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THE SQUIRREL



15 SLEEPS...



It's Christmas Fayre Day and it is busy all around school as Andrea and her team are preparing for the Fayre that begins tonight at 5.00pm. We hope to see you all there for an evening of Christmas cheer, beautiful singing from the choir, a glorious Santa's Grotto and a glass of mulled wine. It's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas... Thank you for all your support in your donations and a fantastic range of cakes. I could buy them all! It is lovely that we get so many donations in, but what we really need help with is hands. We even had a discussion that we may not be able to do our grand events in the future if we haven't got hands to help, and that would be a real shame as what we do is marvellous and enjoyed by all. I know time is the most precious thing we have now but could we have a little bit of your time to help make our school stand out in every way? Our events are to help raise funds for improvements that we just can't afford from the main school budget. This year we are raising funds for a sensory garden, to also include a sunken trampoline or two so that we can have a good bounce too.

We ended last week with two lovely Carol Services at St Mary's Church. My thanks to Reverend Amanda and Andrew who supported this event and allowed us to use St Mary's Church for our services this year. It was very lovely and really did put us all in the Christmas mood—so much so that I went and got my Christmas tree on Saturday and decorated my house, which is a little early for me, but it definitely made me Christmassy! Thank you to all the parents who joined us to walk the children down and the arrangements for collecting the children from the church. We do appreciate it.

As we head towards Christmas, we have today been looking at the different themes and values of Christmas in the Christian calendar. We have had visitors from all the churches in Cowes to talk with the children about their faith and beliefs. It has been fascinating hearing about angels, to understanding what faith is a little bit more. Thank you to our visitors for taking time out of our busy schedule to enhance our learning here at school. After the Fayre tonight the stage goes up in time for Little Love Lane's Nativity on Wednesday, and also rehearsals for our productions of The Wizard of Oz next week on Tuesday and Wednesday. The performances will begin at 6.00pm - all families are welcome, but as mentioned previously priority will be given to families of Year 5 and 6 who are performing. Children will also get to see the dress rehearsal in school. We then finish with the Reception Nativity on Thursday 19th at 4.00pm—again, everyone is welcome. I am really looking forward to it!

The choir continue their Christmas tour with performances at the Fayre tonight and St Mary's Hospital tomorrow. It has been lovely seeing them, grow in confidence and I know we have had further requests for performances at the Co-op and local residential homes. We will have to see if we can squeeze them in! It is nice to be popular!

Whole School

Attendance

97.53%

TARGET: 97.7%



This week the performance tables are published for England. I am really pleased with our outcomes for last year, and there was a little suggestion that we may have been in top place for the Isle of Wight and in the top 20% for England, but this will be confirmed on Thursday when the results are published. It is very exciting and will celebrate the hard work shown by the children and the staff here at Lanesend. I will let you know on Thursday!

On Thursday we have our Full Governing Body Meeting and I would like to share my replies to your responses to the Parent Questionnaire survey we sent out to families earlier this term. If the Governors approve I will share this with you all on Friday. We also have our end of year audit report that has to be with Companies House by the end of December, followed by a letter to our families at the end of January. We do manage our budget very well, down to the hard work of Carrie and the Office Team, but it is also extremely hard to keep chasing debts. If you need to, you can set up a standing order to clear any outstanding monies if this is easier for you than using School Money. Just pop in and see Carrie and she will give you our bank details. Many of our debts are small, but together they accumulate to £13,000 which is a lot of money and would definitely buy two trampolines for the children and staff to bounce on!

We have had 270 'yes' to our school trip to the Winchester Science Centre in March. The deadline is tomorrow so that we can confirm either one Red Jet or two, as well as the coaches and the day at the Centre so if you have not yet replied please can you do this by tomorrow as it will become more difficult to add children once we have confirmed numbers. It is definitely going to be a scientific term when we return after the Christmas break.

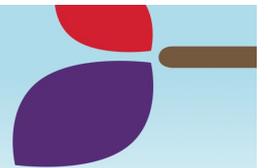
This week in school we have a Times Table evening for Years 3 and 4 on Thursday at 5.30pm. This is just to let you know about the upcoming assessments for Year 4 that begin as a trial this year but become statutory in 2020 and we want to be prepared for it. We did have a really good Phonics Evening last week for Years R and 1 but I was aware lots of families could not attend so the team are happy to re-do the evening in January for those who missed it. There is just one club this week (apart from J-Rock) and that is Singing for Fun with Miss McBride. We do hope to have a new club list out before Christmas, but that is on my list to do and as yet I have not managed to have a look!

It is now the countdown to Christmas and the last day of school on Friday 21st December. We will be finishing with our Christmas Lunch—the turkeys have been ordered and the finishing touches are on the way. It's getting all too exciting!

