



Dear Parents and Carers,

Christmas rehearsals are in full swing and the School smelt of oranges yesterday as we all made Christingles ready for Friday. There are so many additional Seasonal activities happening, so please add them into your diaries, so that you don't miss a thing!

### 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 this 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 4th DECEMBER**. The delivery of cards will begin on *Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December* and finish on **WEDNESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> 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 'Are we nearly there?'. 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. We do have a few spare tickets still available. The children have worked very hard on this performance and some only have tiny voices, therefore we politely request that you take out of the hall noisy babies and toddlers if necessary, in order that all performers can be heard and the children are not distracted. There will be no room in the hall for buggies so please leave them in the hall foyer.

### ATTENDANCE

Our current overall attendance is 95.4%. We are aiming to achieve above the National Average of 96%, so well done to the parents of the vast majority of children who have achieved 96% or above. We understand if your child is genuinely unwell and needs time off school, but, please continue to support us by ensuring your child attends school as regularly as possible - if they are in school they are learning! Please ensure that you phone the school by 8.30AM at the latest on the first day of absence to help us safeguard your children. We need to know that the children are safe and well as early as possible on the first day of absence so that they are effectively safeguarded. Please note that if we cannot contact you we may in some circumstances phone the police.

## COBNOR TRIP BRIEFING - BUZZARD CLASS

Unfortunately we had no Parents attend the Buzzard briefing regarding the Cobnor trip! Thank you to those Parents who sent their apologies. The trip will be following a different format this year and this is explained in the letter that went out this week. Any questions please speak to Mr Christmas.

## CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

We will be taking part in the Save the Children Christmas



Save the Children  
**CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY**

Jumper Day on Friday 8th December. 'Everyone will be asked to wear their silliest, sparkliest or cosiest Christmas woollies and make a donation, 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.'

## CHRISTINGLE SERVICE



All family and friends are welcome to join us at the Christingle service at **2PM** on Friday 1st December.

## APPLICATIONS FOR STARTING SCHOOL - SEPTEMBER 2018

Parents are being encouraged to apply for their child's school place using the online system at [www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions). Applications must be submitted by the **national closing date of Monday 15th January 2018**. The online system opened on Monday 2nd October. 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.

## CAROL SERVICE

All family and friends are welcome to join us



at the Carol Service at **9.15am** on Tuesday 19th December.

## MORNINGS

When the whistle is blown in the morning it is the time to say goodbye to your child and let them walk, with the rest of the School to their class line. We politely request that Parents and toddlers do not line up as well to ensure the safety of all our pupils. If you wish to speak to your child's teacher, please come into the Office at 8.30am before teaching begins.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you that the whistle signalling the start of the school day is blown at 8:40am. We expect all children to be in their lines ready at this time to ensure that our children have a smooth and successful start to the school day.

## CHILDREN IN NEED



It was lovely to see such a range of spots

in School recently. Thank you everyone who supported the Children in Need day on Friday. We raised £96.66.

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

## Dates Autumn 2017 -2018

### *New dates in italics*

Friday 1st December	Christingle service St Mary's Compton 2pm (All invited)
Monday 4th December	Christmas post box
Tuesday 5th December	Nativity dress rehearsal (Babies/toddlers and preschool invited) 9.30am
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Nativity performance (2pm)
Thursday 7th December	Nativity performance (9.30am)
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas jumper day/Jolly jam day (More information to follow)
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch
<i>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December</i>	<i>'The Friends' Christmas shopping day</i>
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 party
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of Christmas post
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 party
Tuesday 19th December	Christmas service in Church 9.15am (all invited)
<b>Tuesday 19th December</b>	<b>End of term</b>
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>INSET</b>
<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018</b>	<b>Children return to School</b>