

High Academic Standards: Sporting Opportunities: Caring Relationships: Musical Excellence: Christian Values

Date	Event
November	
Friday 15 th	Children in need cake sale
December	
Tuesday 3 rd	Christingle led by Year 6 – 9.20am at St Swithuns
Tuesday 3 rd	Year 5 and Year 6 @ CFS, Sister Act!
Wednesday 4 th	Year 3 Handball @ CFS (9am-11.30am)
Wednesday 4 th	Year 2 trip to Newstead Abbey
Thursday 5 th	Year 1 trip to Brackenhurst
Friday 6 th	Christmas Breakfast Choir – 8.15am
Tuesday 10 th	Year 4 & Y5 – Carol concert – 6.30pm
Thursday 12 th	EYFS & Y1 Nativity – 2.30pm
Friday 13 th	Year 2 & Y3 Nativity – 10am
Monday 16 th	New Class R Visit – 10am
Tuesday 17 th	Christmas Dinner
Thursday 19 th	Last Day of Term

Dear Parents,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support yesterday. I am especially grateful for the staff, governors, parents, Leo's Den and flood wardens who worked together to ensure the children remained safe. It was a remarkable act of teamwork during very challenging circumstances. Our thoughts and prayers are with everyone who was affected by the floods. Many staff members stayed late, without being asked, recognising the exceptional circumstances we were all facing. They even stepped forward to provide hot drinks to the flood wardens who stayed out in the cold, helping everyone to be safe. Many children stayed with us after school as parents tried to get to school, the children's behaviour was excellent as they enjoyed dancing, films and fish finger sandwiches!

Warmest wishes

Mr Hopwell

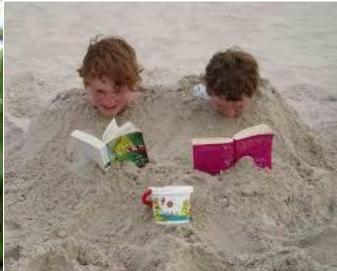


Extreme Reading Challenge

We are running challenge to find the craziest place to read a book! What do you have to do?

1. Choose a book
2. Find a wacky place to read
3. Get someone to take your photograph!
4. Bring your picture into school for our EXTREME READERS display.

Please bring in your weird, wacky and wonderful photos by Friday 29th November.



November Forest Reading Challenge



Well done to everyone who achieved the Forest challenge last week. This week you have another chance if you didn't manage it last week.

5 reads this week and get a Nottingham Forest Programme
(only for those who didn't get one last time, they are the same)

Just get your parents to sign in your reading diary you have read 5 books.

9.20 3rd December Christingle led by Y6 St Swithun's

Everyone is welcome to our Christingle. Two seats are reserved for Y6 parents by the bell tower because Y6 lead this with dance and drama. This year the theme is World Peace. Further seating is available for parents near the altar.

Christmas Concerts

Letters will soon be sent out for tickets for the Christmas nativities and concerts. Following parent feedback in our last questionnaire we are aware that sometimes families would like more than the two tickets we offer. Therefore, this year we are offering places to watch the dress rehearsals. Please email the office with the number of seats required. No tickets will be issued for these, but we must have a request for seats before. Unfortunately, we will not be able to offer seats on the day. Dress rehearsals are as follows:

Monday 9th December 10am Y4 and 5 Carol concert dress rehearsal

Wednesday 11th December 10am EYFS & Y1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal

Thursday 12th December 10am Y2 & Y3 Nativity Dress Rehearsal

Christmas Breakfast

We are hosting a Christmas breakfast on Friday, 6th December followed by an assembly with the school choir at 9.30am for those who wish to stay and join us. Breakfast will be served from 8.15am with school starting at 9am as usual. The cost per person is £3.50 which includes a sausage or bacon cob (vegetarian option available) and a drink. Please include a food order for your child(ren) if they are eating with you before 9am. To enable us to cater correctly you need to book in advance. Unfortunately, you will not be able to turn up on the day as we need to ensure we can accommodate everyone safely in the hall. We would therefore be grateful if you could order your food by Monday, 25th November. Please make payment through Squid – the offer is set at £0.00 cost, so please amend this accordingly depending on the value of your order – thank you.

