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Dear Parent/Carer

Newsletter 5

Staff Changes

I am pleased to inform you that we will be welcoming Mrs Sutton to the staff team in January. She will be working as a Teaching Assistant in Year 6 and as lunchtime supervision.

Christmas Trail

All classes visited St Leonard's Church on Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th December to take part in the Christmas Trail. Various scenes were set up in the church to tell the Christmas story. I would like to thank Jane Ockwell, Bella Fasham, Sarah Hosking and Rev Geoff Sowden for all their support in setting up the trail. It was the turn of Class 5 to lead the classes around the trail this year and they did a fantastic job.

Class 2 Nativity

Audiences were thoroughly entertained this week by Class 2's performance of 'Lights, Camel, Action!' The children all worked extremely hard to learn their lines and they performed some wonderful dances! I would like to thank Mrs Matthews and Miss Maundrell for all their hard work in making the nativity such a success.

KS1 Party

Children in Class R, Class 1 and Class 2 will be having their Christmas party on Wednesday 19th December in the afternoon. Children should come to school in their school uniform and bring party clothes with them to change into.

PANTS!

Keeping children safe in school is a high priority for any school. We would like to draw your attention to some materials produced by the NSPCC which supports you as parents/carers in helping to keep your children safe. Talking PANTS is a simple way to help keep children safe from abuse. It teaches children that their body belongs to them, they have the right to say no, and that they should tell an adult if they're upset or worried about anything. In order to access this very helpful information go to: nspcc.org.uk/pants.

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Y6 Trip (written in part by Ellie Von Oven)

On Wednesday 28th November, Class 6 went on a trip to Butser Ancient Farm in Waterlooville. First of all, we went to the gift shop and explored the amazing artefacts and ancient gifts. Next we went into a replica of an Anglo Saxon house. In the middle was a fire and surrounding the fire were animal skins. During our visit, we made jewellery and constructed fences using wattling. Finally, we carried out an archaeological excavation. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the trip!

Parking

Yet again, I have received reports from parents/carers and residents of some extremely inconsiderate parking and rude and aggressive driving behaviour near to the school. I appreciate that this is a very small minority of people, and most people are both considerate and thoughtful when it comes to drop off and pick up time. There is an increasing danger that one day one of our children may get hurt as a result if parking behaviour does not improve. Please can I appeal to you to be more respectful of each other and be reminded that the safety of all our children must come first.

Holidays

There has been an increase in the number of parents/carers requesting absence for holidays. I need to remind you that permission for absence will only be granted in exceptional circumstances. Please check carefully the term dates before booking a holiday - mistakes with school term dates do not constitute an exceptional circumstance.

Woodland Trust

We have been successful in a bid for some trees from the Woodland Trust. In the Spring we will receive some saplings which will be planted by some of the children in the school grounds.

Newspaper

Class 2 would like donations of newspaper please!

Last day of term

On the last day of term, children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper (instead of a school sweatshirt or cardigan) as we did last year. Although we are not asking for any donations, you may wish to consider donating to Save the Children whose official Christmas jumper day was last Friday.

On behalf of the children, staff and Governors, I would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and all the very best for 2019!

Yours sincerely

Nicky Mills