



NOVEMBER 2017

Fri 10 November

10:45am Remembrance Day service in school

Wed 15 November

Non uniform day for Christmas Fayre (sweets)

Fri 17 November

Children in Need Film Night

Mon 20 November

School photos (portraits) - note date change

Wed 22 November

Non Uniform day for Christmas Fayre (bottles)

Fri 24 November

Cake donations for Christmas Fayre (Hungry Snowman)

SATURDAY 25 NOVEMBER

10:30-12:00 SCHOOL XMAS FAYRE

Wed 29 November

NSPCC keeping safe assemblies 1:00pm Years R-4 flu spray

DECEMBER 2017

Fri 1 December

School CLOSED for staff training

Wed 6 December

Y4/5 singing in West Meon Church

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

Thur 21 December

1:30 Whole School Carol Service in Holy Cross Church

3:30 School Closes for Xmas break

Thur 4 January

8:50am School re-opens for Spring Term

Dear Parents

Thank you to everyone who returned the sponsored wellie walk money this term. We have already raised well over £1000.

Last week the children in Blue and Yellow classes were treated to a theatre company visit to school, performing well known stories followed by drama workshops as a start to this terms topic on traditional tales. In class they have been inspired to writing stories and perform them using puppets they made in technology.

It has been lovely to see many of you last week at our parent interviews. We are aiming for 100% attendance this year, so if you have not made an appointment it is not too late. Please can you see your child's class teacher to discuss a convenient time. Some of our parents have been said they would highly recommend the spelling programme 'squeebles' for £2.99 which they have downloaded at home to help with learning the spellings we send home each week. We will also be sending home our school calculations booklet for maths which explains the methods we use through out the school.

Last week we welcomed David Higgins to our staff as teaching assistant for this academic year in Key Stage 2 and Year 2 maths each day.

POSADA

Please could you let us know as soon as possible if you are able to host the Posada this advent. We are keen to have as many families as possible taking part in this lovely community event. You do not need to live in Durley to take part. If you want to know more about it just ask a member of staff.

TUBA LESSONS

Last Thursday the children in Years 5 and 6 had their first tuba lesson which was a great success. Hampshire Music Service will be in school next week to take photographs to publicise our project in their Hampshire literature. The only issue we are having with such large instruments is the time it is taking to stack the boxes back against the wall after the lesson. We are looking for a couple of healthy parents who could help us with this on Thursdays at 3:20 before pick up. If you think you might be able to help out, please make the school office or myself aware.

PARKING

We are aware that parking near the school is an issue for parents, and would recommend that you parked either at Quob stables, in the lay-by next to the school field or the Memorial Hall car park. Please do not park in the bus stops as it is extremely dangerous for children trying to get off the bus from Wyvern College and after Year 3/4 swimming lessons on Tuesdays.

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Our school Remembrance service will be this Friday 10 November at 10:45 prompt. Everyone is welcome to join us, and particularly to help with crossing the children over the road to our memorial garden. The children in years 5 and 6 will be selling poppies for the British Legion before and after school each day in preparation for the service.

CHILDREN IN NEED

Please bring in your coins and spare change for Children in Need on Friday 17 November, and help us try to recreate a picture of Pudsey Bear on the School Hall floor. We will be holding a film night in aid of Children in Need after school on **Friday 17 November** from 3:30-5:30pm with drinks and snacks. Please see the separate letter for more information and request for help.

CHRISTMAS CARD

A reminder that the Christmas card competition entries need to be back in school by this Friday 10 November for judging.

Kirstie Baines - Headteacher