

Dates for the diary

December

Tuesday 8th

Filming for Nursery & Reception
Classes Christmas Celebration

Wednesday 9th

Filming for Year 1 & Year 2
Classes Christmas Celebration

Friday 11th

Christmas Lunch
Christmas Jumper Day
Christmas Santa Dash

Friday 18th

Last day of term

Monday 21st - Friday 1st

January

Christmas Holidays

January

Monday 4th

Children return to school



December has arrived and Christmas preparations too – our school hall is looking fantastic with the Christmas hoops created by each class on display suspended from the ceiling, we will share lots of photos with you in our end of term newsletter in just a couple of weeks. Next week will be full of Christmas events, each class will be performing their celebration piece, please check your ParentMail emails for details of when any special outfits will be needed. On Friday 11th, all children and staff are invited to come into school wearing their most sparkly or colourful Christmas jumper, we will be sharing a lovely Christmas lunch and classes will be taking part in the Santa Dash. Attached to this email is a Christmas Lunch menu and a letter regarding the Santa Dash.

This week Otter Class have said farewell and thank you to their teaching assistant, Miss Saville and we have welcomed two new members of staff to our school community: Mrs Hammond as a midday assistant and Miss Spelman has joined our Nursery team as a Nursery Teacher. I am sure you will join us in wishing each of them the very best in their new roles.

Sneak peek at our week

Year N - Nursery

This week the children have listened to the story 'When it Snows'. The children have been learning about the different kinds of weather that we might experience in the Winter months and what clothes are appropriate at this time of year.

In Maths we have been learning to count out 3 objects by counting our Christmas decorations and counting out a tower of three.

The children are beginning to get excited as we have been practicing our Christmas production and have begun to learn about the Christmas story.

This week our Makaton signs are: Father Christmas, sleigh and reindeer.

REMINDER: Our Christmas performance will be recorded on Tuesday 8th December, please can you bring your child in a Christmas jumper.

Friday 11th December – Christmas jumper day and Christmas school dinner for those that stay all day.

Next week we will be having Nursery tours for children that will be starting in January, could parents please collect their children promptly at the end of the day so that these new children get an opportunity to play within Nursery.

Year R - Reception

Reception have had a busy week exploring sources of light in the Hobbit hut during outdoor learning. The children experienced the differences in how light can be changed. They used torches in the hobbit hut to create light and watched how light can change colour and different sources of light and where it comes from. To support our story for this week (Hoot Owl) the children have been learning about nocturnal animals and also made a giant nest, working as a class to build it.

We have been learning about how Christians celebrate Christmas and use the Advent count down in the lead up to Christmas. Three classes have taken a trip to the local post box to post their letters to Santa. The remaining two classes will post theirs next week.

Important Notice After School Club

Next week After School Club will be held in the Infant School Hall on Monday 7th, Tuesday 8th, Thursday 10th and Friday 11th. Please collect your child from there. Access is through the Poynings Avenue gate as normal but follow the arrows around to the playground over to the school hall. Thank you.

Outdoor learning

Monday 7th

Fox

Tuesday 8th

Squirrel

Wednesday 9th

Hedgehog

Thursday 10th

Otter

Friday 11th

Badger

In literacy, the children have been learning how to write a list and short simple sentences using capital letters and full-stops, including spaces between words to make their presentation clearer.

We have been learning how to find one less than a given number, using five frames, numbers lines and objects.

REMINDER: Your child will have their Christmas performance filmed next week on Tuesday 8th December 2020. Please ensure they come to school dressed in their outfits. More precise information specific to your child's class has been emailed via ParentMail.

Year 1

Year 1 the children have been thinking about Winter and describing the season and the changes that occur. The children have used their new descriptive language to write Winter poems. Year 1 have been learning what hibernation means and that animals hibernate in the winter. In Maths the children have been reviewing some of their learning from this term including some of the learnt addition, subtraction methods. The children have also continued to practice their song for their Christmas video, which they are excited to share with you soon.

Year 2

This week the Year 2 have been busy again learning about Penguins. We researched using books and fact files and then have written our own non-chronological reports. We have also found out about the Penguin life-cycle and have drawn diagrams of this and written explanations. In Maths we have been learning about the division symbol and linking to the grouping and sharing method. The children have also been busy learning their class song ready for the Christmas video.

Next week: Outdoor Learning. Please make sure your child is dressed in warm clothes for the cold weather – hats, gloves warm socks etc.

Reminder: Children should be wearing supportive 'trainers' for PE activities not 'converse' style shoes. Thank you.

Tempest Photo Orders

All orders submitted in time for the deadline have now been delivered and passed to classes. Your child will be bringing this home today.

Swimming in the Spring Term

We are pleased to share with you that we intend to start swimming lessons again in January. We will be starting with Year 2 classes and hopefully rolling this out to other Year Groups during the Spring and Summer Term. A letter with further information will be sent to Year 2 parents/carers in due course.

Reminders & Requests

We are all now very familiar with the need to wear a mask/face covering while in public spaces where social distancing of 2 meters is difficult. Almost all parents/carers coming onto our school site are following this, however please remember to check that you have your face covering before leaving home. We do have a small stock of disposable masks available but these are only distributed as a last resort and are not recyclable.

We would be grateful if parents/carers or other adults who wait outside the school either directly or by the road corners would kindly not smoke or vape. Please be mindful that there are lots of young children in the area at the same time who would prefer not to be exposed to someone else's secondhand smoke.

Dinner menu

Monday

R - Beef & vegetable cottage pie

G - Jackfruit Katsu curry with rice

P - Jacket potato with a choice of toppings

Broccoli & mixed salad
Caramelised pineapple
sponge

Tuesday

R - Mild jerk chicken with rice and peas

G - Vegetarian spicy special fried rice

P - Pasta with a choice of toppings

Sweetcorn

Apple pie cinnamon roll

Wednesday

R - Roast chicken served with roasted potatoes & gravy

G - Tofu & vegetable noodle stir fry

P - Jacket potato with a choice of toppings

Cauliflower & peas
Ice cream with fruit

Thursday

R - Chicken & sweetcorn meatballs in a sweet & sour sauce with noodles

G - Pitta pizza topped with humous & roasted vegetable

P - Pasta with a choice of toppings
Green beans

Chocolate shortbread biscuit

Friday

R - Fish fingers with homemade tomato ketchup & chips

G - Homemade crispy vegetable nuggets with chips

P - Jacket potato with a choice of toppings

Baked beans & garden peas
Lemon drizzle cake

Freshly baked bread is available every day.