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NEWSLETTER NO. 8

Dear Parents, Staff and Governors

What a busy week it has been!

Our Year 5 pupils have enjoyed 3 wonderful days at Braeside at the start of this week. This is their residential with the school and despite a little home-sickness, the children had a great time. My special thanks to Mr Malmberg, Mrs Potter & Mrs Telfer, who between them managed to get very little sleep!

On Thursday Year 3 had their Roman Day. The costumes were fantastic and the feedback from the children has been amazing, even if I did get accosted by some Roman shields, whilst on my tours of the school!

Today, Year 6 led the whole school in a special Service of Remembrance with a 2 minute silence, movingly brought to an end by Oliver and William Love playing "The Last Post" on their trumpets. There was beautiful reading from Koalas and it was lovely to have so many parents share this occasion with us.



I was thrilled to meet with Callum in Year 4 this week, who has been awarded the prestigious environment and nature Green Blue Peter Badge, for his work with the bird watching club last term. This is a venture we hope to be able to restart in the new year.

Next week, is national anti-bullying week. On Monday, children all over the country are being encouraged to wear odd socks to school to reinforce the theme "All different – All equal." We shall be following this theme in school. Any children who wish to wear odd socks on Monday, are of course very welcome to do so! For some children this will be no different from normal!



Next Friday 17th November is Children in Need. We are expecting children to come in normal school uniform, but would encourage them to wear "Pudsey Ears" if they would like to. Please bring coins to "Pile on Pudsey"! Don't forget there will be a special menu on this day, please check out various posters around the school advertising the options.

Do you have an hour to spare? We are always happy to have help from parents and grandparents in school. If you have an hour to spare to help listen to children read or help some of our Owls engage with their learning through play activities, please do contact Mrs Agland in the office. Please note that all volunteers will be required to complete an enhanced DBS clearance, to comply with Child Protection legislation.

Year 5 Orienteering

Last Friday, twelve Year 5 children took part in an Orienteering event led by Sarum Orienteers at Hare Warren. The children were required to complete two courses under timed conditions competing against twelve other schools. Our Orienteers: SB, TF, AH, E-MH, EH, AK, CM, SM, LN, NO, MP and ER-W did really well, coming in 3rd place. We go forward to the next event on Friday

2nd February 2018 at Dinton Park. A big thank you to Mrs Hill for accompanying the children and to Mrs Hall, Mrs Nash and Mrs Owen for driving and supporting.

Choir event at The City Hall

If your child is currently a member of the Choir led by Mrs Tanner they will shortly be invited to the Small Schools Carol Concert at The City Hall on Monday 4th December at 6:00pm, please put this date in your diary. A letter detailing ticket availability will be coming home shortly.



FAWGS News

A BIG thank you for all of your support to make our Fireworks Spectacular so successful! We have had some really positive feedback from people who were able to be there and the grand total we raised was: **£1,347.44** which is fantastic!

Please could you hand your Helping Hands gloves and your Christmas Card order forms in. The deadline for both of these is Monday 13th November.

Friday 24th November will be a non-uniform day, please bring in donations of chocolate or bottles for the tombola at the Christmas Bazaar. Please also come and support us at the Bazaar on Saturday 25th November in the village hall. We will need some helpers to serve tea, coffee and cakes at this event. There will be a rota going up soon so please check your diaries to see if you are able to help. Our next committee meeting will be Wednesday 15th November at 7.30pm at school. Please come along if you would like to, or please let us have any feedback or ideas you would like raised.

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.

Parent/Teacher consultations – Wednesday 15th November

There are still slots available if you haven't booked a consultation slot yet. Sign-up sheets in the hall.

School photographs

A reminder that photograph orders must be returned to school on Monday 13th November.



After school Story Club for Owls, Year 1 & Year 2

From Tuesday 14th November, one of our Year 6 pupils has offered to run an after school Story Club for our younger pupils. The club will be under the supervision of school staff. The club will run from 3:15-4:00 pm. We are limiting numbers to 6 pupils, so please could you let your child's class teacher know ASAP if you would like your son/daughter to attend.

Flu vaccinations

For children in Years R, 1, 2, 3 and 4, Flu immunisation will take place in school on Friday 17th November.

Trussell Trust Shoeboxes

A reminder that the deadline is Friday 24th November. We are getting a nice collection of boxes so far, but please, keep them coming! Last year you donated 58 boxes and it would be brilliant to beat that number this year.



Diary Dates – new dates underlined

November

Friday 17 th	YR, 1, 2, 3 & 4 Flu immunisation Children in Need Day
<u>Wednesday 22nd</u>	<u>3:30 pm Y4, 5 & 6 Boys' Football Tournament at The Burgate (individual children invited)</u>
Saturday 25 th	Xmas Bazaar
Thursday 30 th	Year 3 to Roman Baths, Bath – letter to follow

KEEP READING FOR MORE DATES

December

Monday 4th 6:00 pm Small Schools Carol Concert at The City Hall (letter home shortly to the Choir only)

Friday 8th FAWGS Winter Disco

Tuesday 19th Christmas Jumper Day
Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 20th 1:45 pm Christingle Service at St Mary's Church

Thursday 21st-

Wednesday 3rd January CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

January 2018

Thursday 4th TD Day NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL

March 2018

Thursday 29th TD Day NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL

June 2018

Monday 25th TD Day NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL

Best wishes

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Head Teacher