Caroline Sice, Headteacher



FOR YOU



Development Days 2018-19:
 Monday 3rd June 2019
 Tuesday 4th June 2019
 Wednesday 5th June 2019
 Thursday 6th June 2019
 Friday 7th June 2019

THE SQUIRREL'S DEN

Please remember to use new **Den doorbell** when collecting your children from the Den—the office is not always manned late in the day!



CHRISTMAS CARDS

The school Christmas postbox is now **OPEN!**
 Please remember to write the name of the **class** as well as the name of the **child** on the envelope so we know who to deliver to!



Congratulations:

- Elias Pedder** tai quando yellow belt!
- Isabella Ruston** super home learning Bella!
- Amelia Callaghan** fantastic home learning!
- Isla Strickland** 25 metres swimming award!
- Dylan & Elliott Kay** amazing piano achievements!
- Nicholas Newson** incredible ship building skills!
- Louis Rothwell** stage 3 swimming award!

Food-Free Gifts

Please remember that we are a 'food-free' gift school. Please may we ask that you don't bring in chocolates/cakes/sweets for birthdays and Christmas gifts for the children. Thank you.

MENU CHANGES!

- Wednesday 12th December: Roast chicken not turkey
- Wednesday 19th December: Fish fingers & chips not roast dinner
- Friday 21st December: Roast turkey (Christmas lunch) not fish fingers

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE

Please park sensibly if you need to drive to school. Please avoid driving up to the school gates, there is very little room and we have had several dangerous situations recently. We have also unfortunately had complaints from our neighbours about inconsiderate parking. The park and ride car park is just a short walk away! Please remember the safety of our children is paramount at all times. Thank you.

PLEASE NOTE!

The Squirrel's Den will be closing at 5pm on the last day of term, Friday 21st December.

THANK YOU to everyone who has been helping us with setting up for the Christmas Fayre—we really could not do it without you! See you all tonight at 5.00pm...

SPORTS CORNER

We took part in Sports Hall Athletics and had a fantastic afternoon. We displayed some great running performances with potential shown in many 'field' events! Well done to all involved.



Missing a day of schooling impacts on the outcomes that can be achieved. A 90% attendance is the equivalent of having a day off a fortnight. An employer would not be happy with this statistic!



ATTENDANCE

Week Ending 7th December 2018

YR Alice's Adventures in Wonderland	97.7%
YR The Faraway Tree	92.7%
YR A Bear Called Paddington	90.0%
Y1 Peter Pan	96.2%
Y1 Swallows and Amazons	97.1%
Y1 The Gruffalo	95.2%
Y2 Charlotte's Web	98.3%
Y2 The Secret Garden	95.3%
Y3 Where the Wild Things Are	100%
Y3 Around the World in Eighty Days	93.7%
Y4 Wind in the Willows	99.1%
Y4 The Little Prince	99.2%
Y4 Stig of the Dump	100%
Y5 Mary Poppins	98.5%
Y5 Treasure Island	94.0%
Y6 The Railway Children	96.7%
Y6 The Wizard of Oz	95.4%
Y6 The Jungle Book	95.0%
Whole School	96.4%



Missed sessions due to family holidays since September 2018: **229**

Autumn 2 Term Topic "Exploring the Classics"

Mon 10th	Christmas Week 1
Mon 10th	Clubs have finished
Mon 10th	MUFTI DAY!!! In return for donations: Please bring in your perishable items for the Fayre
Mon 10th	RE Day—Christmas
Mon 10th	Boxed lunch in classrooms—sausages/wedges
Mon 10th	Year 6 Families invited to lunch all week
Mon 10th	CHRISTMAS FAYRE 5.00pm
Tue 11th	Antibullying meeting
Wed 12th	Pre-school nativity 9.30am
Wed 12th	Choir singing at St Marys
Wed 12th	J-Rock—helpers needed! From 1pm please
Wed 12th	Last Singing for Fun Club
Thu 13th	Year 3-4 parent meeting 5.30pm (times tables)
Mon 17th	Christmas Week 2
Mon 17th	Cowes RNLI in for Christmas story sack in library
Tue 18th	Christmas Performances dress rehearsal—school only
Tue 18th	Wizard of Oz Performance Years 5 & 6—EVENING
Wed 19th	Wizard of Oz Performance Years 5 & 6—EVENING
Thu 20th	Times Table Bee 9.30am
Thu 20th	Year R Nativity @ 4.00pm
Fri 21st	Christmas Jumper Day
Fri 21st	Christmas Lunch whole school
Fri 21st	DEN WILL CLOSE AT 5.00PM
Fri 21st	BREAK UP 2.45pm

