie Nash

#### 6<sup>th</sup> December

Henry Ayres  
Bentley Jobe-  
McAndrew  
Phoebe Larkin  
Ernie England  
Alex smith  
Emelia Sheppard



### Icy Conditions

If the ground is very icy we may make the decision not to open the gate on the top playground. That playground gets very slippery and we do not have enough grit to cover the entire area. We do not want anyone to fall on the ice so we will just open the Budds Lane gate and the School Road gate.

We will attempt to grit where we can so please try and stick to the gritted paths as these will be safer.

### Sickness and Diarrhoea

Just a reminder of NHS, Hampshire and the Schools policy on children being sick or having diarrhoea.

Children must be off school for 48 hours after the sickness has completely stopped.

If they are last sick at 11:30 on a Tuesday then they are able to come back to school after lunch on Thursday. We can make no exceptions to this 48 hour rule as schools have had to temporarily shut if the illness spreads and too many children get sick.

We know the difficulty taking time off causes parents but we have to think of the health of all the children in school.

### Staffing changes for 2020

There will be a small change in staffing after Christmas. Mrs Carr, Tigers LSA, is reducing her working days. To cover the days she is not working we have moved Mrs Marshall from Kangaroos on a Thursday and Friday to work in Tigers. Mrs Lockyer will work an extra day in Kangaroos and Miss McNally will cover the Friday in Kangaroos.

We also have a final teaching practice student teacher in Kangaroos, Miss Hine. Miss Hine will be in Kangaroos for most of the Spring term and she will be, under Mr Burrs guidance, taking on a significant proportion of the teaching as the weeks go on.

