



### **Mrs Noakes Leaving**

Sadly, Mrs Noakes will be leaving us at the end of term. Whilst we are delighted for her taking on her next challenge, she will be hugely missed. Thank you for everything and good luck!

### **PTA Christmas Fayre – Thank you**

A huge thank you to everyone that attended the Christmas Fayre, we hope you had fun! Special thanks to the school choir and Mrs Langston & Mrs Parfitt who did a fantastic job of opening the fayre and setting the festive mood. The amount raised is just being finalised and we will let you know next week.

### **Christmas Performances**

This week we had the pleasure of watching Christmas performances from Reception, Year 1 and Year 3. All the children did a fantastic job! A big thank you to the teaching staff for your hard work and effort and to all the parents who took the time to come and show your support.

### **Rock Steady**

Well done to all the children who took part in the second of our Rock Steady concerts this morning...you were amazing! Thank you again to Luke for all your hard work (and for Aiden for stepping in last minute!) and to all the parents and family members who came to show your support.

### **Homework Club**

There will be no homework club next Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> December. It will resume in the new year and the first session will be held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January.

### **Menu Change for Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

Due to Christmas dinner next Friday, the school menu for Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December has been changed to the following:

Meat option – fish fingers & chips

Veg option – lentil curry

Jacket option – cheese & beans

Apologies for the inconvenience.

### **Christmas Post Boxes**

Post boxes are now available for children to bring in Christmas cards if they wish. There is one in the infant school, outside of the office and one in the junior school in the library. Please ensure that envelopes are clearly marked with first name, surname or last initials and class.

## Christmas Parties

Next Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> December we will be celebrating the festive season with our Christmas parties! Children can bring in a spare set of clothes to change into but they do not need a snack or anything else from home.

## Christmas Jumper Day

A reminder that Christmas Jumper Day is next Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> December. We would like to invite children to wear their Christmas jumper or festive styled non-uniform to school.

## PTA Elfridges Shop

On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December the PTA are hosting their Elfridges shop for children to buy gifts for their chosen adult/s. All items will be pre-wrapped and worth £3.50. Vouchers can only be purchased from the PTA website [www.pta-events.co.uk/acorns](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/acorns). The vouchers cost £3.50 per gift bundle (male and female gifts available). Please order online by 11<sup>th</sup> December if you would like your child to visit the shop. Please see attached flyer for further details.

## Christmas Tree

There is one last Christmas tree available to purchase from the PTA. The cost is £25 and the tree is ready to be picked up from school. Please contact the office if you are interested.

## Christmas Raffle Tickets

Don't forget to buy your tickets for the Christmas Raffle being drawn on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 3:30pm after school. We hope you will be able to join us after the church service for some festive tunes and complimentary hot drinks whilst the raffle is being drawn. There are some fabulous prizes on offer this year including £100 cash, £75 cash, lovely festive hampers, bottles of fizz, games of bowling, family fun sessions and so much more! Tickets must be returned to the school office by Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December.

## The Big Ambition – Have Your Say!

The Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, has launched The Big Ambition, a national survey of children and young people across England.

The Big Ambition aims to hear from children across England on what they think is important! In the lead up to the next General Election, the Children's Commissioner wants to take children's thoughts, opinions and ideas to decision-makers, to make sure that the Government hears young people's voices on what they think needs to be done to make children's lives better in England.

The survey is open until Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024 and children and parents can complete it at:

[www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition](http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition)

## Children's Winter Coat Appeal

Please consider supporting Chandlers Ford Library's Winter Coat Appeal.

If you have a child's coat in good condition that still has life left in it, they would love to have it.

Please bring any coat donations to school by Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December when the school council will take them to the library. Thank you.

## Year R and Year 3 Applications

A reminder that admissions for children who are due to start in Reception Year or move to Year 3 next September are now open. You can find all the guidance you need on the Hampshire County Council website:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions/applicationprocess/yearrandyear3>

## INFANT SCHOOL CELEBRATIONS

### WORKERS OF THE WEEK

Elf: Gracie & Ruby

Pixie: Reeva, Alexis & Dulcie

Dragon: Elaina, Harrison & whole class for Christmas performance!

