

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to see so many Parents and Governors attend Numeracy day. The feedback from Parents was that they valued the opportunity to see the way in which the children can learn and still have fun! In response to the questionnaire feedback we will be holding some more curriculum days, to which parents are invited in the Spring and Summer term.

CHRISTMAS CARDS



I know that some of the children are already keen to start writing their Christmas cards, so class lists will be sent out next

week to help them. I always believe that if a card is worth sending it is worth spelling names correctly and writing neatly! The school post box will be out from **Monday 5th DECEMBER**. The delivery of cards will begin on *Wednesday 7th December* and finish on *WEDNESDAY 14th DECEMBER*. Please can you ensure that children put both the **name and class** on the envelopes as they will be sorted and delivered by the House Captains and a team of Year 6 helpers.

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE

A separate letter has been sent home regarding performance timings of 'The Sleepy Shepherd.' This is a very



popular event, so please ensure you arrive in good time so that all Parents, Grandparents and friends can be seated before the performance begins. Please ensure that you have sent back the form requesting tickets.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY



We will be taking part in the Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 9th December. 'Everyone will be asked to wear their silliest, sparkliest or cosiest Christmas woollies and make a donation of £1, or whatever they can give, to help save children's lives around the world. If your child doesn't have a festive sweater already, just dig out a plain jumper and decorate it with tinsel, baubles or homemade snowflakes.

STREET DANCE ASSEMBLY

The Theatre Arts UK Street Dance club are performing routines learnt this term on **Wednesday 30th**



November at 9am. Friends and family are welcome to come and watch.

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

All family and friends are welcome to join us at the Christingle service at **2PM** on Friday 2nd December.



MR SCHINDLER

After sixteen year as our site manager we will be saying good bye to Schindler at Christmas. We will be presenting Mr Schindler with a gift at the end of term but he doesn't want a big send off or a fuss! If you would like to contribute towards his gift, please see Mrs Crews in the Office. We wish Mr Schindler a long and happy retirement.

APPLICATIONS FOR STARTING SCHOOL - SEPTEMBER 2017

Parents are being encouraged to apply for their child's school place using the online system at

www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions.

Applications must be submitted by the **national closing date of Sunday 15 January 2017**. The online system will open on Monday 3rd October at 9.00 am. Please read the Information for Parents booklet on the WSCC website before you begin your application. The booklet contains a checklist of actions parents will find useful before submitting their preferences.

LIBRARY BOOKS

Thank to everyone who hunted at home for outstanding library books. We have had 78 books returned so far.



PARKING

Thank you to 'The Friends' who are helping with our on going parking situation. They have produced a handy map showing all of the places you can park safely when dropping off your children. We understand that the Recreation Ground has had some scalplings laid which will help during the winter weather.

CHILDREN IN NEED

It was lovely to see such a range of spots



in School last week. Thank you everyone who supported the Children in Need day on Friday. We raised £95.

OPEN MORNING

We had a large number of prospective Parents attend our open morning recently. It was heartening to hear so many of them had been recommended by a number of our current Parents.

DOWNING STREET



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The House Captains and Vice House Captains were very excited to receive a letter last week from 10 Downing Street congratulating them on their election. They had written to the Prime Minister to explain how, as a school, we were learning about British Values and how we had demonstrated democracy in our House Captain election. The children were very disappointed that the Prime Minister politely declined their offer of visiting the school citing 'the fullness of her dairy!'

UNIVERSITY OF SUSSEX

The behaviour and manners of the Children were recently praised by a team from the University of Sussex who were in last week as part of research into how children learn best. They have visited numerous Schools in West and East Sussex and have currently worked with 3000 children. They also praised the children's perseverance which is something we strive to encourage at school. Well done Children!

Finally, may I take this opportunity to emphasise that if you have any concerns

about your child's progress, or any aspect of their school life, please contact firstly the class teacher, then Mr Christmas/myself.

Thank you for your continued support.

With best wishes

Mrs Claire Inskip
Headteacher

Diary dates

Autumn Term 2016

<i>Monday 5th December</i>	<i>Christmas post box</i>
<i>Friday 2nd December</i>	<i>Christingle service 2pm (ALL INVITED)</i>
<i>Tuesday 6th December</i>	<i>Nativity dress rehearsal (Pre School) 9.30am</i>
<i>Wednesday 7th December</i>	<i>Nativity performance (pm) (YR/1/2) ALL INVITED 2pm</i>
<i>Thursday 8th December</i>	<i>Nativity performance (am) (YR/1/2) ALL INVITED 9.30am</i> <i>Christmas lunch</i>
<i>Friday 9th December</i>	<i>Christmas jumper day/Shopping day</i>
<i>Tuesday 13th December</i>	<i>KS2 party (pm)</i>
<i>Wednesday 14th December</i>	<i>KS1 party (pm) & Last day of Christmas post</i>
<i>Thursday 15th December</i>	<i>Last day of term/ End of term service 9.15</i>
<i>Friday 16th December</i>	<i>INSET</i>

