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Dear Parents,

17th November 2017

I had the absolute pleasure of joining Year 3 on their educational visit to Stonehenge yesterday. Both myself and the English Heritage lady were astounded by the depth of the children's knowledge and excellent behaviour. It is wonderful to see the children so engaged in their learning –well done children!

Children in Need

It has been a very spotty day here at school—thank you for all who have donated. I am pleased to announce that we have raised £184.51 for Children in Need—thank you!

Maths

Following feedback from the maths problem solving afternoon, Mr Gregory has made some amendments to our calculation policy which shows the different resources and strategies we use to teach children maths. We are making plans for an English and maths adult training session in the New Year where you will be able to see first hand how your child is taught to support their learning at home. You can view it on our website by clicking here [Calculation Progression Policy 2017](#)

BIG Think

BIG Think has been up and running for a few weeks now and the feedback from the children is very positive. They share that they like leading the learning, working with their siblings and children across all the classes in the school. Last week they explored the question—'Do we all have the same rights?' and today they have discussed 'Which is more important, being right or being nice?' I have enjoyed popping in to each group to hear the different debates and reasons for children's answers. It is hoped that over the year they will engage in discussions based on the British Value statements which are part of the revised National Curriculum, giving them an insight to the diversity of our country. We will keep you updated on some of the other themes they will be exploring.

Christmas Fayre

I attended a very exciting meeting this week regarding the arrangements for the Christmas fayre- we really are in for a treat this year! There will be a few changes, one being that children will not be making items in class this year but have chance to make things during the fayre if you wish them to. The other activity, one of my favourite Christmas activities is Jolly Jars. We would like the children to make a Jolly Jar to sell at the fayre. A Jolly Jar, for those of you that have not heard of these, is a jar of any size filled with either sweets, crayons, hair clips etc. anything inexpensive that will fill the jar. You can then decorate the jar for Christmas. We are asking children to put their name on the bottom of the jar to be entered into a raffle to win a prize or 2—so the more jars you make, the more prizes you can win! If your child can bring these along to my office I will happily look after them until the fayre—happy making! Please read the information regarding the Christmas Fayre and the 2 mufti days coming up. There is still time to offer your help at the fayre if you are able to do so.



'All our children can achieve success'

Sensory garden

Last weekend Mark McCarthy started working on the sensory garden—here is an update from Mark:



'Last weekend work started to dig the pathway which forms one of the main parts of the design. A huge thank you goes to Marcus Leather (Josh in Yr4's dad) who kindly gave up his time to skilfully operate the digger and do an amazing job in wet and miserable conditions! Another massive thank you goes to Lee Lemon whose local company, L Lemon Plant Hire - 01983 884425 donated the use of a digger and has constantly provided great advice, without which the design would still be just a drawing. Also Mark Downer of Sydenhams Hire Centre Ltd, Ryde - 01983 611066 has kindly donated the use of barriers for the duration of the project to secure the area whilst work takes place. With help and commitment from parents and kind donations from local community businesses, I believe our school can achieve great things together. Please let me know via the school Reception if you are willing to help out and progress the project. The next stage is to install the pathway, possibly over a weekend, so again if you are up for a little community spirited work and own a wheelbarrow, please let me know!' Mark McCarthy - Community Link Governor

Have a lovely weekend!

Kind Regards



Jane Wilford
Headteacher

	Attendance Last Week %	Lates
Year R	97.9	0
Year 1	100	0
Year 2	92.4	1
Year 3	94.0	2
Year 4	97.5	3
Year 5	98.0	1
Year 6	97.9	0
Whole School	96.6	7
Our school target is 96%		

Congratulations to Carisbrooke Class again!

Star Pupils

Year 1 Laura Alkhatib

Year 2 Mary Couzens

Year 3 Sinan Yasa

Year 4 Daniel Suckling

Year 5 Kaymen Cooch

Year 6 George Organ-Dadd

Star Pupil assembly is held on Friday mornings at 9am

Week 2

Menu for the week commencing 20th November

PLEASE NOTE SCHOOL DINNERS ARE £1.95

Out to LUNCH!

