

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 15th November

Year 6 parents invited to the Church @ 1:30pm for the School Remembrance Service which will be led by their children

Thursday 17th November

Paddington trip to Ryde Inshore Lifeboat with Oakfield's Year 1 Class

Friday 18th November

Mufti Day for Children in Need Day

Monday 21st November

Flu vaccinations
Last week of after school clubs

Friday 25th November

Y1 sponsored travel or scooter

Wednesday 30th November

Library bus 2pm-3pm

Friday 9th December

School Christmas Fayre 2:45pm to 4:00pm

Tuesday 13th December

Whole school to the pantomime in Southsea

Quick Reminder

Sometimes difficulties arise in school between children and we endeavour to work closely with them to resolve issues, liaising with parents/carers if the need arises. Please do not approach other parents yourself about school based concerns as this can cause additional issues. If you have a concern, please come and talk to us in school.

Arreton News



FRIDAY 11TH NOVEMBER

"Room to Grow"

Over the coming weeks and months we have a number of new staff joining the team at Arreton. They include:-

- 1) Mrs Sam Fancourt, who will join the year 1 team on Monday 14th November.

- 2) Miss Alice Moseley, who will join the year 5 team, working closely with Gracie.

- 3) Mrs Beverley Eustace, who will become the reception class teacher on Tuesday 3rd January 2017.

We welcome them all to our friendly community. Watch out for them and say hello.

At our recent Parent Development Group Meeting, we discussed reading in some detail. One area highlighted was around the type of reading their children were doing at home and what could or could not go in the reading diaries. The following has been agreed by all staff:-

- 1) Children can read other books, in addition to scheme books, which excite and engage them.
- 2) Any quality reading children complete can be entered in their reading diaries as part of their

homework commitments

- 3) Shared reading with parents/carers that involve developing reading skills through questioning and discussion, can also be entered in to the reading diaries

The Book People have a range of books on display in the school foyer, if you would to place an order please do so by Tuesday morning.

We are extremely please to announce that we have given 42 present-filled shoe boxes to the Rotary Club. These will be given to disadvantaged children in Albania, Montenegro, Moldova and Romania for Christmas. Thank you so much to everyone that has taken part and we hope to be able to donate even more next year.

Please remember that all after school clubs finish the week beginning 21st November.

Thank you to the PTA for organising the 'Pre-loved and Prosecco' night.

The year 5/6 football team are playing away at Wootton Primary School on Tuesday 15th November. Letters have been sent out to players. Please arrange transport to Wootton for a prompt 3.30pm kick off. Please be aware we are NOT allowed to park on their school site due to lack of space. Good luck team Arreton!

Helen Lewis, representative for Age UK, came in to Potter Class on Tuesday this week to lead a workshop to help pupils appreciate how partially sighted people have difficulties with day to day activities. The class were given special glasses to try with a range of different examples of visual problems that the elderly often suffer. The class also had chance this week to discuss further ways to promote and raise funds for our chosen charity, Age UK.



SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Children can come into their classrooms from 8.15am and should be in by 8.25am which is the start of the school day. Any child arriving after this time will be marked as late and if they arrive after 8.35am they will be marked as an unauthorised absence for that session.

The school works closely with the Local Authority Education Welfare Team who monitor pupil attendance and lateness. Any child whose attendance causes concern will be monitored carefully by the school and you as parents/carers will be invited to attend a School Attendance Meeting which will usually also be attended by a member of the Education Welfare Team. At this meeting the reasons for the absence or lateness will be discussed and actions for improvement will be agreed.

The school will always aim to provide as much support as possible to help families in difficult circumstances but it is the parents responsibility to ensure good attendance for their child.

Where poor attendance is identified and no improvements are made following a School Attendance Meeting a number of actions may be taken which can include the use of fixed penalty fines and legal procedures.

Applications for a planned absence for school have to be made on the form available from the school office but it is important to note that we will not authorise holidays in term time and will only authorise an absence of up to 10 days in any one school year in exceptional circumstances. If you are planning an absence from school and wish to discuss this with us please contact the school office.

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Gandalf and Potter Class
both have a fantastic
attendance percentage of
99.2% this week!

Letters Sent Home this Week

- Year 5 and 6 football letter- sent to Y5/6 team only
- Letter from Mr. Hunter our parent Governor
- Class teachers from January 2017- sent to Reception and Year 1
- Christmas craft at Arreton Methodist Church leaflet

ARRETON PTA

We are delighted to announce that following several years of fundraising and all of your amazing support, the PTA will be donating approximately £3500 to our school to be used for playground equipment to enhance our children's experience outdoors. Arreton St George's is restricted with space in all areas, including outside, so we are hoping that equipment can be sourced that will make the very most of every bit of outdoor space. The school has asked for volunteers to join working groups to help benefit the children. One of these groups will be looking at the outdoor space and will be investigating the best equipment to benefit our kids and make the most of the area available. This will be done alongside the new building plans to ensure that the outdoor space is considered as a cohesive whole. Please, if you are interested in how the playground is developed, volunteer for the group, help make some positive changes and ensure our money is well spent.

Thank you,
PTA

AWARDS OF THE WEEK

As a school we value each individual pupil and celebrate their achievements.

Stars of the week:

Aslan Class

Thomas S, Matthew, Matilda, James, Joseph and Missy.

Gandalf Class

Thomas, Poppy, Sienna, Indie, Charlie, Megan, John, Jack and Joel.

Hiccup Class

Max, Ellie and Luke- For their topic work on light.