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# NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents

I hope this newsletter finds both you and your family safe and well. This week as part of our Remembrance focus, our children have had the opportunity to consider how the sacrifices and service of others during wartime is linked to how key workers and members of the public serve their country today and make sacrifices to keep others safe. It has provoked some thoughtful discussions within school.

**Children in Need 2020 – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November**



We will be taking part in the daily activities provided as part of the Five to Thrive programme. This will culminate in the “Ultimate Feel Good Friday” where for a donation, children may come in dressed in whatever makes them feel good!

Please make sure that their outfits are school appropriate – no jewellery or make up, sensible shoes and a coat.

## Friday fish

The fish on the menu for this Friday will be fish fingers, not baked battered fish.

## Bikeability Training for children in Year 6

I am delighted to be able to confirm that Bikeability training for children in Year 6 will go ahead in the week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> December. The booking system has now changed and children will bring home a letter today with details. If you would like to enrol your child on the course please complete the booking form using the link in the attached letter by 30<sup>th</sup> November.



## Butser Hill Refunds

I would like to thank all the parents who have agreed to donate the money for Butser Hill to the school. Over the next few weeks, we will be placing orders for new books and this money will go towards books for Year 4 children.

If you requested a transfer to dinner money this has now been done.

Any parents who requested a refund will need to drop in to reception to collect a cheque and sign to confirm receipt. You can do this Monday – Wednesday from 8.30am-3.30pm

For the remaining parents, we will assume that you are happy to donate the money to the school.

## Christmas



Unfortunately, as you all know, we will be unable to celebrate Christmas at school in the normal way this year. The Christmas Bazaar, St Marys Carol Service and Year 3 assembly will not take place.

We would like to enable the children to take part in an alternative Christmas lunch, consisting of a party bag, (details of which were sent out last week) followed by their Christmas party which will take place in class bubbles on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December. Children can wear their Christmas jumpers on this day.

Children will also be able to make their Christingle and take part in a virtual assembly.

Children will be able to send Christmas cards, there will be year group post boxes and cards will be quarantined for 72 hours before they are given out.

## Free E Book Library

During these Autumnal evenings there is nothing nicer than losing yourself in a good book. Oxford Owl are offering parents free access to a collection of on-line eBooks for children aged 3 – 11 years old. Books include Oxford Reading Tree banded books, Protect X, Biff and Chip and Winnie the Witch. There is also advice on how to support your child with their reading and encourage the interest. Details can be found at [www.oxfordowl.co.uk](http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk).

## Reminders

WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL. Please do not send your child in with any food that contains nuts. Break time snacks should be fruit only. Drinks bottles should only contain water.

Dogs are not allowed on the school site.

The whole of the school site is a no smoking zone, including e-cigarettes.

At collection and drop-off younger siblings should be kept with you and supervised at all times. Please ensure you remain socially distanced from others and spend as little time on the school site as possible. Thank you to everyone who has supported the school in wearing a face covering whilst on site.

## Inset Day

The school is closed for Inset Day on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

## Flu Vaccinations

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November. Consent forms should be completed by 24<sup>th</sup> November at the very latest to ensure your child receives their vaccination. The link to complete the form - <https://www.southernhealthimmunisations.co.uk/forms/flu>



## Bag2School

Collection date is **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** so start filling up those bin bags and we can accept them in school from 30<sup>th</sup> November.

## Congratulations

To the following children who completed the Silly Squad Summer Reading Challenge. Medals will be handed out once they arrive in school. If your child took part in the challenge and is not included in this list, please let us know and we can forward details to Hampshire Library Service so they will get their medal.

Bethan Senior, Declan White, Katie and Olivia Salathiel, Meena Holloway, Phoebe Williams, Reuben Joy and Eloise Perkins.

Any child who also completed the Summer Reading Challenge are able to collect their medals and certificates from Eastleigh Library as part of their click and collect service on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays between 10am and 4pm.

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