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Giving Citizen Resilient Learner Original Thinker Wise Worker

29th November 2024. Autumn Term No 12

Where did that week go? 3 more fun filled busy weeks to fit in before the big day. Please know that if this time of year is a real struggle for you financially, please do come and speak with me personally and confidentially. If we can help in anyway at all we will.

With that in mind, those of you who are listed as in receipt of 'Pupil Premium' funding can access free food and child care in the Christmas holidays. Please see the HAF link sent to you separately.



Holiday Club at Padnell Juniors

Padnell Junior School are hosting a Sports Camp over the Christmas holidays. Please see the attached leaflet for details on how to book.



Food Donations

Also, if you wish to help any families over this Christmas period, from next Wednesday there will be a food donation box in the Parent Hub for you to pop any food items. At the end of term we will make sure it gets to a family in need or the food bank. Thank you.



Santa Reply Slips

The reply slip for the Santa visit needs to be returned **today, EVEN IF YOU DO NOT WANT YOUR CHILD TO SEE Father Christmas.** If you would like your child to take part in the visit, don't forget to include payment (£2). Thank you.



Book Fair

Thank you for supporting the Book Fair. You purchased books totalling £673.21 which will mean lots of lovely new books for the library. We hope you are pleased with your purchases.



Christmas Jumper Day

As you can see from the attached letter children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper, with their school uniform, on Wednesday 18th December for a donation of £1. As Giving Citizens, this is another opportunity for us to think of others less fortunate than ourselves.

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INSET DAYS

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Our INSET days for the next academic year have been set in collaboration with the Junior School. The dates for 2025 – 2026 are:

3rd September 2025

24th November 2025

13th February 2026

6th & 7th July 2026

Please note the July dates are in the same week which may allow you to think about a summer term week off. This would result in 6 unauthorised absences, which is below the penalty notice threshold and also at a time that will not affect transition etc. We hope this is helpful.



Holidays

Please can I stress again, the importance of being honest with holiday requests. This saves valuable time and supports honest and open working relationships between us all. We also find it suppresses your child's experiences by making them too worried to share valuable experiences.

Also, things have a habit of getting back to us here at school, so we have a fair idea when absences may not be reported correctly.

Please understand that school has to follow the rules required of them, so we have very little flexibility in what we authorise and we have to provide evidence of rigorous and fair processes.

Site Manager

Mr Grayson will be retiring early next year. Therefore we will be looking for a new person to fill this multi faceted role very soon. If you know anyone who would be suitable, please ask them to ring the school office for further details. A full clear DBS will be required for this role.

Titchfield Festival Theatre Panto



If you would like to see the TFT panto, Hazel & Gretel, please visit:

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/tfttheatre/e-yeayol>

Dangerous gifts at Christmas

Please have a look at this link from the Child and Accident Prevention Trust before you purchase toys for Christmas:

<https://capt.org.uk/8-dangerous-gifts-to-avoid-this-christmas/>

Kind Regards,

Mrs Mandy Grayson
Headteacher

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Diary Dates 2024 - 2025

Date	Event	Year Group	Info
Saturday 30th November	Padnell Junior School Winter Fayre		
Monday 2nd December	Christingle Service	Children only	
Friday 6th December	Christmas Shopping Day	Whole School	Children to bring in their "Shopping Lists" and money in a named purse/envelope today
Friday 6th December	Father Christmas visiting	Whole School	
Wednesday 11th December Doors open at 2pm for 2.15pm Performance	Rabbits Nativity	Rabbits Parents	
Thursday 12th December Doors open at 8.45am for 9.15am Performance	Squirrels Nativity	Squirrels Parents	
Thursday 12th December Doors open at 2pm for 2.15pm Performance	Foxes Nativity	Foxes Parents	
Monday 16th December Doors open 1.45pm for 2pm start.	Butterflies Christmas Show	Butterflies Parents	
Tuesday 17th December Doors open at 9am for 9.15am start.	Ladybirds Christmas Show	Ladybirds Parents	



Parent Hub with our Parent Partner

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday
 8.40am – 10am

Help & Advice on sleep, eating, behaviour, support, relationships.

Food bank info, community events.

Pre-loved Uniform, Coat Swap

Coffee and Chat

Stay and play for little ones every Wednesday

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Tuesday 17th December Doors open at 1.45pm for 2pm start.	Dragonflies Christmas Show	Dragonflies Show	
Wednesday 18th December	Christmas Jumper Day		
Wednesday 18th December	Christmas Dinner	Whole School (Children only)	Must be pre- ordered on SchoolGrid
Wednesday 18th December 5pm-6pm	Year 2 Carol Service	Year 2 children, parents & carers	
Thursday 19th December	Whole School Church Service	Children only	St Wilfrid's
Friday 20th December	Last Day of Term		
Friday 20 th December	No After School Kids Club		
Monday 23rd December to Friday 3rd January	Half Term		School Closed
Monday 6th January	Return to School		