St. Mary's C. E. Primary School

Autumn Newsletter No. 9 - Friday 10th November





FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 30th November – Jenkins Class Assembly

Head Teacher Message

A busy week in school with lots going on. I am sorry the Remembrance Service did not work out as we had hoped. However, we were able to mark this event in school with a lovely service led Normanby Class. There were some fabulous wreaths made by Farrant and Oliver Class and there is some artwork in Church for Sunday's service by Jenkins. Hopefully, the children will be able to take this knowledge into this weekend's events.

We wish you all a lovely weekend and we will look forward to seeing you on Monday.

- Mr. Murray

Non-Uniform

On Friday 1st December there will be a non-uniform day where the children can bring in a bottle to contribute to our Christmas Celebration bottle tombola.

Thank you in advance.

WEEKLY REFLECTION -

We will Remember

Turn your thoughts on this occasion,
To those who died and fought in the wars,
Years have passed and time has forgotten,
But we will remember the soldiers one more.

Christingle Help – Last plea

As part of our continued strong relationship with the Church, we have organised a Christingle Service this Christmas. We would love for you to attend.

We are looking for volunteers helpers to come and help the children make their Christingles.

This would be on Monday 11th December. Please come and let me know if you can help?

Thank you.

Christmas Event

We are forming a plan for a Christmas Celebration with the Community.

This will be held on Thursday 7th December provisionally between 15:00 and 17:00. We will confirm the times soon.

Put the date in your diary and come and join us for a Christmas Celebration.

There is still time to offer your help. We truly appreciate any offers of help.

Chartwells' Lunch
Please see the leaflet
below for booking
and make sure you
meet the deadline if
you would like your
children to have a
Christmas Dinner at
school.

The office can help with any booking issues.

Jenkins' Visit

Thinking about our core value of service,
Jenkins Class visited St Mary's Church this
week to visit and took part in a litter pick to
ensure we were offering service to our
community.

We are challenging the children to think about what they can give in our time together in collective worship.

If you have any news, children's achievements out of school or community events you would like to see in the newsletter, please do let Mr. Murray know.

Term Dates

This is not an exhaustive list. I will add new dates in red as they come in.

Teachers may message via Dojo with class related information. Tuesday 14th November – Owls About Town Visit

Tuesday 14th November – West Sussex Progress Review Visit

Thursday 16th November – Farrant and Oliver Church Visit

Friday 17th November – PC Dan Sibun to visit Jenkins Class

Tuesday 21st November – Interhouse Football Tournament

Wednesday 29th November – Farrant Class Parent Christmas Workshop

Thursday 30th November – Jenkins Class Assembly

Friday 1st December – Whole School Christmas Decorating Day

Friday 1st December – Non Uniform/Bring a Bottle

Tuesday 5th December – EYFS/KS1 Nativity @ 09:30

Wednesday 6th December – EYFS/KS1 Nativity @ 09:30

Thursday 7th December – Christmas Celebration @15:00

Monday 11th December – Christingle making morning Wednesday 13th December – Christingle and Carols in Church @18:00

Owls About Town – Farrant and Oliver

The children are looking forward to this visit on Monday. These memorable experiences are a huge part of creating special memories from a primary experience. Try and get busy this weekend learning about Owls and gaining some knowledge in preparation.

PTA

As a school, we are formalising our PTA.

At the moment we are working on the formal documentation and all the legal bits and pieces.

However, while we are doing this, we are looking for parents to get involved.

Mrs. Anderson and I are going to be teacher reps and we already have some parents who are going to support.

Our main focus is putting on a Christmas Event for the children to enjoy.

If you would like to see this happen, then please come and talk to me so we can start to make progress towards this.

We can do it.

Christmas Cards in the Community

Last year, I put out a plea in the newsletter to give us a list of people within our community who may be on their own or experience loneliness at Christmas. We then sent them Christmas cards from the children.

As a school and as a school leader, you will have heard me talk about courageous advocacy either in church or via communication. Our goal is to model the behaviours that allow our children to become agents of global change. The ability to speak out against injustice is critical in this.

Like we spoke up about 'children not going to bed with hungry tummies, 'we are now thinking about people not being lonely at Christmas.

If you know someone who might like to receive a card, then please give their name and address to the office as we will collate a list. There were 17 grateful recipients last year. It makes a difference.



