

Dear Parents,

Christmas Performances

Those of you who were lucky enough to see the Infant Christmas plays will no doubt, like me, want to congratulate all the children and the adults involved for two really fabulous productions. This year, we had 'The Sleepy Shepherd' from the Honey Bees in the Reception class and the brand new 'Tree – mendous Nativity called Baubles' from years 1 and 2. It never fails to amaze me that the children can manage to produce such wonderful performances with only two weeks of practice and it is lovely to see how much they all enjoy the experience.

Christmas Service

Thank-you also, to all the children (and the adults who worked so hard with them) for their brilliant performances in this year's Carol Service. It was a very happy, festive occasion and everyone spoke, sang and played brilliantly. We had a few issues with the CD backing track at one point but the children coped admirably with the improvisation that took place!!

PTFA

Thank you so much to the members of the PTFA who have worked tirelessly this term to support us in so many ways. They have served refreshments at the Infant plays, organised the Craft Fair and Christmas raffle (which was a huge success) and run the Christmas Bazaar, which, as always, was thoroughly enjoyed by the children. Then, on top of all that, they held the Christmas Chill Film Night to round off the term's activities. We are very grateful to them for all the fund-raising they do.

Our Christmas Jumper Day

This was another successful event that raised £174.50 for 'Save the Children'. Thank you everybody for your fantastic efforts. It looked fabulous seeing all the children and adults together in assembly and during Christmas lunch. It was also very informative to have a visit from a 'Save the Children' representative before the Dress-up day. This meant that the children understood how their money helps others who are far less fortunate than ourselves.

Sport

On Friday December 16th, a group of children from year 5 and 6 travelled to Dover Leisure centre for an Indoor Athletics Competition. They competed against other local schools in a range of field and track events with every child competing in three or four events each. They all did incredibly well and we took second place overall. Well done to everyone and thank-you to Miss Houldsworth and Mrs. Murrum for organising our team and cheering them on to success.

All children in key stage 2 are given the opportunity to join an after-school football club and to play competitively whenever possible. Mr. Woolliscroft recently took the football team to the annual 'Northbourne Park' Tournament and the girls and boys have played regularly in Cup and league matches. We have also had girl's and boy's matches against Preston this term both of which were closely fought (though we narrowly won!) Well done, teams.

Website

Mrs Blench has recently updated the class pages to include photographs from this term. Perhaps you would like to take some time to look at these with your children over the

Christmas holiday. They will help you to get an idea of all the exciting things we have done so far this year.

Term 3 Clubs

All clubs start on the week commencing: **Monday, 8th January**

They finish on **Friday 9th February**.

Please book places through the school office with a payment of £5 per club, this is payable online through ParentPay. When you have signed up for clubs we will send you a link for payment.

DAY COMMENCES	CLUB	TIME
Monday	Choir (Years 3– 6)	8.30 – 9.00 am
	Running (Years 2-6)	3.20 – 4.15 pm
	Story, Rhyme and Song club (Years R and 1)	3.20 – 4.15pm
Tuesday	Boy’s Football (Years 3& 4)	3.20 – 4.15 pm.
	Netball (Years 3-6)	3.20 – 4.15 pm
	Golf (year 1 - 3)) <u>SIGN UP ON LINE PLEASE: See separate e-mail</u>	3.20 – 4.15 pm
	Infant Film Club	3.20 – 4.15 pm
Wednesday	Girl’s Football (Years 4–6)	3.20 – 4.15 pm
	Hockey (Years 3-6)	3.15- 4.15 pm
	Gymnastics (Years R - 2) <u>SIGN UP ON LINE PLEASE: shusband@premiersport.org</u>	3.15 – 4.15 pm
Thursday	Boy’s Football (Years 5 – 6)	3.20 – 4.15pm
	Tennis (Years 1 – 3)	3.20 – 4.15 pm
	Puzzles/ Sudoku (Years 5 – 6)	3.20 – 4.15 pm
Friday	Cross-fit (Years 5 – 6)) for children already signed up	3.20 – 4.15pm

Thank you all for your support throughout the term; we hope you have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year! See you all on Thursday, 4th January 2018!

Best wishes
Pat Fletcher