NEWSLETTER, November 2023



Dear Carers and Parents,

We are approaching the countdown to the Christmas holidays and are looking forward to



welcoming you into school for various events during the coming weeks.

Next month, we will be hosting Numeracy and Maths workshops for carers and parents after each of our productions. If you would like to learn more about our Numeracy and Maths curriculum then please come along. Letters will be issued shortly via your young person's Home School Link Book.

Thank you to all carers and parents who completed the Carer and Parent Survey this month, the results of which are being collated and will be shared with you next month. As a result of some of the feedback, where appropriate, learners in EYFS through to KS3 will be bringing home a Literacy and a Numeracy / Maths pack to support them with Home Learning activities over the next few weeks. These packs will need to go between home and school daily. Instructions will be provided in the packs. In addition, all learners will be bringing home a magnetic whiteboard, board pen and board rubber which is to be kept at home and to support them with their learning. Home Learning in Key Stages 4 and 5 works differently because of the accredited and certificated courses our learners follow.

Our young people have engaged in some marvellous learning opportunities this month including the Secondary Department's visit to Winchester Christmas markets, trips to TVAP, taking part in the 'Into Film Festival' and visiting performers.

Kind regards Jenny Baker Headteacher

Children in Need – Friday 17th November



Learners across the school were very excited to have a visit from Pudsey Bear on Children in Need Day. Pudsey would like to say thank you to everyone for their smiles, high-fives and for all the donations made to the worthy cause!



Christmas Jumper Day for Children in Need

We will once again be supporting Children in Need by wearing our Christmas jumpers on **Friday 8th December**, which is the same day as our Christmas Fayre. Please send a donation into school, if you can, via your young person's class team. Thank you for your support.



Ruby's Ramblings





Ruby was guest of honour in Chestnut class on Multicultural day. In Nepal, they thank animals for different attributes. They thank dogs for their loyalty.

Each learner gave Ruby a treat and thanked her after she was presented with a garland.



Role Play - Café



Flossie, Rhys and Elizabeth enjoyed pretending to visit and work in a café in our role play room recently. They placed their order at the till, made a drink, cooked some food and put food on plates.



Looks yummy!

Earwig Update

Earwig has launched a parent app, 'Earwig Parent', which can be downloaded from your usual App Store.

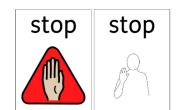
The Earwig Parent app provides parents with a secure login and a free, ever-growing record of their child's school life. Parents can see the Earwig records and images that have been tagged exclusively to their child in the school database.



This month's Buzzword is... stop



Follow the link for the video and more information



on this month's Buzzword: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9pTCE6JKEmg

Car Parking on Kennel Lane



As the days are getting shorter and the weather worsens, we kindly ask you to take extra care when travelling on Kennel Lane and the school car park area, keeping to the 5mph speed limit. Please be mindful of pedestrians and other cars when reversing in the darker conditions.

In addition, we have been informed by Bracknell Forest that Enforcement Officer patrols will be stepped up around several schools over the next few months in response to resident complaints. This means that anyone parking illegally or dangerously may be issued with a penalty notice.

Community News

Please note that we are not affiliated with any company or organisation that may feature in this section and any visits undertaken are a carer and parent responsibility.

South Hill Park are performing their award-winning family pantomime of 'Sleeping Beauty' on dates from Friday 24th November to Sunday 31s^t December and are taking bookings now. Visit <u>www.SOUTHHILLPARK.ORG.UK</u> or call the Box Office on 01344 484123.

The Harvester Horse and Groom is hosting an "Autism-friendly Superhero Breakfast" on Wednesday 20th December. For £9.99, your child will get breakfast, a drink, a chocolate treat and a Santa goody bag. Please phone them directly on 01344 422444 for more details. Please note that bookings can only be made by telephone.

Thames Valley Adventure Playground are running some sessions for toddlers and a special family Christmas sing-a-long. Details and contact information are below:



Dates for the Diary

Friday 8 th December	Christmas Jumper Day & Secondary Christmas Fayre	13.30 - 14.30
Tuesday 12 th December	Primary Christmas Production	10.00 - 11.00
Wednesday 13 th December	Secondary Christmas Production	10.00 – 11.00
Thursday 14 th December	Whole School Christmas Lunch	
Friday 15 th December	End of Autumn Term Primary & Woodlands Hub 12.45pm Finish Secondary 13.00pm Finish	
Monday 18 th December to Tuesday 2 nd January	WINTER HOLIDAY	
Wednesday 3 rd January	Start of Spring Term All learners return to school	