Griffin: Karolina, Leila & whole class for Christmas performance!

Kelpie: Sophie & Luke

Yeti: Albert & Kian

### READS

50: Jacob S, Teddy & Vada

100: Kukhanya, Reeva, Charlie B, Rex, Gracie & Thomas

150: Peyton

250: Marnie

300: James, Erin

350: Jessie

400: Orion

450: Scarlett G

500: Shannon

600: Kian & Eliza J

700: Amelia

### HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Year R: Alexis, Alexia, Florrie, Remi, Millie, Delilah, Gracie, Dulcie, Harry R, Charlotte, Izzy, Reeva & Emilia

Year 1: Elaina, Felicity & Betty

Year 2: Jaxson & Isaac

## JUNIOR SCHOOL CELEBRATIONS

### WORKERS OF THE WEEK

Amarok: Whole class!

Hippogriff: Jenson, Katie, Elliott, Jude & Wesley

Thunderbird: Evie & Ayrton, plus the whole class!

Werewolf: Toby & Millie

Pegasus: Lara, Mabel, Harley & Spencer

Sea Serpent: Freddie, Liela & Sammy

Leviathan: Toby, Safia & Alice

Faun: Daniel M & Max

Phoenix: Setayesh, William S & Elise

### READS

150: Igor & Daniel L

225: Sebby, Jonah

300: Jackson

375: Harry K & Millie W

600: Sam G

### HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Year 3: Florence, Annie, Niamh, William & Alan

Year 5: Georgia, Freddie, Mabel, Millie, Freya, Maiko, Connie, Lily-Mae & Emily

Year 6: Max S, Chloe, Kiera, Maggie, Aryian, Sophie, Dolly, Millie K, Imogen, Max S, Shivhanshi, Eli, Riya, Scott, Landon, Khushi & Jayden

### LUNCH TIME TOP TABLE

Hippogriff: Jenson, Lola, Katie, Abbie, Jack, Max, Alannah & Andra

Phoenix: Alice, Sofia, Khushi, William T, Joshua & Jayden

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**PLEASE NOTE: additional dates and further details (where required) will be added throughout the year.**

### December

Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas service – Cherry & Chestnut – 1.30pm
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas service – Willow & Oak – 1.30pm
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	National Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas parties – 1pm
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas lunch
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of term
<b>Mon 18<sup>th</sup> – Fri 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Christmas Holidays - school closed</b>

### January

<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>INSET day – school closed</b>
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Return to school
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 2 Pantomime trip – morning
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Sublime Science workshop – Year 4, 5 & 6

### February

Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Sublime Science workshop – Year R to 3
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Show – 2pm and 6pm
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Winchester Science Museum trip
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of term
<b>Mon 12<sup>th</sup> – Fri 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Half term – school closed</b>
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup>	Return to school

### March

Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Day
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Year R spring height, weight & vision check
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 hockey tournament
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Marwell trip
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 SeaCity Museum – details to follow
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 show – 2pm & 6pm
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Easter service – Willow & Oak – 1.30pm
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Easter service – Cherry & Chestnut – 1.30pm
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Bonnet & Egg Parade – time TBC
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of term
<b>Fri 29<sup>th</sup> – Fri 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Easter Holidays – school closed</b>

### April

Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Return to school
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### May

Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 1 trip to Arundel Castle
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Bank Holiday – School Closed</b>
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Maypole dancing for Fryern Funtasia
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	SATS week
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Choir show – 6pm
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of term
<b>Mon 27<sup>th</sup> – Fri 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Half term – school closed</b>

### June

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Return to school
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Year R Church visit – 9am
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 Church visit – 9am
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Enterprise Week
W/C Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 trip to Stubbington

## **July**

Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 end of year show – 9.15am & 2pm
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Leavers Party
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Whole school picnic – 12pm, parents welcome (weather permitting)
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Last day – school finishes 1pm
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>INSET day – school closed</b>
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>INSET day – school closed</b>