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## 19 November 2021 Friday Flier



# Children in Need Day

Thank you for supporting this appeal. Altogether we raised an amazing £229.70 for this very worthwhile charity. Thank you very much for helping us to make a difference.

# Year R Starting School Next Year: September 2022

The online Admissions Portal is now open which will enable you to select a place for your child to start school next year. To apply for school place, please click on this link: <u>Apply for a Year R Place</u>

# Year 2 Children Transferring to Junior School Next Year

A reminder that this is not automatic and you need to make an application for your child's Year 3 place. Please go to <u>www.hants.gov.uk/admissions</u>. You must apply to Hampshire County Council even if you wish to apply for schools in another local authority.

If you do not live in Hampshire (including Portsmouth and West Sussex) you must apply through your home local authority. Please click on the link below which takes you to the letter from Hampshire Admissions which we sent out in October <u>Applying for a Year 3 Place</u>. Failure to apply on time (the deadline for applications is **midnight on Friday 15 January 2022)** could result in you missing out on your first preference choice.

## Change of Lunch Option: Tuesday 23 November – meat (red) only

Please note that on this day the lunch on offer will be chicken grill, mashed potatoes and vegetables of the day. All other options remain the same.

## Site Manager/Caretaker Vacancy

We need to recruit a site manager starting in January 2021. If this is of interest to you or any family or friends, please either speak to Mrs Dean in the school office of click on the following link to view the advert: Job Details

## **Christmas Cards**

These were sent home earlier this week. Please check your child's book bag. If you ordered a mug, these were sent home yesterday. Thank you for supporting this fundraising project. We raised £284 which will go towards our library refurbishment as there are still things we want to purchase.

## **Christmas Tree**

We would like to purchase a "real" Christmas tree for all the children to enjoy. If anyone works at a nursery where they would be able to get a discount for the school, this would be much appreciated. Please leave details with the school office.

## **Covid-19 Symptoms**

We are getting to that time of year when children will start to get colds which will also be accompanied by a cough and a temperature making it very hard to distinguish the difference between a cold and Covid-19. However, the guidance remains that if a person (or child) displays any of the main symptoms of Covid-19 that they are required to remain at home and book a PCR test.

The main symptoms of Covid-19 are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

#### What to do if your child has symptoms

If your child has any of the main symptoms of Covid-19:

- 1. Book a PCR test to check if they have Covid-19 as soon as possible and notify the school that you are doing this
- 2. Stay at home until a you have received notification of a negative result. In the case of a positive result, please inform the school and your child should stay home until their isolation period ends

#### Car Blocking the Main Gate

This morning a car parked directly in front of the main gates which gridlocked the road and stopped staff accessing the school site. Please can I remind you that the Cul-de-Sac leading up to the school should not be used as this is a no drop off area (please observe signage)

#### **Busy Bees**

These children received their Busy Bee Stamp this week and this was celebrated in a year group assembly:

**Year R**: Emilia Andrews, Leo Biggs and William Brown. **Year 1**: Jensen Hall and Alaska Marsh-Donahoe. **Year 2**: Darcie Andrews, Oakley Branscombe, Sophia Cork, Bradie Mayhead, Willow Scott, Alethea Snowden, Joel Spanner, Tallulah Thomas, Ella Walsh and Scarlett Wright.

These children finished their busy bee certificates and will be bringing home a Busy Bee Motif which can be sewed onto their jumpers/cardigans: Isla Dalgleish, Willow Daly and Isla-Rose Minter.

#### **Class Reading Challenge: Raffle Winners**

I am delighted to let you know that the class winners of this week's raffle were:

- Wagtails' Class
- Doves' and Woodpeckers' Class (joint winners)
- Kestrels' Class

#### **Reporting Absence**

A reminder that as well as telephoning the school, you can also report your child's absence via a company called **Studybugs** which enables you to go online via a phone or computer to report your child's absence securely. To get the free Studybugs app, or register on their website go to (<u>https://studybugs.com/about/parents</u>). If your child is unwell it is your responsibility to inform the school of this.

#### **Forest School Sessions:**

Timetable for this half term was sent out half last term. Paper copies are on the notice boards by the North Door and the South Door. You are also able to check the timetable by clicking the following link: : <u>Autumn B</u><u>Timetable</u>

#### Lunch Menu

Next week's menu will be: Week 1. Please click on the following link to access the menu online: <u>menu</u>. Paper copies are on the notice boards by the North Door and the South Door and in Wagtails' Class window.

Yours sincerely

Mrs L A de Carteret Headteacher