



# NEWSLETTER

## December 2018

Dear Parents,

Wow – this term seems to have flown and already Christmas is upon us! It has been even busier than normal but a term filled with positivity, celebration and achievement.

The new, improved look with the re-decoration of the exterior of the building pales into insignificance amongst all the other things that have been happening this term. I trust that you have all now read out latest Ofsted report which is also available from our website. We were so pleased to see how the inspectors really understood the ethos of the school and could see the fantastic progress of all our children. We are proud of everything our children achieve during their time with us, not just academically but how they grow as responsible, caring members of society who show a real understanding of the world we live in. Local secondary schools report to us how pupils come from our school stand out in regards to the way they conduct themselves, interact with others and have a positive attitude to their learning. We believe our school values, positive mindset approach and every staff member's unfailing commitment to ensuring every child in their care achieves, is fundamental in achieving this.

The personal development of our children was wonderfully illustrated with our lower school performance of 'It's a Cracker' last week. They sung so beautifully that we decided it would be wrong of us to deprive the wider community of hearing them so some of our cast sang to Tesco shoppers on Tuesday and will sing to older members of our community at Christchurch next week. In the meantime upper school have been showing the outcome of their hard work over this term with their 'Outcome afternoons'. The standard of work was stunning and gives our younger children something to aspire to. All in all both lower and upper school children have produced outcomes of which they can all be proud.



Safeguarding is paramount when it comes to our children and we all work hard at school and home to ensure our children understand and follow safe practices. One of the greatest issues concerning our children are the dangers of unsafe internet usage which is an even greater challenge when taking in to consideration that many of us did not grow up with the complexities surrounding digital use today. Whilst teaching our children the fundamental rules of safe digital and internet use, we must be mindful that our children are still young and do not always have the maturity to deal with difficulties that arise from accessing and communicating on-line. Many children will be asking Father Christmas for electronic devices that have on-line capabilities so please be mindful that most social media usage has a minimum age of 13 in order to protect children. In school we are dealing with an increasing number issues that originate from social media use at home as children are not yet old enough to understand the difficulties of communicating in this way resulting in unnecessary distress and upset. Children are also increasingly using You Tube to post information about themselves which again can leave them in an extremely vulnerable position. Please therefore consider the dangers this Christmas - we all want to keep our children safe whilst having fun and learning new things. (More information for parents is available on our website.)

As the autumn term draws to a close, I would like to invite all our parents and extended families to join us for 'Carols on the Playground' at 1.15pm next Thursday, adorned with your favourite Christmas jumper. Please sign your child out at the classroom door and then visit the FFLS table where they will be selling hot drinks to keep you warm and to loosen up the vocal chords – hope to see you there!

Lastly I would like to wish all our families a wonderful Christmas and hope you have a relaxing, enjoyable two weeks together. I look forward to seeing the children back on Monday 7th January 2019.

Mrs C Martinez  
Headteacher

## Governor update

This autumn term has been eventful for everyone in the school. Our new teachers and children settled in and everyone adapted to their new classes. We also had new governors who have quickly learned their new voluntary roles.

Then we had the Ofsted inspection in November with the inspectors delivering a resounding Good rating with some aspects of Outstanding which is a great outcome for the children and staff. I have been working as a governor with the school for a year now and I am continually impressed by what I see in the school.

Lastly, a request. If anyone is interested in becoming a school governor, or if you know anyone who may be interested, we do have some vacancies. Please do contact the school office and leave a message for me with contact details and I will get back to you.

I wish you all a very happy Christmas and New Year.

Kathy Bowman  
Chair of Governors

### Break Time Snacks

Children are welcome to bring in a snack to have at break time but this must only be **FRESH FRUIT** or **VEGETABLES**. Alternatively they can purchase something from the snack trolley.



### School Uniform - Footwear

If you are shopping for new shoes over the Christmas holidays please remember that school **SHOES** are required to be worn in school. Boots may be worn for children's walk to school but are not permitted once inside the school building. Children are encouraged to leave wellingtons in school for use in the school grounds.



## DIARY DATES

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|-------------------------|--|-------------------------|--|
| <b>December</b>         |  | <b>February</b>         |  |
| 20th                    | Christmas Jumper Day and Carols in the Playground . Collect children at 1.00pm. Ends approx.. 2pm. | 4 <sup>th</sup> – 6th   | Year 4 Minstead Residential Trip (Group 2) |
|                         |  | 8th                     | FFLS School Disco                          |
|                         |  | 18 <sup>th</sup> – 22nd | Half Term                                  |
| <b>January</b>          |  | <b>25th</b>             | <b>Inset Day</b>                           |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan     | Back to School   | 26th                    | Back to School                             |
| 16 <sup>th</sup>        | Year 6 - Visit from artist Kezia Hoffman   |                         |  |
| 17 <sup>th</sup>        | Year 6 SAT's Evening 6pm   | <b>March</b>            |  |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> – 25th | Year 4 Minstead Residential Trip (Group 1)   | 7th                     | World Book Day                             |
|                         |  | 12 <sup>th</sup> – 19th | Book Fair                                  |
|                         |  | 30th                    | FFLS Easter Egg Hunt                       |
|                         |  | <b>April</b>            |  |
|                         |  | 2nd                     | Year 5 Outcome                             |
|                         |  | 8 <sup>th</sup> – 22nd  | Easter Holidays                            |
|                         |  | 23 <sup>rd</sup>        | Back to School                             |
|                         |  | 25th                    | Calshot Parents Evening                    |
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