Parent Questionnaire

Thank you to everyone who completed a questionnaire at parent and teacher meetings. We have sent copies out to all families today in case we missed you. Please return completed questionnaires by Friday 22nd November.

League table for levels of attendance for each year group

This week's prize goes to class 4

School Dinners

Christmas Dinner this year will be on Tuesday 17th December. If your child would like a dinner, please return the reply slip by **Monday 18th November**. The letter can be found on the school website (newsletters).

Divali on **18th November**, chicken and lentil curry, wholegrain rice, cucumber and mint raita, ragi cookie. Vegetarian option available for all menus.

Letters for the above special 'themed day lunches' have been sent in book bags as you will need to book a lunch. **The kitchen will need to order the food specially so are looking for accurate numbers.** On these days only, the themed menu will be served, so if you haven't booked for a lunch (payment made through sQuid for KS 2 classes) you will need to send your child with a packed lunch. Please send your form in as soon as possible.

Menu Change

Please note that on Tuesday, 19th November the menu is vegetarian sausage roll and mash potato followed by coconut sponge and that Spaghetti Bolognese has now replaced cottage pie on the week 2 menu.

Christmas Menu – Week Commencing 16th December

- **Monday** Vegan Sausage Roll – roast potatoes, broccoli, carrots. Flapjack
- **Tuesday** Roast Turkey, Stuffing, Chipolatas, roast & mash potato, carrots, brussels & ice cream
- **Wednesday** Spaghetti Bolognese – garlic bread, salad – Butterscotch Tart
- **Thursday** Breaded Fish & Chips – peas, sweetcorn – Reindeer Cupcake
- **Friday** **INSET DAY !**

Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning

The theme for this half-term's work on developing children's social, emotional and behavioural skills is Getting on and falling out. Over this half-term we will be helping the children to learn about and understand friendship and the best ways of learning together. This theme will start with an assembly and be followed up in class.

Anti bullying week

At present there is much national concern about bullying and how to prevent it. As part of our work to develop all children's social, emotional and behavioural skills, we are holding a special focus time when we will all be thinking about how to make sure that no one gets bullied in our school. I would like to emphasise that this is not because we have any more bullying than any other school. It is a planned part of the programme that takes place every year at this time.

Parking at the Village Hall

The village hall has advised they have a charity event on Wednesday, 27th November and there will no parking available at school pick up time. Please allow extra time to park elsewhere in the village and to ensure the children's safety at this busy time.



The Sun Books for School

The school has registered for 'Books for School' campaign, we need to collect 3500 tokens in order to qualify for free books, so if anyone does have any tokens then please bring them into the school office – thank you !

Children in Need cake sale

Thank you for supporting the Poppy and Children in Need appeals. Following parent feedback we have looked at the fundraising, particularly for this time of year. We have 3 further appeals for this term. Please only support those you wish to.

Children's Society – Christingle donations

Christmas Jumper Day - £1 donation to PTA

Reverse Advent – bring in an item for the foodbank

For the rest of the year we have the school council charity planned for the Spring term and Christian Aid for the summer term.

After School Clubs – Spring Term

Booking for next term's after school clubs are now available to make through sQuid. If you would like your child to attend then we will require payment by Friday 7th December. For those pupils in receipt of free school meals/pupil premium please contact the school office – thank you. The letter can be found on the school website (newsletters.)

Stars of The Week

Class R, Joshua, for such a positive approach to all his learning at school – he always wants to do his best !

Class R, Tilly, for really getting the idea of how to work independently and trying to think about how to do things for herself, before asking an adult for help.

Class R, Tamzin, great work learning all her sounds in phonics and confidently using them to work out words. Fab !

Class 1, Theo, a great effort in everything he has done this week.

