



NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

Well the weather has changed, the decorations are going up and 'it's beginning to feel a bit like Christmas!' As you can imagine, the children are beginning to get very excited about Christmas as we prepare for our Christmas performances and special events.

Staff and leaders are also celebrating, as we have had three very successful visits from the Hampshire Advisory Service since the last newsletter. During the visits every teacher and class has been observed and there has been a scrutiny of work and books across the school. The quality of teaching in every class has been deemed to be good and it has been noted that the work in books is of a good standard. It has been recognised that leaders understand what the school needs to improve and that we are on target to achieve 'Good' at the next Ofsted inspection. I would like to take this opportunity to thank every member of school staff for the commitment and dedication they show to the school and to pupils, but also to parents for their continued support and collaboration.

I look forward to welcoming you to all our Christmas celebrations!

Emma Moakes

Interim reports

In our attempt to improve communication with parents, teachers will be sending out interim reports before Christmas for pupils in Years 1 – 6. The report will be a brief summary of the child's achievements and areas for development. It will acknowledge attendance and participation in homework as well as general behaviour and attitudes to learning. We hope this will provide useful information for families, but we will welcome any feedback.

'Listen to Me' ukulele concert

Year 4 and 5 have been learning to play the ukulele this term. Parents are invited to a concert on Monday 11th December at 2.15pm.



Lower School Christmas Production 'Prickly Hay'

Letters have been sent out regarding arrangements for the Christmas production. Tickets will be available from the school office from Monday 4th December. Tickets will be allocated 2 tickets in total per family. Spare additional tickets will be allocated nearer the time.



Performance dates:

Tuesday 12th December at 2.15pm
Wednesday 13th December at 6pm

Christmas lunch and jumpers day

On Wednesday 20th December we will be sharing Christmas lunch with the children. To make the day a bit more special, we are asking children to wear their Christmas jumpers. We intend to use this as an opportunity to raise school funds and would ask parents for a donation of £1.00. All money raised will be used to fund the development of our outdoor learning space: details to follow!

Christingle service

We would like to invite parents/carers to join us for our Christingle Service at St. John's Church in Hythe, on Thursday 21st December.

THIS IS THE LAST DAY OF THE AUTUMN TERM

The event will start at 2pm. We won't let children go home on their own from the church without written permission from you. **Please return the slip at the bottom of this letter by Friday 15th December.**

Look at our websitewww.waterside.hants.sch.uk

Christmas Fayre

The friends of Waterside, our PTA, will be holding a Christmas Fayre in the school hall on the afternoon of Monday 18th December. Please refer to the letter being sent to parents from the PTA.

Diary Dates (new dates in bold)

- 01.12.17 – Christmas Shop
- 11.12.17 – Listen to Me concert
- 12.12.17 & 13.12.17 – LS Christmas Performances
- 18.12.17 – Christmas Fayre
- 20.12.17 – Christmas lunch and jumper day
- 21.12.17 – Christingle Service 2pm
- 21.12.17 – Last day of Autumn Term

22.12.17 – 03.01.18 – Christmas holidays

04.01.17 – Return to school

For other Hampshire holiday dates, please see school website or go to:
<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schoolholidays>

Inset days this academic year

INSET days for this academic year have been agreed with governors and will be as follows:

- Friday 6th July, 2018**
- Monday 9th July, 2018**
- Monday 23rd July, 2018**

Christingle Service Permission Slip

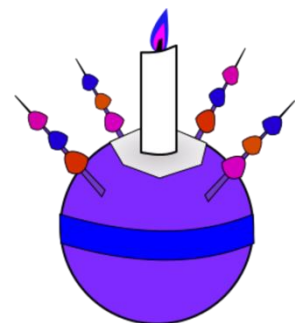
Name of child:

Class:

I will collect my child from the church after the Christingle Service (3pm approx.)

I will be unable to collect my child from the church and would ask that they return to school. I give permission for them to walk home from school (Upper School)

I will be unable to collect my child from the church and would ask that they return to school. I will collect from school .



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