

DIARY DATES

Wednesday 21st December

Library bus 2pm-3pm

Tuesday 3rd January

First day of term

Wednesday 14th January

Library bus 2pm-3pm

Friday 27th January

Development day- school closed to pupils

Friday 17th February

Break up for half term

Monday 27th February

Return from half term

Friday 7th April

Last day of spring term

Monday 24th April

First day of summer term

Thursday 25th May

Break up for half term

Friday 26th May

Development day

Congratulations to Potter Class for being the top prize collector for collecting the most tombola prizes out of the whole school and received a Christmas Cracker from Mrs Bosworth as a thank you.

A quick reminder from Mr Fleming that Potter Class have a small piece of reading homework to complete for their return to school. **The deadline is Friday 6th January.** Thank you for all your support this term. **Merry Christmas—Mr Fleming**

Arreton News



FRIDAY 16TH DECEMBER

"Room to Grow"

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come towards the end of our first term with you all at Arreton, we would just like to say thank you for making us feel so welcome! It has been really wonderful to watch the children progress over the term and we have really appreciated all the support from you as parents and carers. We would like to say a special thank you to the PTA for all their work and for organising such a successful Christmas Fayre. They raised the fantastic sum of £1136! Thank you to everyone who gave their support to this event.

We would also like to say thank you to all the staff for their hard work this term. It wasn't an easy start to the year for anyone, but they are totally committed to getting things right for your children and all work really hard. We wish Mrs Cascarini lots of luck as she goes off to start her new family and we look forward to welcoming Mrs Eustace in the new year. We also wish Miss Daffern well as she continues her apprenticeship at Oakfield CE Primary and we look forward to welcoming Miss Butt who will be moving from Oakfield to Arreton to continue her apprenticeship here.

Thank you to everyone who joined us in the church for our Nativity Services on Wednesday. The children sang and read beautifully and the Reception Class were a delight. We are very grateful to Reverend Janice and her parishioners who welcomed us into St George's Parish Church and to Mrs Teague who prepared the Nativity for us. It was really lovely to receive so many positive comments too.

We wish you all a very happy and joyous Christmas and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on Tuesday 3rd January.

With our very best wishes

Mrs Bosworth and Ms Tatters-Smith

A message from Mr Oulton, our Chair of Governors:

Erica and I both attended your Carol Service on Wednesday and were very impressed by the enthusiasm of all the participants. We would like to congratulate all the staff concerned and all the children on a splendid show. I was most impressed with the singing and the diction of the speakers. The children in the nativity shone and behaved beautifully. A most enjoyable service. Thank you.

A very Happy Christmas to you all

Year 6 Charity Work

Emma M and Ellie in Year 6 had heard in the news about The Bus Shelter IOW. The Bus Shelter IOW is a charity that provides overnight accommodation for people sleeping rough on the Isle of Wight, their double decker bus can sleep up to 20 people a night. Emma and Eleanor decided they would like to help and made this the focus of their 'self-study project'. The girls wrote letters to local supermarkets requesting them to make a donation of food and toiletries to this worthy cause. On Monday Debbie, Callum and Daniel from Sainsbury's Local in Sandown donated the hamper pictured to the right.

Morrison's in Lake and Co-op in Sandown also gave donations. Emma and Ellie are both extremely pleased and grateful for the generosity of those that responded to their letters and look forward to visiting The Bus Shelter later this week to hand over the donations and learn more about the charity.



Church Services in December

Sunday 18th December	4.00pm	Carol Service
Saturday 24th December	11.30pm	Midnight Communion
Sunday 25th December	11.15am	Joint Service at All Saints

Christmas Jumper Day

Today for Christmas jumper day we raised a fantastic £146.50 for Save the Children.

The Tempest

On Thursday Year 6 invited their parents to watch their performance of The Tempest. All the children were fantastic and put on a great production. The parents were very impressed and found the show quite funny. A big well done to the children for their hard work and to Mrs McInnes for directing.

Arreton PTA

The PTA would like to thank everyone for their efforts in helping to put together such a successful Christmas Fayre. There are too many people to name individually but it was amazing to have such a huge amount of support from our school community, all the large props and decorations were either handmade or sourced/donated within our community. We have some very talented carpenters and decorators amongst us, including Glen McGuinness who made Santa's sleigh! The Secret Santa room and Santa's Grotto were very popular this year and it was great to see so many happy faces. The Year 1 children put on a lovely performance as did the Bell Ringers, Choir and Ukulele club which added that extra special touch to the event.

The total raised was an amazing £1136.81! Well done everyone, we couldn't of done it without you. The refreshments served in the Coach house on the day of the Nativity made an additional £68, thanks again for your support. We look forward to making plans to use the money raised in line with the improvements to the school next year.

A special 'Thank you' to all the staff and children, also Miss Williams, Miss Ball and Mr. Backshall in the office for their endless support.

The fayre took on a slightly different structure this year and we would welcome any feedback you have for future reference, emails can be sent to jodie.blaize@outlook.com

The PTA would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

