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Dear Parents,

1st December 2017

Where has the term gone - it is hard to believe we are entering the last month of the year! And what a month this is going to be - so much happening and the children are still fully engaged with their learning and making super progress. As we have had a fair amount of staff sickness over the last few weeks, I have been covering classes which I have thoroughly enjoyed as it gives me a chance to find out more of what the children are learning. The children are clearly enjoying their topics and recall facts from previous learning within their school years.

Christmas

'It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas...' and this week it is really starting to arrive at school! Drama club and all the classes are busy working hard on the Christmas performance and you may have noticed the tree has arrived. We are really grateful to Thompsons Garden Centre in Newchurch for supplying our tree at a heavily discounted price and whilst smaller than other years looks wonderful in the hall.

On **Friday 15th December** we are joining the country in wearing our Christmas jumpers/tops to school. If your child would like to wear this with their school uniform, they may do so for a donation for the Save the Children fund.

On **Thursday 21st December** we will be holding our Christingle service at the church and will require all children to provide an orange for them to make their own Christingle. Please can you send your orange to school on **Monday 18th December**.

On **Wednesday 20th December** we will be having our class Christmas parties and children are able to wear their own party clothes to school that day. During the afternoon, children will have a small tea party with their class and we will be asking for a small donation for this. A list will be put up outside your child's class soon for you to sign up, thank you.

As I write this newsletter the PTA are busy preparing for the Christmas fayre this afternoon - thank you for all your contributions and support - the children really benefit from the effort made by the school community and I look forward to sharing with you next week how much the PTA have raised.

Sleeping Beauty

On Monday 22nd January, we have M&M theatrical productions visiting us to perform Sleeping Beauty to the school. This gives the children an excellent opportunity to watch a live performance and experience real theatre. The cost will be £2.50 per child but not due in until 15th January - I just wanted to give you prior warning as it may feel like you are always paying for things at school!

Bethlehem the musical

You will have received your child's costume letter this week - please do not feel you have to purchase a special outfit - a great idea is for your child to wear an adult T-shirt with a belt and classic tea towel headdress! Please can all costumes be sent to school by **next Friday** in a named bag. If your child is in drama club they only need the costume for their role. There are still lots of tickets available for the afternoon performances so if you would like extras or want to watch it twice, pop in to the office to see Miss MacDonald.

Sensory Garden update

Mark McCarthy and John Grimes faced the cold elements this week to begin digging the path for a sensory garden -

'Work has continued to prepare the groundwork ready for the path. This has involved moving approximately 3 metric tonnes of soil by hand, with still more to go! If you have the time, a wheelbarrow and fancy a little aerobic workout in the great outdoors, please let me know! I have met this week at school with representatives from the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust. I contacted them to give advice and comment upon suitable planting for the wild meadows areas of the design that are natural to our local environment.



They have advised on planting to promote and attract a wide range of wildlife, from ground dwelling insects to birds and butterflies, that change through the seasons. Part of my governing role is to promote our school in the wider community and develop links with secondary schools and academies. One such idea that I am in the early stages of is to use the requirements of the sensory garden to provide opportunities for both Wootton and Ryde Academy. If you would like to know more about how the project is progressing, please speak to me when you see me. I am very happy to show you! All governors have our profiles and pictures on the school website.

Kind regards, Mark McCarthy

Jolly jars

Thank you so much for all your contributions - my office has been overwhelmed by wonderful jolly jars this week. It was very hard to find some winners but Mrs Fish had the job to pick a winner and runner-up for both Key Stages - fortunately names were on the bottom of the jars so she had no idea who she had chosen! The lucky winners were - Theo Lewis who won a Dinosaur Isle pass and Rachel Benford who won a Monkey Haven pass. The runner-ups were Freddie Trickey and Jack Burley who both won a selection tray. It was a tough decision as all the jars were amazing with so much effort put in - well done everyone!

Lost property

The lost property boxes in the office are over flowing with a range of lost items, all unnamed - if your child is missing some belongings please have a look through the boxes. As we are now in to the colder period, please ensure your child has a coat in school and possibly gloves and a hat, but PLEASE ensure all items are named!

In the meantime have a wonderful weekend!

Kind Regards

Jane Wilford
Headteacher

	Attendance Last Week %	Lates
Year R	98.3	0
Year 1	98.9	0
Year 2	96.2	0
Year 3	99.3	0
Year 4	100	3
Year 5	98.7	0
Year 6	89.3	0
Whole School	97.2	3
Our school target is 96%		

Congratulations to Newtown Class!

Star Pupils

Year 1 Ella Streets

Year 2 Katie Alkhatib

Year 3 Bridget Hernes

Year 4 Blake Clapp

Year 5 Adam Lambdon

Year 6 Joseph Paice-Jones

Star Pupil assembly is held on Friday mornings at 9am

Week 1

Menu for the week commencing 4th December

PLEASE NOTE SCHOOL DINNERS ARE £1.95

Out to LUNCH!

Monday	Sausages with Mash & Gravy Quorn Sausages with Mash & Gravy Cauliflower & Peas	Wholemeal Plum & Vanilla Crumble with Custard Yoghurt/ Fresh Fruit Platter
Tuesday	Shepherd's Pie with Gravy Sweet & Sour Vegetables with Noodles Carrots & Green Beans	Raisin Flapjack Yoghurt/ Fresh Fruit Salad
Wednesday	Roast Pork with Roast Potatoes & Gravy Quorn Roast with Roast Potatoes & Gravy Savoy Cabbage & Swede	Carrot & Courgette Cake with Custard Yoghurt/ Fresh Fruit Platter
Thursday	Chicken Tikka with Rice Creamy Vegetable Pie with Mashed Potato Sweetcorn & Peppers	Dutch Apple Pie & Custard Yoghurt/ Fresh Fruit Salad
Friday	Salmon Fishcake with Chips Macaroni Cheese with Garlic Slice Baked Beans & Garden Peas	Lemon Drizzle Cake Yoghurt/ Fresh Fruit Chunks

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

Dates for your diary

Tue 12th Dec	Christmas performance 1:30pm
Wed 13th Dec	Christmas performance 1:30pm & 6:00pm
Fri 15th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
Tue 19th Dec	Christmas dinner– Details in letter sent 15/11/17
Wed 20th Dec	Christmas party
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

On Monday we had Sports hall athletics with other schools in the Cowes area. The team finished 7th with some good individual performances.

Team

Gabrielle C, Carys LW, Lily O, Poppy P, Rachel S, Tegan Q, Jack L, Alfie N, Cameron OR, Joseph PJ, Riley S, Will T.

On Wednesday the U11 girls football team won 6-0 against Barton Primary. A great team performance!

Team

Sadie C, Amy D, Lara H, Mia M, Grace N, Keira P, Rachel S.

On Thursday the U9 girls football team won 5-0 against Queensgate. Another great team performance in freezing conditions!

Team

Lydia H, Ruby L, Ellie S, Rachel B, Pixie B, Lizzie D, Abigail B, Bridget H.