



Newsletter – Friday 20th October 2017

I cannot believe our first half term of the school year has passed already! So much has already happened this academic year – Pupil Progress meetings, Phonics Evening, Stay and Play events, Explorers mornings and so much more...

Firstly, may we say a huge thank you to everyone who was involved in Older Person's Week. This was such a successful week and was enjoyed by so many – young and older. Unfortunately, a couple of events didn't happen in the end but I know Miss Bourner has already got plans underway for some events after half term for those children who didn't take part during Older Person's Week itself.

May we also thank you for your generous donations for our Harvest assembly – the Hedge End Food Centre were delighted with the gifts.

When we come back after the half term holidays, the Monday is an INSET day and so we will look forward to welcoming the children back on the Tuesday for their next Learning Value day.

Volunteer Workshops

Miss Bourner would like to thank the volunteers who attended September's volunteer workshops.

The workshops are relevant for **those who are already volunteer helpers or those who would like to volunteer** in school.

The next workshops (they are a repeat of the September workshops) will take place on...

Wednesday 8th November 2.20pm – 3.20pm

Thursday 9th November 2.20pm – 3.20pm

Friday 10th November 2.20pm – 3.20pm

To sign up for one of these workshops, please click on the following link... <https://goo.gl/forms/8MCkM94tjhWYIKqk1>

Uniform

As the colder weather is upon us, please remember to send your child to school with a coat as we will always endeavour to take the children outside for a lunchtime play.

Children in Need

We will be supporting the Children in Need campaign again this year by asking the children to come to school wearing 'spots' on Friday 17th November. The children are asked to bring in a donation of £1 or more on the day to support this worthwhile cause.

Christmas Jumper Day

We will also be supporting Save the Children again this year by taking part in their Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 15th December. Again, the children are asked to bring in a donation of £1 or more on the day to support this worthwhile cause. More information to follow after the holidays.

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Advance notice – Berry Theatre

Just for your information at the moment but we are in the final stages of finalising arrangements (dates and ticket costs) to take our children to see Santa's Little Trolls at the Berry Theatre this December.

Year 5 parents - Fairthorne Manor residential 2018

A gentle reminder that the £50 deposit for the residential is due by 6th November. Please click on the link to reserve your Year 5 child's place <https://goo.gl/forms/AbBWeEZ40cHSQoO32>

Children's Music Concert

We would like to tell you about a forthcoming children's concert which we think would be a wonderful opportunity for your child to attend. The concert is being held at Central Hall in Southampton.

It is a concert of light classical music and the children will also have the opportunity to join in a song with the orchestra at the end.

The music will be performed by Southern Pro Musica, a freelance orchestra, who travel around the South of England performing a range of different classical works and who specialise in hosting concerts for primary aged children.

The concert is taking place on **Thursday 18th January 2018** during the school afternoon. The cost for this event will be less than £10. We have been fortunate enough to have secured funding for the past couple of years for our coach travel, we hope this will continue this year so the estimated cost is purely just in case we cannot secure the travel funding. (The cost last year was £4 as we were able to secure the travel funding)

We would like to take as many children as possible to this event (with a maximum of 30). If you would like your child to attend this concert, please click on the following link. <https://goo.gl/forms/toUafDHmqwVc0oIH3>

PLEASE DO NOT SEND ANY MONEY NOW. Once we have the tickets booked and travel arrangements confirmed we will be in touch again about the finer details for this event.

HC3S menu

A reminder that the new HC3S menu starts after the half term holiday.

Christmas Lunch

Tracey and her HC3S team will be putting on our annual Christmas hot school dinner on Tuesday 19th December.

The options on that day will be...

RED – roast turkey with half a sausage

GREEN – Quorn fillet with half a vegetarian sausage

Both options will be served with a stuffing ball, roast potatoes, garden peas, baton carrots and (optional) gravy

Pudding options are a chocolate mousse slice OR a jelly

ALL lunches for this special day **MUST** be pre-ordered by Tuesday 5th December by clicking on this link – please complete a separate form for each child you have in school. <https://goo.gl/forms/QpEQQzqcKSfSbE63>

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The meal will cost the usual price of a hot school dinner (£2.15) and should be paid in the usual way (either via SCOPAY or at the School Office) on the Monday. Those in KSI will be entitled to this meal for free as part of the Universal Infant Free School Meals scheme.

We usually get a very high take up for hot school dinners on this day but those who do not like these options are welcome to bring in a packed lunch.

Please help the School Office...

Our ladies in the School Office work extremely hard and have lots to do but they find they are spending an ever increasing amount of time dealing with things that they are asking for your assistance with.

*If you are sending money into school, please send it in in a clearly marked envelope with your child's name, class and what you are paying for.

*If your child forgets their water bottle, there are cups available in class for them to have a drink from. This will save the ladies in the office having to spend a lot of time dropping water bottles (lunch boxes and snacks) to class.

*Please send your child to school with everything they need for after school clubs, the ladies are spending a vast amount of time taking forgotten items round to class.

*The School Office would very much appreciate monies being paid by the deadlines set. They spend a lot of time contacting families asking for outstanding monies especially dinner money.

As always, please feel free to contact me if I can assist you in any way.

We wish you a happy half term break!

My very best wishes,

Mr Matthew Robinson
Headteacher



Key dates for the Autumn Term and the rest of the 2017-18 year

Some key dates for your diary. Please remember to check the Wellstead calendar on our school website for regular updates.

Monday 30 th October	INSET day – school closed
Tuesday 31 st October	Perseverance Day
Wednesday 1 st November	Year 6 to Southampton Art Gallery
Friday 10 th November	PoW Bingo Night (for the whole family)
Monday 13 th November	Anti-Bullying Week (information to follow after half term)
Friday 17 th November	Children in Need
Friday 24 th November	PoW Dress Down Day
Saturday 2 nd December	Christmas Fair 11am – 2pm
Thursday 14 th December	PoW Christmas Disco
Friday 22 nd December	Start of the Christmas holidays
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Thursday 4 th January	INSET day – school closed
Friday 5 th January	INSET day – school closed
Monday 8 th January	Start of the Spring term
Monday 12 th February	Start of February half term
Monday 19 th February	Start of second half of the Spring term
Friday 30 th March	Start of the Easter holidays
Monday 16 th April	First day of the Summer term
Monday 7 th May	May bank holiday
Monday 14 th May	Year 6 SATs week
Monday 28 th May	Start of May half term
Monday 4 th June	Start of second half of the Summer term
Friday 20 th July	Last day of the year for children
Monday 23 rd July	INSET day – school closed