Spring Term 'Let There Be Light' January

Mon 8th	School Open
Mon 8th	Year R families invited to lunch all week
Thu 10th	Celebration Assembly Y1, 3, 5
Thu 10th	U9 boys football v Carisbrooke
Mon 14th	Year 1 families invited to lunch all week
Wed 16th	Mike Fleetham in
Thu 17th	Celebration Assembly Y2, 4, 6
Fri 18th	Year 3 swimming week 1
Mon 21st	Year 2 families invited to lunch all week
Tue 22nd	Fire Drill 2.00pm
Thu 24th	Celebration Assembly Y1, 3, 5
Fri 25th	Year 3 swimming week 2
Mon 28th	Year 3 families invited to lunch all week
Thu 31st	Pupil Council with Mr Cooper 8.40am
Thu 31st	Maths Challenge—Years 4 & 5—Ryde
Thu 31st	Celebration Assembly Y2, 4, 6
	February:
Fri 1st	RE Day—'Let There Be Light'
Fri 1st	Year 3 swimming week 3
Mon 4th	HERO Week (Here, Every day, Ready, On time)
Mon 4th	Year 4 families invited to lunch all week
Mon 4th	Pupil Progress Meetings all week:
Mon 4th	Miss Hopkinson, Mrs Price, Mr Andre, Mr Thorne
Tue 5th	Ms Coppen, Miss Westbrook, Mrs Dyer
Wed 6th	Mrs Hinkley, Miss Poulton/Mrs Fifield, Mrs Gilbert, Miss Jones
Thu 7th	Miss McQueen, Mrs Wyld, Mrs Brailsford
Fri 8th	Miss Wren, Mrs Lewis, Mrs Gangonells, Mr Read/ Miss Troy

February continued...

Thu 7th	Celebration Assembly Y1, 3, 5
Fri 8th	Year 3 swimming week 4
Sat 9th	Lanesend bag packing @ Asda for J-Rock 10.00am-1.00pm
Fri 15th	Year 3 swimming week 5
Fri 15th	KS2 cross country championships
Fri 15th	BREAK UP 2.45pm
Mon 25th	SCHOOL OPEN
Mon 25th	Year 5 families invited to lunch all week
Thu 28th	Pupil Council with Mr Cooper 8.40am
Thu 28th	Celebration Assembly Y2, 4, 6
	March:
Fri 1st	AEN coffee morning 9.30am
Fri 1st	Year 3 swimming week 6
Mon 4th	Year 6 families invited to lunch all week
Mon 4th	Clubs start
Mon 4th	Spelling Bee @ Carisbrooke C of E
Thu 7th	J Rock Challenge—today's the day!
Thu 7th	Celebration Assembly—TBC
Fri 8th	Year 3 swimming week 7
Mon 11th	Year R families invited to lunch all week
Thu 14th	Pupil Council with Mr Cooper 8.40am
Thu 14th	Celebration Assembly—TBC
Fri 15th	Comic Relief—Red Nose Day
Mon 18th	Year 1 families invited to lunch all week
Thu 21st	Celebration Assembly—TBC
Fri 22nd	Year 3 swimming week 9
Mon 25th	Year 2 families invited to lunch all week
Tue 26th	Winchester Science Centre trip
Thu 28th	Pupil Council with Mr Cooper 8.40am
Thu 28th	Fire Drill 10.30am
Thu 28th	Celebration Assembly—TBC
Fri 29th	Year 3 swimming week 10 (last one)
	April:
Mon 1st	Year 4 to Little Canada
Mon 1st	Year 3 families invited to lunch all week

School Trip to Winchester Science Centre in March

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AVAILABLE NOW!

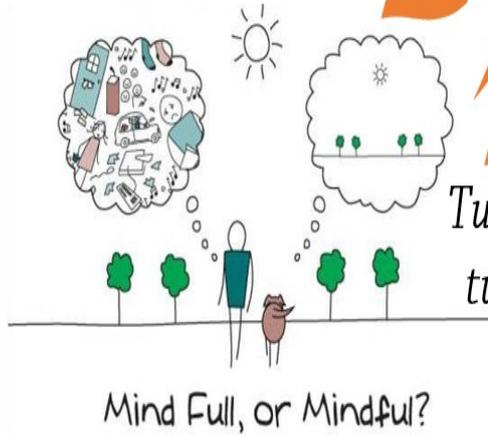
Soup & Sandwich:

Monday:	Tomato
Tuesday:	Vegetable
Wednesday:	Butternut Quash & Sweet Potato
Thursday:	Leek & Potato
Friday:	Roasted Vegetable



A bowl of freshly homemade soup will be served with half a sandwich (either cheese or ham). A slip will need to be completed in the same way that jacket potatoes and baguettes are ordered.

LANE ZONE



*Tune into the quiet and calm,
turn down the busy and give
this week's activity a go...*

Breathe in the rich aromas of the season.

Take something with a strong fragrance and simply breathe in its scent. Close your eyes and focus only on your sense of smell... Can you feel yourself totally in the **here and now**? What **memories** and **pictures** have you conjured up?



Lavender, Orange peel, Pine, Cinnamon

Try spraying a fragrance across the room and detect the moment it reaches you.



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