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Dear Parents

Carols by Candlelight

Our Key Stage 2 Carols by Candlelight service at All Saints' Hampreston on Wednesday was a very special evening. We were delighted to see so many of you there and would like to thank you for allowing the children to attend this special evening service. It was a wonderful chance to come together as a community and get into the Christmas spirit. Thank you for your support.

Play Tickets – 'It's A Party'

We are extremely grateful to everybody who have been working hard to prepare for our Christmas production.

Tickets have been sent home in book bags today. Should you have any unwanted tickets, please return them to the school office as soon as possible so that they may be re-issued. Thank you for your understanding.

Our 2018-2019 Leavers are welcome at the Tuesday performance. Please just let the school office know if you will be bringing a Leaver. Thank you.

At the Tuesday evening (6pm) and Wednesday morning (9.30am) performances, seats will be reserved in the first two rows for Year 2 parents only. We are sorry that we cannot offer reserved seats for Year 2 grandparents at these performances. In the interest of fairness, if a Year 2 parent has a ticket to more than one performance, it would be appreciated if they sat in the very front row only once. Thank you for your understanding.

This year, we would like to invite Year 2 parents only to come to the front of the queue for all performances and take their seats first.

Please ensure that your child is in school at 5.30 p.m. for the evening performance on Tuesday 17th December. Children can be collected from the classrooms at approximately 7.00 p.m.

The performance will be filmed by Mr. Alexander Frey and Mr. Harry Gadsby from Full Turn Pictures Limited, on the morning of 16th December. They offer two formats: a DVD or a USB stick (£15 each). The USB stick version is a full HD video. We will let you know once the DVDs, USB sticks are available for collection.

Please let us know if you have any concerns regarding the production of the DVD or the taking of photographs.

Christmas Party

Our school Christmas party will take place on Thursday 19th December. The children may wear their **party clothes or Christmas jumpers all day**. That said, the children are heading down to church in the morning to have a run-through of the Christingle Service and, with the lane to church being particularly muddy at the moment, please make sure your child is wearing suitable shoes – they can always change into party shoes once they return to school! There will be parties during the afternoon and we may even have a visitor... I would like to thank the Friends' Association for organising the purchasing of the Christmas party food and for meeting the costs involved. The children **will not need their lunch boxes**.



Christingle Service

Our term will end with a Christingle Service on Friday 20th December at 2.00pm. Families and friends are very welcome to join us in Church.

Traditionally, the Christingle Service is an event in aid of the Children's Society. Christingle envelopes have already been sent home. These will be presented in Church in return for their Christingle. We do appreciate your generosity to so many good causes. The clearly named envelope should be brought into school on the last morning of term and given to the class teacher.

We are sorry, but we cannot provide a crèche at this service. We should be so grateful if you could make alternative arrangements for your pre-school children. This is a lovely, child-led service. A quiet and prayerful atmosphere makes it a very moving occasion for parents.

Additionally, in the interests of safety, we would ask you to stay seated until all the children have left the church at the end of the service. Thank you.



Final Call

The deadline for Reception 2020 and middle school places is fast approaching. Please ensure that you have completed your application by 15th January 2020.

School Nurse Drop-in

The school nurse will be holding a drop-in session on Wednesday 8th January between 8:45 and 9:15am. If you have any concerns or would like to seek some advice, this is a great opportunity to speak to our wonderful school nursing team.

On a side note, being at the tender age our children are, it is quite normal to expect the odd little accident to occur when they have missed the moment to visit the toilet. We are always prepared for such events and want the children to know that they can come and quietly let an adult know if this has happened to them at any time. We will deal with it very discretely and make sure they are comfortable for the rest of the day. Please do remind your child of this; we are here to help and would not like children to be keeping quiet and trying to deal with it themselves. Do have a chat with your child's class teacher if you notice anything unusual for your child.

Lost Property

Please be on the lookout for lost property as we head into the last few days of term. Any items we have found will be out in the playground next week.

Staff News

We are thrilled to have welcomed Mrs Sally Plummer to our team of teaching assistants. She will be working predominantly in year2, but will have contact with a number of classes across the school. We have also appointed Miss Rachel King to our admin team. Miss King has already spent a few days with us and joins the team on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from this coming week, working alongside Mrs Pitchforth in the office. Why not pop in and say hello?

