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Newsletter 12 – 29th November 2024

Class News

Nursery	- have been enjoying starting our Christmas activities!
YR	- have been exploring 3D shapes and noticing what 2D shapes we can see in them
Y1	- have loved experimenting in Science, testing which bridges were stronger
Y2	- have enjoyed designing their London landmarks which they will make out of clay next week!
Y3	- really enjoyed creating their Christmas tree decorations this week
Y4	- have enjoyed looking at the strengths and weaknesses of the Anglo-Saxon and Norman armies at the time of the Battle of Hastings
Y5	- have been enjoying our science investigating!
Y6	- have been researching owls and using this to write non-chronological reports, linked to their class text 'Skellig'

Dear Parents,

What an incredible week!! The school has been buzzing with excitement, there has been sports fixtures, Advent Adventure in YR & 1 and amazing forest school sessions, well done everyone!

Ringwood & District Round Table have chosen SISA as their charity for the incredible Sleigh Ride through the villages of Ashley Heath, St Leonards & St Ives on Thursday 5th December! As well as collecting change for SISA they will also be collecting food donations for the food bank.



Please note that the cut-off for Christmas lunch orders is midnight on Monday 2nd December.

Christmas dates & updates

As we go into probably the busiest three weeks of the school year, I thought it prevalent to list the many activities and events;

December

2 nd	Treehouse Theatre
4 th	Fill a Christmas Tree activity – children to bring in any loose change
5 th	KS2 Christmas Art Canvas event
6 th	SISA Christmas Hampers non-uniform day
9 th	Rocksteady concert 10.00am
12 th	Christmas lunch
	Christmas Jumper Day – Jumpers only please (normal uniform still applies)
17 th	KS1 Christmas Performance 2.00pm
18 th	KS1 Christmas Performance 9.30am
	KS2 Christmas Performances @ Verwood Hub 4.00pm & 6.45pm
19 th	School Carol Service at All Saints Church 1.30pm
20 th	Last day of term 1:15pm finish

Tickets for Christmas Performances

Tickets will be available to book at www.bookwhen.com/stivesprimary from **10.00am on Monday 2nd December.**

KS1 – please note, you are entitled to 2 tickets per family (over 2 sessions) initially, with a possibility of more once the first round of tickets is over.

KS2 – ‘What A Knight’ will take place over two performances at the Merryfield Theatre at the Verwood Hub on 18th December at 4pm (Matinee) and 6.45pm. Tickets are available for £7 a ticket (this goes some way to covering the costs) and there is no restriction on the number of tickets you can buy. Members of the public will not be attending.

Once we have confirmed all bookings, tickets will be sent home via book bags. Entry is by ticket only so you must bring your ticket with you – **No ticket no entry!**

Christmas Jumper Day

Children are invited to wear their Christmas jumpers to school on Thursday 12th December. Join millions of people across the UK and raise money for ‘Save the Children’. Please donate £1 to wear your Christmas jumper. Normal uniform applies minus jumper or cardigan!

School Carol Service

The whole school will be walking up to All Saints Church on Thursday 19th December at 1.30pm to take part in our school carol service. You are welcome to join us to sing a few carols!

SISA

SISA are hosting a Non Uniform day on **Friday 6th December** with a request for coloured hamper items to be donated, please see the list below for each year group’s colour theme;

- Nursery – Noir Noel
- Year R – Golden Glow
- Year 1 – Candycane Pink
- Year 2 – Sugarplum Purple
- Year 3 – Winter Blue
- Year 4 – Holly Green
- Year 5 – Snow White
- Year 6 – Berry Red

Donations to be handed in to class teachers please. There will be 2 hampers raffled at each of the Christmas performances!

School Council

For our Autumn term fundraising event for our charity RSPCA, the school council have organised a **Fill a Christmas Tree** activity. Please bring in a donation of any loose change on **Wednesday 4th December** and the children will all have the opportunity to add their money to create a picture of a Christmas tree. Thank you for your support.

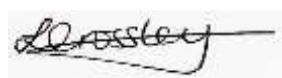
Online Safety

Recent user numbers for the messaging app Snapchat currently sit at approximately 800 million and figures indicate that roughly 20% of those users are under 18. That’s a lot of young people participating in this social media platform, many of whom are potentially unaware of the associated risks. It can be tricky to know how to safeguard younger users on Snapchat but this week’s guide aims to show parents and carers how, whilst also giving in-depth knowledge of the online safety risks posed by this platform.

Value of the week – Respect

We have welcomed Mr Gilham into school this week to share the Christmas story. There were many interesting facts about Bethlehem!

Yours sincerely,



Mrs L Crossley

Headteacher

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