



"Room to Grow"

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The News

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DIARY

Thursday 4th January

Back to school

Monday 8th January

Year 5/6 football friendly
match at Brighstone 3.30pm
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Friday 12th January

Reception Class Worship
2.15pm

Wednesday 17th January

Year 5 Class Worship at
Arreton St. George's Church
1.30pm

Wednesday 24th January

Parent Voice meeting 8.30am

Friday 26th January

Year 1 Class Worship 2.15pm

Friday 2nd February

Year 4 Class Worship 2.25pm

Monday 5th February

Isle Rock competition at
Medina Theatre 7pm

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a very busy week to end a very busy but productive term. The week started with our Year 6's plus the hand bell players going to The Orchards to entertain some of the residents. The children did us proud, they sang and played beautifully. The residents really enjoyed it and we have been invited back to sing and play again in the New Year. It has been great to be able to establish another link with the wider community.

Tuesday was Christmas dinner day, which although hectic went very smoothly, I think the children enjoyed being waited on by the staff. A big thank you to Anne, Mel and Lisa in the kitchen for cooking a lovely meal.

On Wednesday the whole school took part in one of the two Nativity services. The Year 6 children took the leading roles in the service and once again did us proud, it is great to see them so confident to speak out in front of an audience. As usual the reception children stole the show and were amazing at providing the characters for the story. It was wonderful to see them so confident and happy to be taking centre stage. A big thank you to all the staff and children for two wonderful services.

Party day on Thursday was enjoyed by all of the children, there was a wonderful Christmas atmosphere. Thank you to the PTA for providing the entertainment in the form of a disco and magic show and for adding the little extras to the party food. It was a lovely day and a great way to finish off the term.

On Monday night Mr Fleming and I along with 5 children from Years 5 & 6 and their families attended the awards ceremony for the Isle of Wight Society for the Blind writing competition. Out of 127 entries from schools around the Island the girls were amongst 12 writers from the under 12s category who were nominated for an award. We were all very proud when Ella-Rita, Robyn, Poppy and Jessica were announced as runners up and Lola was announced as the overall winner in the 12 and under section. Each child received a prize and certificate and Lola also received a trophy. Lola has had her story read by an Island celebrity which has been recorded onto disk and will be displayed in this week's County Press and also read allowed on the radio.



It has been a very busy Autumn term at Arreton, but it has been very productive and I hope you would agree that the school has developed and grown. I would like to say a very big thank you for all of the help and support you give to the school, its staff and children.

We are now all looking forward to a well-deserved rest and will be back in the New Year ready for more exciting events and challenges.

I would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year. I would like to say a personal thank you to all the staff, parents and children who have helped and supported me in this first term as Head of School. Together we make a great team.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Maria Herbert

Year 3

Mrs Barker will be teaching Year 3 on Wednesday 10th January instead of Friday 12th January. Mrs Barker will not be teaching PE that Wednesday so please do not send your child to school in their PE kit.

Photos Restrictions

Due to concerns around photos of children appearing on social media we are asking that you do not take photos at any class workshops or school performances. We will, where appropriate, allow you the opportunity to take photos of your individual children at the end of the events. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Age UK Coffee, Cake and Carols

A huge thank you to all the grandparents, friends and family members that came to our Age UK coffee, cake and carols afternoon on Friday. Year 6 did a sterling job of setting up games, singing songs and serving cakes to all that attended. 28 visitors turned up in all making this a very special event, with very few left-over cakes!

Thank you for all your support and kind comments, it was lovely to see you all there and we hope to be able to host a similar event soon.



Read Together	
Year R	Wednesday – 8.30am – 9am
Year 1	Thursday – 8.30am – 9am
Year 2	Friday - 8.30am – 9am
Year 3	Tuesday – 2pm- 2.30pm
Year 4	Tuesday - 8.30am – 9am
Year 5	Monday - 8.30am – 9am
Year 6	Monday – 2.15pm – 2.45pm

Maths Whizz

Please can we keep encouraging pupils to use our Maths Whizz program at home for at least 20 minutes at a time. We have seen wonderful progress in the pupils that are using the Maths Whizz program at home as well as in school. Sadly there are still a number of pupils showing very limited or no usage outside of the classroom. If you are having problems logging in or any technical difficulties then please let us know so we can try to fix them.

Well done to Paddington class who's average usage is the highest in the school this week and therefore as a result they have also made the best progress in Maths this week.

Year 6 Work Exhibition

Year 6 were proud to show off their independent study projects on Tuesday to a very critical audience; their family! Family and friends were invited as part of the year 6 open classroom this term. The pupils have all been working on topics of their choosing this term and presented all their hard work to our guests.

The pupils pulled out all the stops and the visitors were very complimentary with what they saw.



Class Worship – Spring 1 - 2018	
Year R	Friday 12 th January – 2.15pm
Year 1	Friday 26 th January – 2.15pm
Year 2	Wednesday 7 th February – 2.15pm
Year 4	Friday 2 nd February – 2.25pm
Year 5	Wednesday 17 th January – 1.30pm at St. George's Church