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Dear Parents

Carols by Candlelight

Our Key Stage 2 Carols by Candlelight service is just a few days away at All Saints' Hampreston this coming Wednesday 6pm. We are looking forward to seeing many of you there and the children have been working hard to prepare for the service. This is a wonderful chance to come together as a community and get into the Christmas spirit. Don't forget to wrap up warm and come ready to sing along with us.

Friends' Christmas Fair Saturday 30th November

It was brilliant to see such a huge number of you last Saturday at the Friend's first Christmas Fair. I'm sure you will agree that the event was a huge success and really fun! The games and activities were brilliant – not to mention the visit from a certain 'special' guest! All of your generous support has helped to raise a staggering £2,463.50 for the school! A massive thank you to everyone for coming and particularly to our wonderful Friends who worked so very hard putting the day together.

"He's behind you...!"

On Monday, the children had a wonderful time when Image Musical Theatre visited with their performance of Robin Hood. Fortunately, Robin once again saved King John's kingdom and defeated the wicked Sheriff of Nottingham! The children had a brilliant time and it really served to get the festive season off to a bang!



Clarinet Concert – Year 3 and 4

Thank you to everybody who came to watch your children perform in the Year 3 and 4 clarinet concert yesterday. The children performed a huge range of songs, showing how much they have learnt in just 10 weeks. Well done to all of our clarinetists on their epic performance.

Play Tickets – 'It's A Party'

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

Tickets will be processed and sent home in book bags next week. 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. Advance order forms have been sent home today, but additional copies are available at the office. Cheques should be made payable to 'Mr. H. Gadsby'. Orders need to be returned by 13th December to ensure availability before we break up. 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 all day and we may even welcome Father Christmas for a visit in the afternoon. 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.

Traditionally, the Christingle Service is an event in aid of the Children's Society. Christingle envelopes will be sent home on Monday. This 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.



Traffic and Parking

Once again I must make a few gentle reminders about traffic in the lane outside school. I have had a number of complaints this week from local residents asking me to remind you not to turn, park on or block their driveways and access. I have also had reports of behaviour from drivers that is definitely not appropriate.

This is a narrow lane and requires every driver to play their part. Please ensure that you follow the lane to the end and turn at the farm. Please also ensure that vehicles entering the road have priority. It is a busy time of the day and everybody has onward journeys to complete, but understanding, kindness and patience are definitely the order of the day. As we head towards Christmas, can I remind to extend 'good will' to all men and women and drive carefully!

Reception Children

In the light of a very busy week, we are happy for the Reception children to go home after the Wednesday morning performance of the play or at lunch time. If this is not convenient, the children can, of course, stay at school. Please look in the children's book bags for a collection arrangement form, which we would ask you to complete and return as soon as possible.

Hot Meals

You should have received the spring menu from Forerunner in book bags today for your information.

Yours sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Mr. T. Williams

Mr. T. Williams
Head Teacher

To Love God and to Love one another

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 rhyming words. We have been sounding and blending different CVC words and we have been trying to match them up with other words that rhyme with them. Can you think of any at home to write down?	In Maths, we have been using the part-part-whole model to think about what numbers can make 4 and 5. We have found lots of different ways and showed this using lots of different manipulatives.
Year 1	In English, we have read non-fiction books about animals and we have started to write our own animal books. In Phonics, we are focusing on alternative spellings for the 'ai' sound: mainly 'ai', 'ay' and 'a_e'. We have practised reading words with these digraphs in and have scanned text for words containing these sounds. We have been busy spelling words with all three spelling patterns! We are also getting lots of extra reading practice in learning our songs for the play!	In Maths, we have continued our shape work and have been matching everyday 3D shapes to their drawn representations and names. We are continuing to practise counting backwards from 10 and 20 and counting in twos.
Year 2	In literacy we worked on letters at the end of words called suffixes, and we also looked at how to use an adjective, a noun and a verb in a sentence.	This week we have been learning our 2x, 5x and 10x tables in year 2. The children have shown that they are already very good at solving sums like $5 \times 5 = 25$, using their fingers to "skip count". Really impressive!
Year 3	Year 3 have been enjoying 'The Twits' by Roald Dahl. We have learnt how to use inverted commas and the key rules for punctuating speech. We have also been learning how to use fronted adverbials to make our sentences more interesting.	In Maths, we have reinforced the link between multiplication and division of the numbers 3 and also 4, solving word problems. The children should be able to explain how to multiply any number by 4 by doubling, then doubling again.
Year 4	This week in English, we have followed up from the amazing theatre visit on Monday by learning about the features of play scripts. We have planned and started writing a play script about the two sisters, Emily and Lizzie, who are characters in our class text Street Child.	In Maths, we have started a new unit of work on multiplication and division that has fitted brilliantly with our TT Rockstars challenge against the Ferndown First Schools. We have worked hard all week both mentally and pictorially (using arrays) to help us with our calculations.

The theme/s for Collective Worship next week:

Advent and Christmas

PFC Question: When is the impossible, possible?

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Diary Dates 2019-2020

Autumn Term	
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	
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