

Newsletter



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Dear Parent and Carers

'Christmas Time, Mistletoe and Wine!'

Looking back at the newsletter from last year, I was amazed to read that we hadn't had one case of Covid in school up to last Christmas. Another year later, the pandemic still goes on and alas we have now had many cases amongst children and even a few staff – myself included. We know that, since the vaccination programme started, our primary school children are now some of the only ones unprotected, so it seems logical that they are now catching the virus.

I do not have a Christmas crystal ball, so I have no information or idea as to how our return to school will look come January other than 'business as usual'. If there are any significant changes that I am informed about during the Christmas period I will of course let you know through the school email system. If you remember the start of last year, we returned for one day and then lockdown was announced again. None of us here in school want that same scenario and I honestly can't see that happening again this time – but, as we have all learnt through this, you just never know!

So, all it leaves for me to do is wish each and every one of you a wonderful Christmas. For many of us, it is, once again, a year that we will be happy to leave behind us for so many different reasons and we are still waiting for that 'return to normality'.

I would like to thank my magical team for pulling together so well throughout the course of the year. To you, the parents, for your unwavering support throughout this tricky period. And the most important mention, of course, to all of the children who have been amazing in just coming to school and carrying on with each day and always giving their best.

You know that we will continue to do our very best for you and them in 2022.

So, today, tomorrow or the next day, grab yourself a Christmas blanket and curl up on the sofa with the children. Perhaps have a Christmas tipple – seasonal hot chocolate of course – and slap on your favourite Christmas film. Relax and, at least for an hour or two, let the woes of 2021 disappear.



I look forward to seeing everyone refreshed and raring to go on

Tuesday 4th January 2022.

Farewell

Today we bid farewell to Mrs Barrett-Lee who has decided to take a teaching sabbatical and try different things. She was my very first appointment, before I even joined the school, back in May 2018, and we both started at the same time that September. She is a fantastic teacher who we are very sorry to see leave our school and I know that everyone; children, staff and parents, will want to wish her well for the future.

Staff Promises

The staff have completed as many of the staff promises as they can that were won this week. If they are yet to be done, then any outstanding promises will be completed in the New Year! Here's a picture of the girls who were lucky enough to win my Costa breakfast! I'm not sure it was the healthy option I expected them to choose!



Return of Santa's Helpers!

Thank you to the PTFA for arranging yesterday's Elf-tastic visit to school and providing the gifts for every child in school. When these three elves turn up it always puts a smile on everyone's face and some of us are thankful they only come once a year!



This Photo by

School Christmas Lunch

We managed to get all the children through the hall yesterday in their year group bubbles to enjoy their Christmas dinner. The children behaved brilliantly throughout the whole of the event and it was a pleasure to see all of the children eating, chatting and happy that Chirstmas is fast approaching. Thank you to all the adults that gave up a huge chunk of their lunchtime to help. A special mention must go out to Angela and her fabulous team who continue to serve the children so that they can continue to enjoy the

tremendous school dinners that they prepare each day. There are many heroes throughout school in these, still difficult, times and we shouldn't forget the fantastic job they do each day. Thank you so much ladies.



Baby News!

The Johnny Mathis Christmas hit, 'When a Child is Born' is, I'm sure, a tune that you all love. So, in keeping with Sir Johnny's festive Christmas cracker it is with great joy that I can tell you that Miss Eggleston is expecting her first baby! We are so pleased for her and her other half Matt, and we wish them all the best for a smooth run up to when the baby is born in June.



Spelling Shed

Our last league of the half term has now come to an end. I will reveal the winners and give them their prizes for our Super Speller competition in the first week back after Christmas as well as the class who have used Spelling Shed the most. Here are this week's champions.

Individuals

1st Place - Bea, Year 3

2nd Place - Florence, Year 4

3rd Place - Rafsan, Year 6

Classes

1st Place - 6C

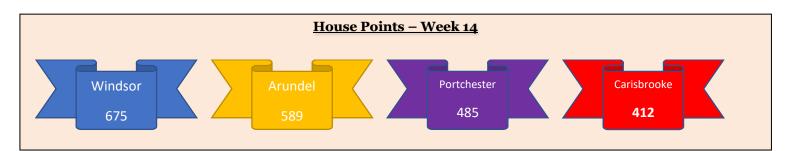
2nd Place - 4S

3rd Place - 5R

(written by Mrs Morgan)

Job Possibilities

We currently have 3 vacancies for teaching assistants and if you, or anyone you know, are interested and would like to join our fantastic school then pick up the phone to speak to the school office or email adminoffice@kingsworthy.hants.sch.uk for more details.





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