Yours sincerely,

Mr. T. Williams
Head Teacher

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This Week:

To help support you at home and to spark conversations about learning, here is what the children have been covering this week.

	English	Mathematics
Reception	This week we have been looking at the book 'Santasaurus'. I lost the labels to my Christmas list and so the children helped me to write the labels using the sounds that we have learnt this half term.	In Maths, we have been learning about the numbers to 10. We represented numbers using Christmas pictures, extending this by thinking about how many was one more and one less than a given number.
Year 1	This week we have continued with our Design and Technology project and we have gone on to make a sea picture with a moving lever. The children have come up with their own idea for a Christmas moving picture and have written and drawn a plan for it. We have been practising how to spell the common words: 'one', 'out' and 'children'.	Between play rehearsals and Technology we have managed to order numbers to 20 and also name and recognise 2D shapes. We had fun following a colour code on a picture of mixed shapes. We have practised counting back from ten and trying to make our fingers keep up with our counting!
Year 2	We wrote lovely Christmas acrostic poems and have also practised joined-up handwriting. We have worked on spotting those "tricky words" which are difficult to spell. A list of these is coming home for Christmas!	This week in year 2 we have become very skilled at learning some multiplication facts. We can "skip count" on our fingers and can solve some word problems involving groups of things.
Year 3	In English this week we have continued to enjoy The Twits and learn about the conventions of writing dialogue. We have been comparing the story version of The Twits to the playscript version and the children have done a great job of getting into character to perform the playscript! We are focussing on homophones and common exception words. All children should be confident in the correct usage of your and you're, there, their and they're and our and are.	In maths, the children have spotted how useful the 4 times table can be when working out the 8 times table (ie. doubling or halving). They are able to explain why dividing by a bigger number gives you a smaller answer (when there are more things to share out equally, you get less each). By the end of December, we expect all children to be fluent in their 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables, in and out of order.
Year 4	This week in English, the children have been completing their playscripts, editing and publishing them. They included stage directions and worked hard to tell the story through the character's actions as well as their words.	The children have been working hard in maths this week, with a particular focus on the 6 and 9 times tables. They have been working to draw links between them and link maths facts together.

The theme/s for Collective Worship next week:

Advent and Christmas

PFC Question: Would you rather have a present or an experience?

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Diary Dates 2019-2020

Autumn Term	
Tuesday 17 th December	Reception and Key Stage 1 'It's a Party' afternoon matinee Reception and Key Stage 1 'It's a Party' evening performance
Wednesday 18 th December	Reception and Key Stage 1 'It's a Party' morning performance
Thursday 19 th December	Friend's Christmas party lunch and Christmas Parties
Friday 20 th December	Christingle Service @ All Saints' Hampreston 2:00pm
Spring Term	
Monday 6 th January	INSET DAY
Tuesday 7 th January	School Starts
Tuesday 11 th February	Internet Safety Day
Thursday 13 th February	Year 4 FMS Maths and Robotics Event
Friday 14 th February	Healthy School Day (including Walk to School) Break up @ 3pm
Half Term	
Monday 24 th February	School Opens
Tuesday 25 th February	Pancake Race
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day
Friday 6 th March	Year 3 Paultons Park
Tuesday 10 th March	Parent Consultations 4:30 – 7:30pm
Wednesday 11 th March	Parent Consultations 3:15 – 6:00pm
Friday 3 th April	Easter Service @ All Saints' Hampreston 2:00pm
Summer Term	
Monday 20 th April	School Opens
Tuesday 28 th April	SRE Information Evening
Friday 8 th May	BANK HOLIDAY
Thursday 21 st May	Healthy School Day (including Fun Run) Break up @ 3pm
Friday 22 nd May	INSET DAY
Half Term	
Monday 1 st June	School Opens
Thursday 4 th June	Class Photos
Friday 3 rd July	Sports Day
Tuesday 7 th July	Key Stage 2 Performance 6:00pm
Wednesday 8 th July	Key Stage 2 Performance 6:00pm
Friday 10 th July	Transition Day tbc School Disco
Wednesday 15 th July	Informal Parent's Evening
Thursday 16 th July	Awards Assembly
Friday 17 th July	Leavers Service Break up @ 3pm
Monday 20 th July	INSET DAY

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