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Dear Parents



The Great Fire of London

They say that lightning never strikes twice... In 1666, London experienced one of the worst disasters it had ever seen as fire swept through the streets and raged for days. Fortunately, our re-enactment was once again considerably less disastrous, but still effective in teaching children about the events of the time and emphasising the need for good fire safety.

Well done to the Year 2 children for putting together such a brilliant display and to Mr Lloyd and Mrs Snewin for arranging such a safe, well-organised demonstration.

Traffic and Parking

As the nights draw in and the weather turns increasingly wintry, can I please remind everyone to continue to respect the parking strategy we have adopted. Please can all vehicles follow the lane to the end and turn there, not at the white cottages? Can I also ask that vehicles are not parked blocking the drop-off zone, nor double-parked. Finally, can I please encourage patience with one another, especially at times when the traffic is more congested than usual.



Christmas Lunch - FINAL CALL

If you wish your child to have a Christmas hot meal on Wednesday 18th December please order by Tuesday 3rd December.

Friends' Christmas Fair Saturday 30th November 11am-2pm

Our inaugural Friends' Christmas Fair is TOMORROW! The team have been working exceptionally hard to put together the events, including games, stalls, a grotto and tasty things to eat. As a community, you are always amazing and support the Friends' events; although it is a busy time of year, I know that you will not let us down and we look forward to seeing you from 11am tomorrow.

As always, the Friends appreciate all and any offers of help in setting up, running stalls or packing down and I know that these are greatly appreciated.

Something for the children...

On Monday morning, there will be something special for the children to mark the start of the festive season. It is certainly one not to miss.

Clarinet Concert – Year 3 and 4

Next Thursday afternoon we are holding our Clarinet Concert for years 3 and 4 to showcase what they have been learning with Mr Holly from the Dorset Music Service. Year 3 will be performing at 1:30pm and year 4 at 2:30pm. Parents are warmly invited to join us and see the amazing progress the children have made.



Carols by Candlelight

Our Key Stage 2 Carols by Candlelight service will be held at All Saints' Hampreston on Wednesday 11th December at 6pm. The children have been preparing to lead a traditional carol service with songs both old and new and are very excited. This is a wonderful opportunity to join together as a community and really get into the Christmas spirit. The staff and Year 3 and 4 children look forward to you joining us to share this service and join in with a range of carols.

Play Tickets – 'It's A Party'

The Reception and Key Stage 1 Christmas Play preparations are continuing and you should soon be receiving ticket information. The Monday performance will be a dress rehearsal to Key Stage 2 children only. On Tuesday 17th December, the afternoon performance will be suitable for pre-school children and grandparents. I know you are as excited as I am, so be sure to return your ticked requests as soon as possible once you receive the letter.

Christmas Party

Our school Christmas party will take place on Thursday 19th December. We will again, organise the purchasing of the Christmas party food this year and thank the Friends' Association for meeting the cost.

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.

Reception September 2020 and Middle School Transfers

If you have a child who will be starting school in September 2020, it is crucial that you send your application form to Dorset County Council by the deadline, 15th January 2020. Siblings do not automatically get a place at school without completing a formal application.

May I also remind Year 4 parents that completed on-line Middle School transfer forms should also be submitted to Dorset County Council by 15th January 2020 or they will be treated as late applications.

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 focusing on the story of the 3 Billy Goats Gruff. We have practised ordering the story and retelling it. We have also looked at the different characters and thought about different words to describe them. When writing, we have focused on using our sounds to make and record different CVC words using magnetic letters and whiteboard pens.	In maths this week, our focus has been time. We have been looking at our daily routines and thinking about how to use everyday language related to time.
Year 1	In English, we have continued to read about Neil Armstrong. We have written sentences about him and then used these to make posters. In Phonics, we have learned about several ways of making an 'ee' sound, including ee, ea, ey, e_e and y! We have made up sentences using picture clues to tell us which 'ee' sound to choose.	In Maths, we have compared number sentences e.g. $4 + 2 > 2 + 1$. We have also started our new unit on 2D and 3D shapes and have sorted mixed shapes into those groups. We have learned the names of cube, cuboid, sphere, cylinder, square-base pyramid and cone and we are learning to read those names too!
Year 2	This week we started rehearsals for the Nativity play! We wrote a great poem about our friend and also wrote about how we can feel safe.	In maths, we finished our Autumn topic on money, and are now looking forward to learning how to multiply and divide. The next few weeks will be very busy...
Year 3	Using our knowledge of Boudicca's rebellion against the Romans, we have been empathising with particular historical characters and writing from their point of view. We had great fun acting in role in the lead up to this. The children have learnt the difference between main and subordinate clauses, as well as a variety of subordinating conjunctions (while, although, until, and, because, etc.) and have been using them to build more complex sentences in their writing. In Whole Class Reading we are enjoying the gorgeous vocabulary and language of 'Leon and the Place Between', responding to questions using retrieval and inference skills. Spellings are focussing on words that make a short 'i' sound but are spelt with a 'y' (e.g. mystery / myth).	Our maths work has moved onto multiplication and how this means 'equal groups'. We have used a lot of practical equipment to make and count groups before drawing them and finally turning them into number sentences. We are particularly looking at multiplying and dividing by 3, so it would be hugely helpful if you could consolidate that times table pattern up to 12×3 at home so they are secure enough to use it in their problem solving.
Year 4	This week in English, we have been writing our newspaper reports on the Victorian Workhouses. We have worked really hard on using the third person when writing and we have done lots of editing to improve our writing before starting to type them up using Microsoft Publisher. We have also read more of our Street Child text together and explored why the main character, Jim, wants to escape.	In maths, we have finished our unit on addition and subtraction this week consolidating both working mentally, using formal methods and diagrams to help us with our problem solving. In our mental maths, the children who are confident with their 8 x tables and can answer the questions rapidly have moved on to learning the associated division facts too.

The theme/s for Collective Worship next week:

Advent and Christmas

PFC Question: What is your special quality that makes you unique?

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Diary Dates 2019-2020

Autumn Term	
Saturday 30 th November	Friends' Christmas Fair
Monday 2 nd December	Image Theatre Performance
Thursday 5th December	Year 3 (1.30pm) & Year 4 (2.30pm) Clarinet Concert
Wednesday 11 th December	Key Stage 2 Carols by Candlelight @ All Saints' Hampreston 6:00pm
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	
Tuesday 4 th 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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