



# Park Primary School



Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

I have been lucky enough to watch the infant nativity performances and the junior play dress rehearsal this week. The children have done a fantastic job and myself and all the school staff are very proud of them all.

Next week will be very busy in school, so please make a note of the events coming up in the Diary Dates section of the newsletter.

As this is the last newsletter of the year, I would like to thank all the parents, staff and children for making my first term at Park so enjoyable. We have lots of plans in place for the school for the new year, which we will be sharing with you all after Christmas.

I hope that you all have an enjoyable Christmas with your children and I look forward to seeing you in the new year.

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## Diary Dates

### Inset Days

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

### KS2 Performance

12.12.16 ~ 2pm  
13.12.16 ~ 6pm  
(All KS2 children to return to school between 5.15 and 5.30pm)

### Connaught Christmas Fayre

12.12.16 - 4.30-6.30pm

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

14.12.16

### Christmas Dinner & Parks Got Talent

15.12.16

### Choir to sing at The Garrison Church

15.12.16, 6-7pm  
(Arrive at 5.45pm)

### Church Service at St Michaels

16.12.16  
10am-Families welcome to attend

### Last Day of Term

16.12.16  
1.15pm

### (Monday 3.1.17)

Inset Day

### 20.02.17-24.02.17

Half Term

## Our Learning and Achievements this Week

	Robin class have been working hard on phonics and writing skills this week. We have been writing Christmas cards for our families and making a list for Father Christmas. Headteacher's Award has been presented to Kaydon L for making lots of progress this term in his number work and reading skills.
	All the children in Puffin class have made Miss Ruffle and Miss Hayes so proud at the amount of hard work they put into learning our nativity songs and actions. Well done Puffins! We have been creating lots of Christmas crafts to get us in the Christmas spirit. We are looking forward to a busy week next week full of Christmas activities. Head Teacher's award has been presented to Evie R for doing so well to learn the words and actions for our nativity.
	This week Swallows have received a little visitor from Santa's workshop! We have closely followed the mischievous adventures of Finley the elf. We also had a special letter from Dash, chief potion maker in Lapland, asking for our help. We have all tried our own magic potions that took us to a magical place. We are now writing back to Dash to tell him about it. Headteacher's award to Jaiden F. for writing a super letter to Dash explaining what happened to him when he took the magic potion!
	This week we had a visitor in Owls class, our very own elf! He has been getting himself into all kinds of trouble! We also made our own magic potion, ask us about it. In maths we have been reviewing all that we have learnt this term. We hope you enjoyed our Christmas performance-we worked so hard on it. Headteacher's Award has been presented to Cora for being a kind and helpful member of the class who always has a smile on her face!
	This week we have been finishing our instruction writing and learning about adverbs. In maths we have been measuring in metres and centimetres. Headteacher's Award has been presented to Alfie T for measuring accurately to the nearest centimetre (even his feet!).
	Its been a busy week for Flamingos. We have been researching what life was like for people who were living in the Iron age. We have also been working incredibly hard in maths this week, using the column method to subtract. Headteacher's Award has been presented to Arqam K for persevering and working incredibly hard in maths.
	We have continued to practise our play this week. We know all of our lines now and are trying hard to speak loudly to our audience. We have written a non-chronological report on a navigator elf this week and have produced some beautiful watercolour paintings of a winter scene. Headteacher's Award has been presented to Megan J for making a huge effort with her English and working hard on her handwriting and sentence structure.
	We have started writing our own newspaper reports this week and have innovated the model report to make them individual to us. In maths we have been looking at cubed numbers and factors. We have also been busy rehearsing our play. Headteacher's Award has been presented to Luke G for working hard to learn all his lines and taking on the role of an old women brilliantly!
	Super work from Ravens this week to create a fantastic show! In maths, we have been learning about equivalent fractions and how to find simplified fractions. We have been using exciting punctuation in English, with everyone learning how to use semi-colons. Headteacher's Award has been presented to Joshua F who has made fantastic effort to improve his handwriting.



### Attendance

Well done Ravens Class for having the highest attendance this week.

Next term we will be looking at ways to improve our school attendance and the school council have already been busy thinking of some ideas. You will all receive a letter next week reporting your child's attendance so far this school year. The letters will be colour coded: green for 96% or above (our school target), orange for 90-95%, and red for attendance below 90%. For children with low attendance, we will continue to monitor how often they are in school and may invite you for a meeting to see what we can do to support improved attendance. If you are having any difficulties getting your child to come to school, please speak to their teacher or Tanzy our Family Link Worker, who can be contacted via the school office, to see what we can do to help. We do understand that sometimes being off school is unavoidable due to illness, and will bare this in mind when looking at children's overall attendance.

### Christmas Fair



Last week we held another very successful fair. We hope you and all the children enjoyed the fun, games and listening to our wonderful choir. Thank you all so much for attending, we have raised £1065.00 for the school. A big thank you to all the parents and staff that helped with the set up and running of the fair and a special thank you to Mrs Baber who organised prizes from Tesco and other raffle prizes that were donated. All our staff worked hard to organise the fair, especially Mrs Chudziak who spent lots of her own time organising the whole event.

### Reading Raffle Draw

Well done to all the children that have earned raffle tickets for reading four times a week or more over the whole term. We drew the Raffle today in Assembly and are pleased to announce the winners:

1st Prize—Family Cineworld Voucher~ Amie-May Y

2nd Prize—£10 Book Voucher ~ Rhianna F

3rd Prize—Book ~ Jasmine C, Skyla P, Ruby W



### The Connaught School Christmas Fayre

Connaught School are holding their Christmas Fayre on Monday 12th December 4:30pm—6:30pm. There will be lots of festive games to play, activities and food/drink to buy. All proceeds to charity.

### Infant Nativity

The children have been working really hard over the past few weeks and have put on two wonderful performances this week. The children acted and sang beautifully. We hope you enjoyed it, we certainly did! We are looking forward to watching the Junior play, 'The Snow Queen,' next week.



### Chocolate Tombola / Children's Fair

Donations of chocolate will be gratefully received for our children's Christmas Fair on Wednesday 14th December during the school day. Children may bring pocket money (no more than £3), in a named envelope or purse, to spend. Please send money in small change where possible.

### Choir

Our choir sang a selection of Christmas songs at Ticehurst Nursing Home on Wednesday afternoon and, as always, produced a magical performance for those who watched.



Our school choir will be attending The Garrison Church (postcode GU11 1QA) on Thursday 15th December as part of Aldershot Schools Choir with other schools to sing a selection of Christmas songs. We wish them all the best of luck and I'm sure they'll make us proud as always. Children in the choir should arrive by 5.45pm in their school uniform ready for a 6pm start. Please return your reply slip if you have not done so already. The Garrison Church has a large seating capacity, so please come along and bring the family. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Thank you to our music teacher Mrs Bolam who, as always, has been working hard with all the children throughout the school all term, and weekly with our choir.

### Church

Please join us if you can on Friday morning to walk to our Church service. We will be leaving school at 9.30am, or meet us at the church for a 10am start.

### Outside Achievements

**Jack W** has won a trophy in football for being 'player of the match'.

**Libby D** has received another 4 badges in Brownies, 'Culture', 'Artist', 'Craft' and 'World Cultures'.

### Star Charts

The following children have been awarded their bronze badges today in our celebration assembly:  
Vegas C, Lilly Mai B, Ava T, Kayla L, Lamin T, Lauren J, Poppy L, Reilly W, Heidi P, Oliver D, Natalie W, Joshua F

Have a lovely weekend.

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