Class 2, Jacob has worked so hard to improve his confidence and independence in maths. Well done I am very proud of you ! 😊

Class 2, Orlagh, for always working hard, taking care over her works and listening carefully to instructions. Well done ! 😊

Class 3, Arthur thoroughly enjoyed the history day we had in Year 3 last week and made some excellent contributions to discussions.

Class 3, Bethany is really enjoying our ancient Egypt topic and was very good at making sensible links with the traditional tale 'Cinderella' and the 'Egyptian Cinderella'.

Class 4, Cass for showing excellent focus in class and consistently giving his best effort.

Class 4, Jessica for using different strategies to double check her work.

Class 5, William is extremely hard working and puts maximum effort and enthusiasm into everything he does. He contributes to class discussions with quiet confidence and is an excellent role model to others.

Class 5, Imogen always puts 100% into everything she does and does it with a smile on her face. She is kind and considerate of others and we are extremely proud of all her achievements.

Class 6, Darcey, for adapting quickly to new situations.

Class 6, Dexter, for listening carefully to advice and then acting upon it.

NSPCC

Talking PANTS with your child

The NSPCC have a number of child friendly materials to help parents keep children safe from sexual abuse - without using scary words or even mentioning sex. This includes Talk PANTS. The guide uses the rules of PANTS to teach children that their body belongs to them and them alone. You can download a free copy at [NSPCC.org.uk/pants](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/pants).

Message from PTA

The PTA will be electing a new Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary in their next AGM on 16th January. Please get in touch with Katie Leeming or Lisa Ford if you would like any information regarding any of these positions in advance of the meeting.

Headteacher Awards

Our rewards focus on 6 key characteristics; Self managers, Effective participators, Resourceful thinkers Reflective learners, Independent enquirers, Team workers and achieving personal goals. The expectations develop each year, below is an example from

Year 4 example

Self managers	Effective participators	Resourceful thinkers	Reflective learners	Independent Enquirers	Team workers
Enjoy challenges, especially open ended or deeper thinking ones. Try different ways to solve a problem. Prioritise the most important things that need doing. Welcome opportunities to take an added responsibility. Organise own time. Not put off by challenges that may occur to normal routine. Describe own strengths and weaknesses.	Persuade others to accept a proposal even though others may not at first agree with the suggestion. Know that their ideas can help other people. Decide when they need 'time out' or 'thinking time' to deal with emotions. Determined not to 'give in' too easily. Manage disappointments and keep emotions in check.	Ask questions to check understanding. Tenacious when things get difficult. Sort and classify information and check it for clarity. Draw inference and make deductions from a range of sources. Give alternative solutions or explanations. Describe effective learning and compare to own learning.	Value and use feedback that helps to improve quality of work and learning. Review learning and identify a factor that could help them make a more effective learner. Use more than one piece of evidence to support their learning.	Follow up a question to gain clarification. Use more than one piece of evidence to support their findings. Complete a task without reminders from others. Break down complex ideas into steps. Make lists when helpful to do so. Sort information and choose what is most relevant.	Take on a specific allocated role in a group. Respect and tolerates values and beliefs of others in a joint activity. Communicate capably as a team member. Keep focussed on a task and avoid distractions. Respect opinion of others when different from their own.

School hall and large bell tent for hire

The school hall is available for hire for parties, baby showers, family gatherings during the evenings after 5pm and weekends. If you are interested and want to look into this further, please contact or pop in to the office for more information



We have a large bell tent which we use during the summer months as an outdoor classroom. If you have room in your garden and would like to hire it for a party/celebration then please get in touch with the office. Bookings for next summer already being taken (Furniture not included)





Christmas and New Year at Leo's Den

Join us at Leo's Den for the Christmas holidays

Monday 23 December - Winter Wonderland

* Trip and making Christmas decorations

Tuesday 24 December* - Carol singing at local care home and Christmas crafts and baking

Thursday 2 January - Art Attack Day, bring in your unwanted boxes, wrapping paper and packaging

* Friday 3 January - Children's Choice

***Please note that Leo's Den will close at 4.00pm on Tuesday 24 December**

Call 0115 9673229 to book your place, spaces are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment

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