

# Park Primary School

## Newsletter



2nd December 2016

Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

There are many special events happening in school over the next few weeks. We have sent home a separate letter with more information about these events to help us all to keep track! Please ask a member of staff if you are unsure about any of the arrangements. I have noticed a number of children are not wearing the correct uniform at the moment, including school shoes. We appreciate your support in ensuring that you child has the correct uniform on everyday. Please speak to a member of staff if you have any difficulties with this. Thank you.

### Diary Dates

#### Inset Days

Tue 3rd Jan 2017  
 Mon 27th Feb 2017  
 Fri 7th April 2017  
 Thurs 4th May 2017

#### Second Hand Uniform Sale

06.12.16 - 3pm

#### KS1 Nativity

8.12.16 ~ 2pm  
 9.12.16 ~ 9.10am

#### KS2 Performance

12.12.16 ~ 2pm  
 13.12.16 ~ 6pm

#### Children's Christmas Fair (during school time)

14.12.16

#### Christmas Dinner

15.12.16

#### Choir to sing at The Garrison Church

15.12.16  
 6pm

#### Church Service

16.12.16  
 10am

#### Last Day of Term

16.12.16  
 1.15pm

**3.01.17**  
 Inset Day

### Our Learning and Achievements this Week

	We have been doing lots of preparation for our Christmas performance and we are very excited to perform to our friends and family. In Maths this week we have been comparing two different amounts of sets, seeing if there are 'more' or 'fewer' and finding one more! Headteacher's Award has been presented to Elisha A for making a determined effort to remember her Christmas nativity words.
	Puffin class has been working hard to practise our nativity songs and their actions. We have been using Numicon to help us to find two numbers that combine to make another number (2 and 3 make 5 etc). We have been learning about how to tell if an object is the tallest or smallest. Headteacher's Award has been presented to George E for trying his hardest in everything he does and for being a polite member of Puffin class.
	Swallows have been working hard on place value in Maths this week. They have learnt to recognise how many tens and ones there are in any given number. In English we have been writing our own non-chronological reports about dinosaurs. Headteacher's Award has been presented to Connor H for writing a brilliant report about dinosaurs and using all the correct features such as subheadings and an introduction.
	Owls have been writing their own reports this week. We are going to make them into an information book for our class! In Maths we have been working on tens and ones in place value. Headteacher's Award has been presented to Macey T for working hard on writing sentences independently and spelling tricky words correctly.
	This week we have had fun creating bird boxes and writing instructions on how to make them. In Maths we have been continuing with subtraction. We are also enjoying rehearsing our Christmas performance. Headteacher's Award has been presented to Poppy L for working hard to improve her handwriting.
	This week Flamingos have been using the column method to subtract. In English we have been reading 'The True Story of The Three Little Pigs'. We have been thinking about the story from the wolf's point of view and using 'hot seating' to help us. Headteacher's Award has been presented to Leisha A for fantastic re-naming in addition and super subtraction.
	We have been solving some mastery addition questions in Maths this week. We have also been on an elf hunt! Our play rehearsals are going well and we have chosen our 'Park's got Talent' competitors! Headteacher's Award has been presented to Rhianna F for working exceptionally hard on her spellings, practising every night as well as in school and is now getting 100%.
	In English we have been looking at newspaper reports; we will be writing our own newspaper reports later. In Maths we have started exploring squared numbers. During History, we have learnt about the Battle of Marathon. Headteacher's Award has been presented to Donald W for showing great determination and perseverance in Maths.
	We have been busy rehearsing for our Snow Queen show this week. In English, we have been learning to start our sentences in different ways. We have also been learning about BIDMAS. Headteacher's Award has been presented to Kinga C for producing homework of an excellent standard.

### After School Clubs

Please remember that all After School Clubs have now finished for this term. We will be providing you details of our new clubs for January when we return after Christmas.

### Lateness / Illness

There has been a worrying increase in the amount of pupils that are arriving at school after 9am. The school day starts at 8.50am and anyone arriving after this time is marked down as being late and this will stay on your child's records. Please phone the school before 9am if your child is unwell.

### Christmas Post

Our post box is now situated in the office area so any Christmas cards can be brought into school and posted. Our Year 6 pupils have the job of sorting through the post daily and handing them out to the classes at the end of the day. Please put the child's full name and class on the front of the envelope. We would appreciate it if you would use the post box rather than your children handing them out in class as their mornings are very busy and there is not enough time before registers are taken and lessons begin.



### Second Hand clothes sale— 6 December at 3pm

There will be a sale in The Sunshine Room. All items 50p so please bring small change!

### Homework Exhibition

Yesterday we held a wonderful homework exhibition in the hall. I was amazed at the range and quality of the work which was produced and was very proud of the creativity shown. Thank you to all parents who were able to come along and to all of you for supporting the children with their tasks. The children really do get a lot out of sharing their learning with their families and talking about their work and topics is incredibly important in helping them to engage in their education and to improve their language and understanding.

### Christmas Break Up

Please note we will be finishing for the Christmas break at 1.15pm on 16th December 2016.

### Outside Achievements

**Lee C** has been in the local newspaper for fundraising with Aldershot Lions during the Christmas lights switch on in Farnham!

**Kaylee G** has shown her score sheet in assembly for taking part in a House Competition in Archery.

**Freya M** has received her Mini Maker bronze award from the Mister Maker Club.

### Star Charts

The following children have been awarded their bronze badges today in our celebration assembly:

**Keane C, Savannah A, Harrison A, Tommy D, Victoria L, Ella T, Kara L, William G, Matthew S, Bobby M, Nathan A, Kinga C, Harlee R, Madison R**

### Attendance

Well done **Owls Class** for having the highest attendance this week.



Have a lovely weekend.

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