



## NEWSLETTER : ISSUE 6

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### Welcome:

Dear Parents,

How wonderful it was to see over 90 grandparents and family representatives last week. They spoke strongly about how happy and confident the children were and what a pleasure it was to see them at work. We are a great school and should feel rightly proud.

I would like to take this opportunity to tell you that the village Pre-school which is based at the village hall and has been in operation for over 50 years is exploring the option of relocating onto the school site. The ideal location is where the summer house is, with its own dedicated entrance. It would remain independent but be operational from 9am-3pm with New Forest Childcare operating breakfast and after-school club from the same location. I am sure you would agree that this would be mutually beneficial to all parties and the community. Please look out for fundraising events and support your community.

Best wishes

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\*We are still in need of some additional volunteers to help walk the children to St Saviours Church for KS2 Carols around the Tree on 20th December (we currently have just one volunteer). If you are able to assist please let the school office know.\*

### Reasons to Celebrate:

- Last week Y6 travelled to Ballard School to watch a performance of Peter Pan. Thank you to Ballard for the invitation and providing minibus transport.
- Y1 have been out on a forest exploration this week, looking at the changing of the seasons. They even spotted a pig, out eating the acorns!
- Y2 enjoyed an exciting trip on the train to Southampton last Thursday where they visited SeaCity Museum to support their new history topic of "Titanic".
- Y3&4 have been to Butser Ancient Farm to learn about the Stone Age, Iron Age, Anglo Saxons and Vikings. They now have first-hand experience of wattleing, spinning, chalk carving and took part in an archaeological dig.
- Thank you to everyone who donated to the Rotary's Honeypot Charity Christmas shoe box appeal – this year we collected a final total of 60 shoeboxes.
- Thank you for your donations to "wear something spotty" on Children in Need Day – over £200 was raised, which is fantastic.

### School Notices:

- Spring term extra-curricular clubs will be available to book before the end of this term; we will let you know via email when booking is open. This term we will be booking places using Scopay rather than via the school website as we have done previously. If you do not already have a Scopay account for each of your children please contact the office for your unique link code. If you are unable to set up a Scopay account but would like to book clubs for next term please speak to the office as soon as possible.
- Do you have an artistic streak or enjoy spending creative time with children? We are looking for someone to help Bronya with KS2 Art Club next term. This small club of 12 children runs on Thursdays from 3.15-4.15pm. If you have a DBS certificate or are happy for us to apply for one on your behalf please let the office know as soon as possible. No previous experience necessary!
- Please be considerate while driving and parking in surrounding residential roads. With poor visibility during the winter months and lots of pedestrians at school drop-off and pick-up times the obvious dangers are intensified. Please refrain from turning in the road, mounting pavements or parking near corners. We will be monitoring this situation over the coming weeks.
- This year our school is again supporting the church Christmas lunch. We are looking for donations of unwrapped gifts that you think would be suitable for the elderly. The church volunteers will match gifts to the recipients and Y5 will produce greetings tags to attach to the gifts. Please would you bring your donations to the school office by Thursday 12th December. In previous years, the joy and comfort of being thought about at Christmas time has been expressed in many thank you letters from the recipients.
- This advent Brockenhurst Church have a Travelling Crib. Inside the Travelling Crib you will find: Mary and Joseph, the Nativity Story, an Advent Candle, a leaflet with a special prayer and song. You can write a story or draw a picture about the night the Travelling Crib came to visit to include in the Travelling Crib box. If you would like to take this home for one night, please sign up at the school office
- Each class now has a "Reverse Advent Calendar" box to collect items in support of New Forest Basics Bank. Each day instead of taking something out of an advent calendar, we would like to put something in. We would be very grateful for any non-perishable food or toiletry donations.

### Important Dates:

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| <b>Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec</b>  | Y4 Listen2Me Brass Assembly 2.30pm                                |
| <b>Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>   | YR Little Flames @ St Saviours                                    |
| <b>Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>   | KS1 Nativity 1pm                                                  |
| <b>Tues 10<sup>th</sup> Dec</b> | KS1 Nativity 6pm                                                  |
| <b>Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>  | Piano assembly 8.50am                                             |
| <b>Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>  | Drama Club performance 8.50am                                     |
| <b>Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>  | Guitar Assembly 2.15pm                                            |
| <b>Tues 17<sup>th</sup> Dec</b> | Flu vaccinations YR-6 (by consent)                                |
| <b>Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>  | Christmas Lunch/Jumper Day<br>(£1 donation for Save The Children) |
| <b>Thur 19<sup>th</sup> Dec</b> | Y6 carol singing @ Woodpeckers TBC                                |
| <b>Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>  | Y6 carol singing @ Forest Oaks                                    |
| <b>Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>  | KS2 Carols Round the Tree 1pm @ St Saviours Church                |
| <b>Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec</b>  | Christingle at St Saviours Church 4pm                             |
| <b>Tues 24<sup>th</sup> Dec</b> | Christmas Crib Service 4pm @ St Saviours                          |

### Pause For Thought :

Education is the key to unlocking the world, a passport to freedom. – Oprah Winfrey