Monday	Beef Burger with Jacket Wedges Vegetable Lasagne with Jacket Wedges Coleslaw and Sweetcorn	Orange Bread & Butter Pudding with Custard Yoghurt/ Fresh Fruit Platter
Tuesday	Chicken Neapolitan Wholemeal Pasta Lentil & Basil Puff Pastry Turnover with New Potatoes Broccoli and Carrots	Wholemeal Banana Loaf Yoghurt/Fresh Fruit Chunks
Wednesday	Roast Turkey with Roast Potatoes & Gravy Mixed Vegetable Loaf with Roast Potatoes & Gravy Carrots & Courgettes	Vanilla Shortbread Yoghurt/ Fresh Fruit Salad
Thursday	Spaghetti Bolognese Lentil & Sweet Potato Curry with Rice Roasted Mixed Vegetables	Eve's pudding with Custard Fresh Fruit Platter
Friday	MSC Fish Fingers with chips Cheese & Tomato Quiche with chips Baked Beans & Garden Peas	Chocolate & Beetroot Brownie Yoghurt/ Fresh Fruit Chunks

Jacket potatoes, sandwiches and baguettes available daily to order from the kitchen.

Dates for your diary

Fri 1st Dec	Christmas Fair 3-5pm
Tue 12th Dec	Christmas performance 1:30pm
Wed 13th Dec	Christmas performance 1:30pm & 6:00pm
Tue 19th Dec	Christmas dinner– Details in letter sent 15/11/17
Wed 20th Dec	Christmas party (more details to follow)
Thurs 21st Dec	Christingle Service and Last day of term, children return Thursday 4th January 2018
Feb half-term	Monday 12th - Friday 16th Feb 2018
Tues 27th Feb 2018	Book fair arrives
Fri 2nd March 2018	World Book day dress up
Thu 29th March 2018	Staff development day (<i>Children break up Wednesday 28th March, return 16th April</i>)
May half-term	Monday 28th - Friday 4th June 2018
Thu 28th & Fri 29th June	Transition days
Fri 20th July 2018	Year 6 Leavers assembly @ 10.30am, Family picnic @ 12pm, children finish at 2pm.
Mon 23rd July 2018	Staff Development Day

Sports News

Our boys under 11 football team played The Bay Primary this week and won 3-1. fantastic goals from Charlie C, Will T and Jack L! Well done boys.

Club Cancellations

There will be no basketball club for the next 3 weeks (including today) due to various matches and fixtures.

There will be no badminton next week due to a football fixture.

We apologise for any inconvenience.

Christmas Fayre – Friday 1st December

Mufti Day Donations

Leading up to the Christmas Fayre there will be 2 MUFTI DAYS on the dates listed below.

Please can your child bring in the following donations in exchange for them wearing their own clothes to school that day.

The donations received will be used on the **Prize Every Time Tombola**, **Children's Lucky Dip** and the **Cake Stall**. Without these donations we will find it very difficult to run a successful Christmas Fayre, which we are hoping will be another fantastic event and raise a great deal of funds for the school. Please feel free to contribute extra items if you are able too, the more the merrier.

Friday 24th November – Tombola items and Children's Lucky Dip

YR,Y1,Y2,Y3 – Lucky Dip: Suitable gift for boy or girl of primary school age. Please don't wrap them!

Y4,Y5,Y6 – Tombola: Sealed and in date food or drink, sealed toiletries or new and unopened gifts.

Friday 1st December – Homemade Cakes, Shop Cakes or Chocolates. We are a NUT free school!

YR,Y1,Y2 – Chocolates

Y3,Y4,Y5,Y6 – Homemade cakes or shop bought cakes.

Thank you!

Christmas Fayre – Friday 1st December

Visit Santa's Grotto at the Christmas Fayre

Tickets will be **£2.50** per child and includes a gift.

Tickets can only be purchased in advance and will not be on sale at the Christmas Fayre.

If you would like your child to visit Santa and his elves in the Grotto, please complete the reply slip below and return it to the school with the correct payment in an envelope marked **Santa's Grotto**, by 3pm Friday 24th November.

Santa's Grotto Tickets

Christmas Fayre 2017

Child / Children Name(s) and Year(s):

Pre-School Child Name and Age:

Total number of tickets required:

Amount enclosed:



Santa's elves will deliver the tickets to book bags



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