



HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE 16th December 2022



Dear Parents,

What a busy couple of weeks we have had with Church services, parties, the Christmas Fair and the Rock2theBeat and Listen2me concerts. We hope you have been able to enjoy many of the photos we have shared on our Facebook page. It was lovely to see many of you at our Nativity and Carol Services this week. The children enjoyed sharing the Christmas story with so many people. Our retiring collection was in aid of **Abby's Heroes** and, thanks to your amazing generosity, we have been able to send them **£784.83**.

Finally, I would like to say an enormous thank you to all of the school staff who have continued to work tirelessly throughout this term. I feel very honoured to work with such a dedicated and committed team of people.

Music Lessons - We would like to remind you that if you have not already paid for the year in full, next terms fees of £60 per child (£55 for 2nd child) are due on our return to school. Reminders will be sent home during the first week and payments must be received by the 13th January 2023 at the latest.

Children due to start school in September 2023 - Please note that the deadline for applications for children due to start school in September 2023 is Sunday 15th January 2023. If you require help, or have any questions regarding the application process, please either contact the school office or Hampshire Admissions on 0300 555 1377. Parents can apply:

- Online at www.hants.gov.uk/admissions. Using this option will mean that you are advised of the outcome by email instead of by post. Applications can be changed or amended at any time up to the deadline. (Hampshire's preferred option)
- Using a paper application available from the school office of any Hampshire infant or primary school.

Y5 Swimming - Swimming for Year 5 will recommence on the **first Friday back, 6th January 2023**. Please remember to send your child in with their swimming kit and hat.

Governor News – With 2022 drawing to a close it is time to reflect on what has been another packed year in school. During 2022 the Governing board has seen a number of changes, most recently with the departure of Richard Johnson. As one of our longest standing governors, his experience and contributions will be greatly missed and we wish him well and thank him for all he has done during his tenure. On the flip side, we also welcome two new faces, Gemma Winterton and Julia Birt who are just starting their journey and we look forward to their input and support as we move into the new year.

On behalf of the governors, I would like to thank everyone involved with the school for all they have done this year which has given the children many opportunities and experiences that hopefully create long lasting memories. The governors would like to wish all the staff, parents and particularly the children a wonderful Christmas and new year and we look forward to seeing you all again in 2023.

PTFA – There will be an infant film night on 26/1/23. Look out for further information in book bags next term.

Day Closures – We have now set the dates for the final two Inset Days. The remaining day closures for this academic year are:-

Friday 3rd February 2023

Friday 26th May 2023

Friday 21st July 2023

NHS App – We have been asked to highlight an NHS App called "Healthier Together" which has been developed by Health Care professionals to provide comprehensive advice for parents, young people and pregnant women. Please see the attached flyer for further information.

And finally... the staff and I would like to wish all of you a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year. We hope you all keep safe and well and we look forward to seeing you again when school re-opens on **Tuesday 3rd January 2023**.

Yours sincerely

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Attachments

NHS App

Diary Dates

Fri	16 Dec	Last day of Autumn Term
19/12 – 02/01		Christmas Holiday
Tue	03 Jan	First day of Spring Term HMS Inset Day – No Drums
Fri	13 Jan	Music Instalment due
Sun	15 Jan	Deadline for New Year R 09/2023 Applications
Mon	23 Jan	Junior Winter Warmers 5:30-6:30pm
Thurs	26 Jan	Infant Film Night
Fri	27 Jan	Cross Country
Fri	03 Feb	Inset Day – School Closed Cross Country
Mon	06 Feb	Y4 Stubbington Residential
13 - 17 Feb		Half Term