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Dear Parents and carers,

This is our last Headteacher's newsletter of 2024. The end of term is always an exciting and busy time. Here are just some of the memorable activities that the children have taken part in recently.

Carol Service

The children enjoyed a wonderful Service in St Mary's church on Tuesday, which was, as always planned by the staff and led by the children. We were very pleased to see so many of our parents and grandparents and hope you enjoyed the refreshments in the school hall afterwards. Many thanks again to our PCSA for their support in organising the teas and coffee.

Our Chair of Governors, Penny Parkinson, attended the service and wanted to let parents know that "the children were perfection. The singing was exceptional and the children spoke and read clearly and with such confidence. Parent's

comments were a joy to hear – they really enjoyed it."

Sparrows Nativity

This year's Sparrows class thoroughly enjoyed performing A Miracle in Town! for their nativity. It was wonderful hearing them sing each song and perform so confidently to the school and to their families. We hope everyone enjoyed attending this special event.



Christmas Lunch 12th December

The children all thoroughly enjoyed their delicious Christmas lunch this year; they enjoyed lots of Christmas songs and had great fun.



Christmas Jumper Day 12th December

Last week the children all enjoyed wearing their favourite Christmas Jumper to school for their Christmas lunch. Together everyone helped to raise £80.40 for Save The Children!

Reverse Advent Calendar

This Christmas, the children in Kingfisher class have been thinking about giving rather than receiving. Normally with an Advent Calendar a child would open one door per day on the calendar and receive a little gift. We reversed this so that when it was the turn of the child to open the door on the calendar the child brought in a

Love Hope Justice

contribution, which gradually made up a Christmas Hamper for the children's chosen charity 'The Winchester Beacon'. The class will be donating this to the Winchester Beacon at the end of term. Kingfisher's class teacher, Mrs Meier sends her thanks to the children and families for their support.



School Disco and Christmas Hamper Raffle

This Tuesday we held a KS1 and KS2 Disco and also held the Christmas hamper draw, supported by the PCSA.

The children all had a fantastic time dancing, singing, and playing games at their respective KS1/2 discos. We loved seeing them have so much fun!



We are delighted to announce that:
 The Taylor Family won Sparrows class hamper 'When Santa Got Stuck up the Chimney',
 The Madej Family won Woodpeckers class hamper 'Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer',
 The Venner Family won Robins class hamper 'O Christmas Tree!',
 The Bell Family won Kingfishers class hamper 'Frosty the Snowman'.



A big thank you to the class teachers and everyone who donated an item to the Christmas Hampers.

The Nest

We would like to extend a big thank you to everyone who has booked their child into our Extended Day care this term. We are very excited about this opportunity and we hope to see it grow in the New Year.



A friendly reminder to book sessions as far in advance as possible (half termly booking is recommended). For new joiners, please fill in an E-form which can be found on the school website, to be added to Scopay to make your booking. Bookings are managed by parents on your Scopay account.

Early Birds

We are very keen to support our working parents as much as we can and are committed to keeping a childcare option before school on offer for as long as possible. However, if we don't have enough bookings then Early Birds will not remain financially viable. We will be offering Tuesday and Wednesday mornings in the New Year. Please sign up if you would find it helpful.

Early Birds and The Nest will be open for the first week of term.

Sports clubs start the second week of term.

Good Luck

Miss Chandler will be spending more time with her family and working closer to home, after Christmas. We hope to see her involved with the school in the future and wish her all the best!



Reminders from the Office...

Attendance

We are seeing an increasing amount of children arriving late to registration each morning. Please be aware that registration begins at 8:45am and the school gates are shut at 8:50am, by which time the children should be in class with their coats and bags hung in the cloak rooms.

After School Clubs Spring Term

SoccerSchools will be running a number of clubs for us next term and details of these, together with how to register your child can be found at the link below.

www.soccerschools-uk.com/booking

School Uniform

Our school uniform has been carefully chosen to help children feel part of the school community and give a strong sense of identity. It is important that additional accessories such as jewellery, colourful hair bands, nail varnish/make up are not worn. Watches are allowed as are small studded earrings but the latter should not be worn on PE days. Long hair should be tied back. Wearable tech such as smart watches with recorders or cameras are not allowed.

Please may we ask that all school uniform is named, including, bags, outdoor coats and any water bottles that are brought into school.

Pencil cases

We find the children take great pride and learn from taking responsibility for their own belongings and it supports them in being prepared. The school provides pencils and handwriting writing pens and will always have spare stationery.

Please may we ask that all children in KS2 have a named pencil case, **small enough to fit into a tray drawer and on their desk**. Some of the pencil cases are very large and children in lower KS2 need enough desk space to position their exercise books and other resources.

The following items would be helpful:

5 to 6 colouring pencils including primary colours.
Writing pencil
Rubber
Pencil sharpener canister
Small ruler
Glue stick

PE Kit

Please make sure your child has a PE kit with them every day and every item should be named. The weather is cold and a number of children only have PE shorts in their kits. Pupils may wear plain, dark jogging bottoms outside in colder weather.

Coats

As the weather is cold, please make sure your child brings a named coat with them every day.

Nuts

We are a nut free school and pupils are not to bring any products that contain or have traces of nuts for their lunch or snacks. This includes after school clubs.

Tissues request

As we are in the sniffles and sneezes time of year, we are seeing that pupils are using up boxes of tissues at a great rate and we have now used up

our tissue budget for the year! We encourage the children to use and throw away in the bin as good hygiene practice. Please may we ask that each child bring in a box of tissues in the new year that the teachers can keep in class for use by the children during the year. Thank you for your support.

Leader in Me (7 Habits) Leadership Awards

Ronnie B	Nickoy L	Alfred F
Malachy J	Lara AS	Lily F
Geordie D	Cody A	Joe V
Austin H	Joseph W	Charlie E
Verity A	Caitlin H	Ellie-Rose W
Alfred F	Elodie S-W	Fife E

Persephone



Living the Values Awards

Children who have been recognised for living the school values of Love, Hope and Justice by demonstrating virtues such as respect, service, compassion, kindness, courage, and fairness.



Clemmie C	Apryl W	Anhelina D	
Lucia G	Arlowe G	Finn H	Annie R
Persephone	Hermione A-S	Florence L	
Harry V	Rocco R	Eloise P	
Wilf W	Matilda Mc	Violet S	
Olivia W	Ivy G	Feranmi O	

Elodie S-W

Important Year R Applications September 2025

Please be reminded that if you have a child due to start school in Reception in 2025 then the deadline for applications is midnight of **Wednesday 15th January 2025**. Please click on the following link for information and to make an application online: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions>

I hope that you all enjoy plenty of time over the festive break to relax and be with loved ones.

We wish you all a very merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

With best wishes,

Mrs Simrit Otway
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

20th December – 5th January – Christmas Holidays

6th January – INSET day

7th January – Back to School

17th January – Robins Celebration of Learning

**11th and 12th February – Parent Consultation
Evenings**

2024/25 Inset Days

Monday 6th January 2025

Tuesday 22nd July 2025

+1 day TBC

*A list of 2024-25 Hampshire school dates, including
holidays can be found on the school website.*