



TERM DATES

6.12 FOWPS Christmas Crafts and Fayre, 3:30pm – 6:00pm
10.12 EYFS/KS1 Nativities, 2:15pm
11.12 EYFS/KS1 Nativities, 9:15am
17.12 Christmas Concert, church, 2pm
18.12 Term 2 ends, 2:15pm dismissal
6.1.20 Term 3 starts

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Term 2 29.10.19 – 18.12.19
Term 3 6.1.20 – 14.2.20
Term 4 24.2.20 – 1.4.20
Term 5 20.4.20 – 22.5.20
Term 6 1.6.20 – 22.7.20
Term 1 3.9.20 – 23.10.20

Holidays should not be taken in term time. School matters.

CLASS ASSEMBLIES 2019-2020

7.2.20 YELLOW, Yr 4
20.3.20 INDIGO, Yr 1
1.5.20 PINK, Reception
22.5.20 GREEN, Yr 3
12.6.20 RED, Yr 6
26.6.20 ORANGE, Yr 5

Thank you for adding to your diary.

News Flash!

A big thank you from our School Council to those pupils returning sponsorship forms and money for Mary's Meals. It means a lot to us that so many of you have taken part so far! Don't forget, we would like to have any money raised by **Wednesday 1st December.**

We have registered for **The Sun's Books for School Campaign!** Please collect tokens and send in to Mrs Osborne by **Fri, 31st January 2020.** We only need 3,500 tokens to receive 105 free books for our school library. Tokens are in The Sun 23 Nov – 18 Jan so please start collecting and asking friends and family to help out. Thank you!

We raised £335 for Children in Need this year. Almost £100 of that was Mrs Barnett's cake raffle. Thank you, Mrs Barnett and congratulations to happy winner Arthur Oakenfull!

Dear parents, With the environment much in the news and the children very aware of reducing paper and plastic use, we are going to move to 'greener' Christmas cards. The children love our Christmas Post Box and we will continue with the tradition. However, this year we will be encouraging each child to post just one card to the entire class – and even better if it's handmade (and from recyclable materials!). These cards will be displayed over the month of December in classrooms. We would also encourage parents to donate the money saved, either to a charity of the child's choice or to our own capital campaign (to be launched in January) to extend our two smallest classrooms. If your child chooses to donate to a charity, please indicate that on the card. If your child chooses to donate the savings to the school fund, please indicate and enclose the amount (cash or cheque). Teachers will make time to open the class cards each day and share with the class. Envelopes should be clearly labelled with the year group and class name e.g. Year 3, Green Class. Thank you for supporting our efforts in school to raise awareness of how we can reduce waste, give to others, and enjoy our Christmas traditions in a slightly different way, ultimately to protect our planet.

Our Christingle Service is 16th December this year and it promises to be a beautiful one. Governor, grandparent and church member Kate Millar is organising it and full details will be sent home nearer the time. However, this year we are doing something slightly different and linking with Maidstone homeless charities to provide food for Christmas dinners and gifts for men and women. On Christingle itself, we will ask the children to bring in fresh produce and Christmas food which will be taken to the Maidstone collection point. Any time over the next month, children can bring in donations of Christmas presents for the homeless. Appropriate items would be:

chocolates, gloves, socks, rucksacks, thermal mugs, sleeping bags, tents, ladies' tights, scarves, and washbags with male and female personal items.

Please label presents male or female or wrap in blue or pink paper. Gifts can be dropped at the school office any time. Thank you for your generosity in making someone else's Christmas a little less bleak at this difficult time for the homeless. I will be discussing this gesture of giving with the children in assembly and encouraging them to consider what they might donate.

Just a reminder that children should only bring in fresh fruit or vegetables to have at morning break. Children in Years R, 1, 2 are provided with free fruit and vegetables. Also, children must not share food at snack or lunchtimes. Please remind your child. And food items which contain nuts or nut traces should NOT be brought into school due to allergies.

Finally, it's a pleasure to welcome Miss Lucy Stone as School Office Assistant. Miss Stone will be helping in the office 3 days each week to give Mrs Hanley and Mrs Humphrey uninterrupted time for finance and school management jobs. When Miss Stone isn't in school, she enjoys netball, walking her dog and spending time with her daughters. Thank you for welcoming her so warmly.

Yours sincerely, Chasey Crawford Usher, Headteacher

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