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NEWSLETTER NO. 11

Dear Parents, Staff and Governors



Christingle Service and arrangements for last day of term

As Christmas is now fast approaching I wanted to detail the arrangements for our Christingle Service at St Mary's Church and finishing times for the last day of term on Wednesday 20th December. The whole school will be walking to St Mary's Church straight after lunch at 1:00 pm for the start of the Christingle Service which starts at 1:45 pm. We need many adult helpers to accompany the children so if you are free we would love to share the afternoon with you. When the service finishes by 2:40 pm you are very welcome to take your children home rather than returning them to school. If you are not able to attend the service, the children will be walked back to school for dismissal at 3:15 pm as usual. Please let Mrs Agland know if you are able to help. **We will assume, unless we hear otherwise, that you give permission for your child to take part in the walk and the Christingle Service.**

'Sleeps 'til Santa' Spire FM

This year we are taking part in Spire FM's 'Sleeps 'til Santa' song and Spire FM are visiting school next Wednesday 6th December to record the whole school singing. We don't know, at this point, how many sleeps we will be singing, we will let you know once the recording has taken place. **In the meantime, Spire FM will be videoing the performance so IF YOU DO NOT WISH YOUR CHILD/REN TO BE FILMED BY SPIRE FM FOR USE ON THEIR WEBSITE YOU MUST LET US KNOW BY TUESDAY 5th DECEMBER. IF WE DO NOT HEAR FROM YOU, YOUR CHILD/REN WILL BE INCLUDED.**



Thank you from Father Christmas

Following the plea from Father Christmas last week, he is very happy to say that a special person has applied. Following a suit fitting and an interview to gauge jolliness, he has got the job!

Year 6 Cake and Craft Sale, Thursday 7th December

Next Wednesday afternoon, Year 6 Koalas will be busy baking: creating marvellous sweet treats to rival Bake-Off's finest, to sell on **Thursday morning in the hall, from 9:00-9:40 am**. We are raising money to subsidise a very special Year 6 trip in February, to Harry Potter Studios in Leavesden. **Please** come along and buy some delicious cakes, or perhaps pick up some Christmas craft items. **Your support would be hugely appreciated.** **STOP PRESS** Mr Thorpe has even promised to make us some mince pies for the event!



Christmas Tree Festival



The beautiful Christmas Tree Festival takes place at St Thomas' Church, Salisbury from Tuesday 5th-Sunday 10th December. Our very own Owls will once again be entering a tree so please try to visit St Thomas' if you can. Entry is free with seasonal treats, refreshments and light lunches served. Opening times are Tuesday-Saturday 10:00 am-6:00 pm; Sunday 12 noon-6:00 pm.

'Top Trumps' Club

Mrs Wilkinson is hoping to set up a 'Top Trumps' Club in school and, therefore, would appreciate any donations of 'Top Trumps' please. If you have any sets you no longer need, please bring them into the office. Thank you.

FAWGS News

Thank you so much for all of your support towards the Christmas Bazaar last week. We are very pleased to say we raised £514, which is a great amount! Don't forget the **School Disco** which is on **Friday 8th December**. Here's the information again:



Key Stage 1 children (Years R, 1 and 2) are welcome to attend from **6:00-7:00 pm**

Key Stage 2 children (Year 3 upwards) will be welcomed from **7:15-8:30 pm**.

The disco is always fun with lots of singing and dancing! Entry will be **£2 per child on the door**. This includes a drink and a bag of sweets. For those that would like to purchase additional items, there will be a little tuck shop available on the night and some 'flashy/glowing things' for sale. If any parents are willing to stay for one/both disco(s) to help run the tuck shop, please let Rachel Hodges know. Your help will be gratefully received!

Christmas Lunch

Christmas lunch is on Christmas Jumper Day which is Tuesday 19th December. The menu is:

Roast turkey with half a sausage

or

Quorn fillet with half a vegetarian sausage

Stuffing ball

Roast potatoes

Garden peas, baton carrots and gravy

Chocolate mousse slice or satsuma

Priced as normal at £2.50 for children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 and free for Years R, 1 and 2.



Awards

Congratulations to Penguins: **SM** on gaining his "25 Home Reads" Certificate and to Elephants: **ID** and **TH** and Penguins: **FE, MG, OM, JN** and **JS** on gaining their "50 Home Reads" Certificate and to Elephants: **IK** and **AO** on gaining their "75 Home Reads" Certificate. Well done!



Scouts Christmas Carol Sing-Along

Attached to the Newsletter this week is a flyer detailing the Scouts Christmas Carol Sing-Along on Friday 15th December at the Christmas Tree, Waleran Close (opposite the Village Hall). All welcome!

Scout Post

Stamps are now available priced at 25p at The Boundary Coffee Shop and the village shop. Last collection date is Friday 8th December.



Family Christmas Drop-in Coffee Morning at West Grimstead Village Hall

Saturday 2nd December 2017 between 10:30 am and 12:00 noon. Come to our drop-in coffee morning at the Village Hall and enjoy a cup of coffee or tea or a soft drink and a slice of cake for £1.00 or 50p each. There is the opportunity to purchase home-made preserves, pickles and chutneys, local honey, home bakes, hand-made cards, craft goods and to chat to Revd Beth Hutton. Try your luck on the tombola. **Everyone welcome!**



KEEP READING FOR DIARY DATES

Diary Dates – new dates underlined

December

Monday 4 th	6:00 pm Small Schools Carol Concert at The City Hall
<u>Wednesday 6th</u>	<u>Spire FM to record 'Sleeps 'til Santa'</u>
Friday 8 th	FAWGS Winter Disco – KS1: 6-7:00 pm; KS2: 7:15-8:30 pm
Tuesday 12 th	2:00pm Years 2 & 3 'Mend the Manger'
Wednesday 13 th	6:00 pm Years 2 & 3 'Mend the Manger'
Thursday 14 th	9:30 am YR & Y1 Nativity 'This is the Star' (for parents with very young children please)
Friday 15 th	9:30 am YR & Y1 Nativity 'This is the Star'
Tuesday 19 th	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 20 th	1:45 pm Christingle Service at St Mary's Church
Thursday 21 st - Wednesday 3 rd January	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
January 2018	
Thursday 4 th	TD Day NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL
March 2018	
Thursday 29 th	TD Day NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL
June 2018	
Monday 25 th	TD Day NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL

Best wishes

Mr Thorpe
Head Teacher