

Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children

The weather has taken a decidedly chilly turn in the last few days - definitely more of a wintry feel in the air - but that just adds to the thrill and excitement of our Christmas preparations. The children are busy practising for their performances, for we would like to invite two adults per child to come along, younger siblings are welcome to attend also. Final information regarding arrival times, along with reminders for other end of term events including Reindeer Run and Movie Night, will be sent home at the start of next week in a separate letter. Information regarding Christmas lunch on 14th December, which this year is being offered to every pupil in the school, has been sent earlier this week. If you would like to order your child a lunch, please note the closing date for doing so is **Friday 2nd December**.

Thank you to those parents who responded to our school survey via the link sent in our last Newsletter. It was lovely to receive feedback regarding how parents appreciate and value the community feel of the school, our outdoor learning provision and pastoral support. The one key theme, which came out under 'what would you change', was relating to breakfast club and after school provision - more flexibility and opportunity to access it. We are very much aware that this is an ongoing priority for parents and it is something that is constantly under review. However, we will take this to the School Governors for further discussion and investigation to see if there are any other avenues, or opportunities, we could explore. We will keep you posted!

Don't forget FONDS online Christmas Raffle is now Live - over 30 prizes including an OVERNIGHT STAY at WOTTON HOUSE! Buy TICKETS HERE: https://raffall.com/320715/enter-raffle-to-win-fonds-christmas-raffle-hosted-by-abbi-lampard

Want to be Mrs Douglass for the day! Enter below for your chance to step into the Headteacher's shoes! <u>https://raffall.com/319616/enter-raffle-to-win-be-mrs-d-for-the-day-hosted-by-abbi-lampard</u>

Reindeer Run - a chance to not only support FONDS but also the amazing ST CATHERINE's HOSPICE <u>https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/fondsreindeer</u>

Additional Dates/Reminders for the Diary

Wednesday 30th November - Nasal Flu Vaccinations Friday 2nd December - FONDS Movie Night Tuesday 6th December - 9.30pm Kingfishers Christmas Nativity Tuesday 6th December - 2.15pm Woodpeckers Christmas Nativity Wednesday 7th December - 5.00pm Junior Carols - Years 3 & 4 Wednesday 7th December - 6.30pm Junior Carols - Years 5 & 6 Thursday 8th December - 9.30am Penguins Christmas Nativity Thursday 8th December - 2.15pm Puffins Christmas Nativity Friday 9th December - Christmas Jumper Day and Reindeer Run Friday 9th December - 2.15pm Owls & Robins Christmas Nativity Wednesday 14th December - School Christmas Lunch Friday 16th December - Break up for Christmas - Infants at 1.00pm and Juniors at 1.15pm Tuesday 3rd January - INSET Day Wednesday 4th January - Children return to school Friday 10th February - Break up for Half Term Monday 20th February - Children return to school Friday 31st March - Children break up for Easter Tuesday 18th April - Children return to school Thursday 25th May - Children break up for Half Term Friday 26th May - INSET Day Monday 5th June - Children return to school Thursday 20th July - Children break up Friday 21st July - INSET Day

November Sports Report from Mrs Stowell

Boys Dorking football Tournaments

The year 5 and 6 boys' football teams took part in the Dorking Schools Football Tournaments at St Martins school this November. Both teams played well in very closely contested competitions and both teams were very successful. The Year 6 boys' team finished in 2nd place and the Year 5 team came 1st, winning the shield. Congratulations to both of our teams.

Dorking Schools Cross Country League

The Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 cross-country teams took part in the Dorking schools cross-country league. The first competition took place on 17^{th} October at the Weald and the second competition was postponed. Over 55 children took part from North Downs with our teams and individuals doing well and enjoying supporting each other:

- Year 3/4 girls finished 4th
- Year3/4 boys finished 2nd
- Year5 /6 girls finished 5th
- Year 5/6 boys finished 1st
- We are currently placed 2nd overall

With over 70 children taking part in each race from the participating schools, there were some excellent individual performances from our North Downs athletes:

- Poppy was 4th and Anna 9th in the Year 3/ 4 girls race
- Cassias 4th, Cody 6th and James 8th in the Year 3 /4 boys
- Ollie 2nd, Thomas 4th, Sammy 8th, Mully 9th and Jonny 10th in the Year 5/6 boys.

Well done to all to who took part. The next race will be on 27th February.









Wishing you all a relaxing and enjoyable weekend.

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