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Dear Parents,

8th December 2017

What a fantastic Christmas Fayre it was! Thank you to the PTA for all their commitment and hard work for organising such a well attended event and thank you all for coming and the many contributions you gave. As a result of all this incredible work I am pleased to announce that a profit of £1,575.44 was raised!

You may recall some time ago, fund raising took place to begin to develop funds with the hope of building an outdoor classroom. As we are now looking at the possibility of having the school refurbished by the DfE and the need to develop resources within school, we are working with the PTA as to the best way to use the funds so that all children in school benefit from your generosity. We will keep you updated with this.

100% Attendance

Following some negative feedback from several parents and reflecting on this, we have decided that 100% attendance certificates will not be presented to children every half-term. However, at the end of every academic year and in-line with other Primary and High Schools, we will be celebrating children that have managed to have 100% attendance for the whole year. We will continue to celebrate each half-term with the best attending class wearing their own clothes, as we must continue to ensure our school attendance meets at least the national expectation so that it contributes to us achieving a Good rating at our next Ofsted inspection.

School Money

With less admin staff in the office now, we are struggling to keep afloat with all the cash payments. We would like to request that all payments, wherever possible, are made using our on-line pay system SchoolMoney. If you do not know how to access this please come and see Miss MacDonald who can show you. It is a quick and efficient method to pay for trips, dinners etc.

Post box

As from Monday, our Christmas card post box will be available in the hall for children to post their Christmas cards to their friends.

Carnival

I attended the New Carnival Company's headquarters this week for a meeting to enable us to be involved with the Mardi Gras parade next year in which most schools on the Island take part. This is taking place on Saturday 30th June in Ryde and is always a fantastic event. The theme this year is Global Biospheres and we will find out in the next week or so which section has been allocated to us. After February half-term Mrs Blake and myself will be running a Carnival club for all children and parents wishing to be involved.

Shed

Our Reception class are in desperate need of some storage for their bikes, balance bikes and helmets. If you know of anyone that can donate or build them a shed, please let us know. This would enable them to make much better use of the bikes.

Last 2 weeks!

Just a reminder that 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.

'All our children can achieve success'

Wootton Bridge Christmas Festival

We would like Wootton Primary School families to join us to ensure that we are represented well within this community event. Please bring your lanterns and torches, wrap up warm and come and join Mrs Blake and myself. We will be starting on the grassy area in St Edmund's Walk at 6pm. The Roving Nativity Play and lantern procession will make its way down St Edmund's Walk at about 6.15pm and the rest of the play will happen in the playground of the Old School in New Road, where there will also be lots of stalls inside the Old School. Please come and join us for some festive spirit.

Christingle and Parties

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 **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.

Parent information

All schools have been asked to share the following information with all parents at school -

With the Christmas holidays approaching and the prospect of children perhaps receiving digital media as a gift in some shape or form – tablets and gaming consoles, for example – we thought it would be an appropriate time to remind you about the responsible use of such devices. Following, the recent news stories relating to the Police's increasing concerns about child exploitation through social media (<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-42224148>), please do take the time to set up robust parental controls on devices and ensure that you set the passwords and codes so that only you know them. There is some helpful advice relating to this on Hampshire County Council's website: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/childrenandfamilies/safeguardingchildren/online-safety> If your children are likely to be using the internet, you may find it helpful for them to be aware and to have viewed this website: https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/5_7/

Helpful advice is also available from the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC) website: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Aside from the risk of exploitation and cyber bullying, it is unfortunate in this day and age that content exists on social media that would be inappropriate, and potentially harmful, for young children to view. If you receive images or videos on Snapchat, Instagram, Whatsapp or via any other social media featuring people that are naked or are sexual in nature, these should be deleted immediately and **reported to the Police** on the non-emergency **101 telephone number**. Many people are still unaware that showing or sharing such images or videos with others could mean they are committing a crime. However, if a genuine mistake is made, it would be treated as such by the Police.

We will be continuing to remind children about keeping safe, not just online, but in their everyday life. I am sorry to finish on such a heavy message but sadly this is something that is taking place on the Island even within our Primary schools.

I look forward to seeing you all at our performances next week - 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	97.2	0
Year 3	97.7	2
Year 4	96.1	2
Year 5	99.3	2
Year 6	100	0
Whole School	98.2	6
Our school target is 96%		

Congratulations to Appley Class!

Star Pupils

Year 1 Lily-May Meszarosova

Year 2 Joshua Whitewood

Year 3 Lucas Brown

Year 4 Oscar Field

Year 5 Charlie Ball

Year 6 Freya Cowell

Star Pupil assembly is held on Friday mornings at 9am

Week 2

Menu for the week commencing 11th December

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

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

Now it is colder weather, please can children have warm clothing for PE and Sports Clubs (jogging/tracksuit bottoms and sweatshirt/hoody).

A big thankyou to Joseph in Year 6's parents for providing the school with lots of lovely arts and crafts material!

A message from the Chair of Governors

It is wonderful to see the sensory garden beginning to take shape. This will be a lovely haven for the whole school community. I know you will want to join me in saying a huge 'thank you' to Mark McCarthy, our Community Governor, for all his time and efforts in getting this project off the ground and also to John 'Monty' Grimes for his beautiful design and all the time and support he has given to the school.

Maggie Hartley
Chair of Governors

WOOTTON BRIDGE METHODIST CHURCH

Station Road, Wootton (Opposite the Steam Train car park).



Sunday 10th December from 9am starting with Bacon Butties and followed by our Short and Snappy Christmas service at 10am.

All the Kings, Shepherds and Angels made by Messy Church and Members and Friends of our church will be on display. Bacon Butties, Tea and Coffee will be served from 9am and time to make a few Christmas cards as well. Short and Snappy will be at 10am with the Brownies and Rainbows parading their flags followed by more tea and cakes.

Sunday 10th December at 4.30pm Carols round the Christmas tree with the Salvation Army Band.

All your favourite Carols and Tea, Coffee and Mince Pies. It's always a great time. Come and join us.

Sunday 24th December at 4pm Family Carol Service

Christmas Day 10am Christmas Day Service.

Hopefully see you at church at some time over Christmas.

