



### OCTOBER 2017

Fri 20 October  
Shoe Box Appeal Collection

**23-27 October**  
**HALF TERM BREAK**

**Tues 31 Oct**  
3:00pm-7:00pm Parent's Meetings

### NOVEMBER 2017

**Thurs 2 November**  
3:00pm-7:00pm Parent's Meetings

**Fri 10 November**  
10:45am Remembrance Day service in school

**Wed 15 November**  
Non uniform day for Christmas Fayre

**Fri 17 November**  
Children in Need

**Mon 20 November**  
School photos (portraits) - note date change

**Wed 22 November**  
Non Uniform day for Christmas Fayre

**Fri 24 November**  
Cake donations for Christmas Fayre (Hungry Snowman)

**SATURDAY 25 NOVEMBER**  
10:30-12:00 SCHOOL XMAS FAYRE

**Wed 29 November**  
1:00pm Years R-4 flu spray

### DECEMBER 2017

**Fri 1 December**  
School CLOSED for staff training

**Wed 13 December**  
9:30am Blue and Yellow class nativity

**Thur 14 December**  
9:30am Blue & Yellow class nativity  
6:00pm Carols around the bonfire

**Fri 15 December**  
pm KS2 church rehearsal

**Sun 17 December**  
DSA pantomime visit

**Tues 19 December**  
pm Class Christmas parties (children may bring clothes to change into)

**Wed 20 December**  
Children's Christmas lunch and charity Christmas jumper day

Dear Parents

The school seemed very quiet last week with our Year 5 and 6 children away for the whole week on their residential visit to the Brecon Beacons. They returned on Friday buzzing with exciting stories of walking up Pen Y Fan in the driving rain, squeezing through the 'letter box' in the caves and falling into the canal whilst canoeing! The children all had 'the best time ever' and I am sure they will be retelling many more exciting memories in the weeks to come. I am very grateful to the accompanying adults for all their hard work, enthusiasm and keeping your children safe - to staff Mrs Hanratty, Miss Baldwin, Mrs Higgins, Mrs Holtum and Governors Mr Green and Mrs Paul.



We are very excited about a new music project we have in school in conjunction with the Hampshire Music Service. The children in Year 5 and 6 will have a weekly whole class Tuba lesson giving the children an opportunity to learn to play an instrument which is known to the service as an endangered species as so few children are currently learning to play the larger brass instruments. We look forward to their concert in February.



The Harvest worship was very well attended and children joined in with poems, sang and said prayers. Many thanks to those of you who contributed gifts of food for the Hedge End Food centre who reply so much on our charitable giving. Once again we had record numbers of parents and grandparents joining us for lunch. We are very grateful to the parents who so kindly stayed after the Harvest Festival last week to tidy up the raised beds on the Key Stage 2 playground. We are now looking for volunteers to help groups of children with winter planting. If you think you may be able to help, please see your child's class teacher.

### Reminders

- Please could you ensure that sponsor money is sent into the school office by the end of this week with the sponsor form to enable us to collect the Gift Aid from the sponsorship.
- The Rotary will be collecting the filled shoe boxes this **Friday 20 October**.
- Parent interviews will be immediately after the half term holiday. If you have not returned your form could you please do so as soon as possible to ensure you get your choice of times.
- Blue and Yellow classes have their topic outcome this **Thursday 19 October at 3:00pm**. Parents are invited into classes to see their child's work.

PH Camps will be running clubs in school this half term from **Monday 23-Friday 27 October**. They will be providing sporting activities and fun arts and crafts for children. If you wish to find out more or book children into the sessions contact PH Camps on 01225 701830 or pick up a leaflet from the school entrance area.

**Kirstie Baines - Headteacher**