

Dates for your diary...

DECEMBER

11th - Y6 Hampshire Fire & Rescue Safety Unit Visit

12th - 2pm & 6pm Y3 Christmas Production

14th - 2pm - Rock and Pop performance to parents (details to follow)

7pm - Choir Performance at YS Music Concert

15th - Christmas Extravaganza

19th - am - School Carol Concert

19th at 2:30pm - Y3 Listen2Me Music Review to parents

19th - Winter Disco - Year 3 & 4, 5.00pm - 6.15pm & Year 5 & 6, 6.30pm - 7.45pm

20th - Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day

21st - Last day of term, 1:15pm finish

JANUARY

4th - First day of Spring Term

11th - Maths Fluency Workshop for Parents 1.30pm - 3.00pm

15th - Bags 2 School

17th - Y6 Parents SATs Meeting (details to follow)

18th - Netball League Match v. Potley Hill School at home (details to follow)

FEBRUARY

1st - Y5 Young Voices Performance at the O2 Arena. (details to follow)

1st - Y6 Football Match v. Charles Kingsleys - Away

6th - Safer Internet Day

12th to 16th - Half Term Break



Dear Parents,

This week, the festive sounds from the hall have certainly increased! It has been lovely to listen to the children singing their Christmas songs and rehearsals for the Year 3 Christmas Performance which are well underway. This afternoon, we invited the Year 2 children from Westfields Infant School to watch a dress rehearsal which they seemed to thoroughly enjoy and we are hoping that many of you will be able to join us at one of the shows next week! If you have not already requested tickets, please do so as soon as possible, "Lights, Camel, Action" promises to be a wonderful Christmas treat!

On Tuesday morning, Mr Medwell met with a visiting deputy headteacher from a junior school in Newbury who had come to find out about our Peer Mediators Scheme that Mr Medwell runs every lunchtime. For those of you who do not know, this is all about a group of children who have been trained to help resolve any differences of opinion that may occur on the playground amongst friends during games. Since their introduction at half term, they have quickly become an integral part to our lunchtimes offering advice and also seeking support from the supervising adults when required. Another school had heard about our practice and wanted to find out more. Of course we were pleased to share our journey and the children enjoyed answering questions about their role and what a difference it had made on our playground.

On Thursday, the school was buzzing with the excitement from our annual Christmas Pop-Up Shop where the children were able to purchase surprise gifts for family from our fantastic PAWS Team. It was once again a seamless operation as a result of so many volunteers—thank you one and all! The children I spoke to were very eager to tell me all about their secret shopping for their family and friends. Another thank you I would like to mention is a huge one to Mrs Sabatakakis who organised this year's order and delivery of personalised Christmas cards. These were given out last week and the feedback has once again been very positive, so thank you!

To finish the week on a high, our Dance Club members treated parents and extended families to a wonderful performance, showcasing what the children have been learning this term.

Lastly, I do hope that you all received Mrs Long's letter with the details regarding our Christmas Extravaganza next week. I must say that the staff (and of course the children!) are looking forward to this opportunity for the children to practice their creative skills and use their powers of persuasion to fundraise. We all hope to welcome you straight after school until 4.00pm next Friday. If you are not sure about the details please double check your inbox to make sure you don't miss out on what we hope will become another Westfields tradition.

Have a super weekend.

Kind regards,



Miss Jo Redman
Headteacher

REMINDERS

- Please remember that next week is the last week of clubs for this term and there are **NO clubs on Friday** (15th) as we will be enjoying our Christmas Extravaganza!

Cycle Smart Visit and Assembly

Further to my newsletter last week, we were delighted to welcome some members of the press to school on Thursday morning. As I previously mentioned, we had been asked by a local charity 'CYCLES MART' to host an assembly about cycle helmet safety. I was only too pleased to accept as road safety is such an important part of the children's education. Ten of our pupils across the school took up the invitation to bring their bikes (and helmets!) into school and be part of the campaign which was aired on television last night. If you missed the opportunity of seeing our children in action and being interviewed about how to stay safe on the roads, please click on the link below:



<http://www.itv.com/news/meridian/2017-12-07/large-rise-in-number-of-child-cyclists-injured/>

Join us for... Christmas Carols

On Tuesday 19th December the whole school will be walking to St Swithun's Church to share in a Carol Service during which there will be some narration from some Year 5 pupils and singing of Christmas carols from us all. There is something very special about singing together so this year we would like to invite parents, on a first come first served basis, to join us at 10.30am. Unfortunately due to space we cannot guarantee that everyone (depending on how popular we are!?) will get a seat, but if you would like to come, please let us know and we shall endeavour to make room!

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Christmas Cards and Posties

Please be aware that our school post box for Christmas cards has arrived in Reception. We are happy for the children to post cards for children and staff in other classes to their own in the post box. Some fabulous Year 6 'posties' have been appointed to deliver these each lunchtime. If you wish to send cards please make sure they have full names and classes written on the envelope so that they can be safely delivered!



New Roles of Responsibility...

Now that Mr Warne has settled in to WJS we thought that it would be a great opportunity for some of our pupils to lend a helping hand with various jobs around our fantastic school.

Subsequently, a couple of weeks ago, Mr Warne explained to all of the children that there were two new roles of responsibility available and how to apply for them. We were all impressed by the number of children who expressed an interest and wrote letters of application.

In this morning's assembly, we announced who had been given the roles for next term; we are looking forward to seeing how they contribute to keeping our school buildings and grounds a safe and well cared for environment. Well done to you all, Mr Warne is looking forward to all of the extra help!

Deputy Site Managers 2017-2018

Harry Brown, Daisy Hurst, Katie Monger & Ellis Rimmer

Green Team 2017-2018

Ella Arnold, Noah Cole, Ella Hooper, Leo Kaye, Darcy Mayhew-Smith Daniel Mercado, Heidi Shacklock & Thomas Warne.

ATTENDANCE AWARDS

Please find below this week's attendance Winners which were shared in Assembly this morning

LOWER SCHOOL		UPPER SCHOOL	
4EC	100%	5NS	99.4%

Happy birthday to the following children who celebrate their birthday from 8th to 14th December 2017.

Kirsten Day, Alfie Fittall, Megan-Rose McVey, Leo Acock, Freddie Edwards, Adrienne Hardy, Henry Neville, Gabriella Stephenson, Jessica Welch, Ella Arnold, Holly Clyde, Finley Jarvis, Darcie Neville, William Gaskin & Evelyn Bourne.

Have a lovely birthday!

Congratulations!

Phoebe Bateman (5RM) received her Bronze Certificate in floor at Pinewood Gymnastics club. Well done, Phoebe!



Nicolas Olmos (4EC) passed his ABRSM piano exam - grade 1, with distinction! Fantastic achievement Nicolas!