

Autumn Term Newsletter 4, 19th
October 2018



Reading Awards Scheme



We are delighted that from today we will begin this year's reading awards scheme for all year groups. The scheme has been successful over the past 2 years in encouraging children to read at home as often as possible.

Today, your child will bring home a sheet covered with pictures, which will be kept in his/her reading diary. **Each day that your child reads at home and the reading diary is signed he or she may colour in one of the pictures.**

You will begin with the sheet which will earn your child his or her bronze award. Children need to colour in 25 pictures to get a bronze award certificate, 50 for a silver certificate and 100 for a gold certificate.

Teachers in school will check that the number of pictures coloured matches the number of times the reading diary has been signed and then remove each sheet as it is completed. Parents will then be invited to a special assembly where certificates are presented to children.

As it takes us some time to collate the completed sheets and produce the certificates, we need to have a "cut off" day for each assembly. **The first assembly will be at 9.00 am on Monday 19th November, so the cut off day will be the end of school on Thursday 15th November. If you are sending the sheet in to school on that day, please ensure that it is handed in to the teacher as unfortunately staff aren't able to check children's bookbags.** Parents of children who are invited to the assembly will receive an emailed invitation by 4.15 pm on Friday 16th November.

We hope that parents and children enjoy taking part in this scheme, and we look forward to seeing lots of you at future assemblies. In the meantime, please speak to your child's teacher or the school office if you have any queries.

Important Dates

Mon 22 Oct - Fri 26 Oct: Half term
Fri 26 Oct: 12.00 Online booking closes
Mon 29 Oct & Weds 31 Oct: Parent/ teacher meetings (all year groups)
Sun 4 Nov: 4.30 Light Party at St. Michael's Junior School
Sun 11 Nov: 10.00 Remembrance Service
Thurs 15 Nov: last day to hand in Reading Awards sheets
Fri 16 Nov: Children in Need
Fri 16 Nov: Last day to hand in shoeboxes to school
Sun 18 Nov: Shoebox Service
Mon 19 Nov: Reading Awards assembly
Tues 20 Nov: 9.00 Y1 phonics for parents
Weds 21 Nov: 6.00 more info to follow
Fri 23 Nov: FoSM Christmas Event
Tues 11 Dec: 9.30 YR Nativity play
Weds 12 Dec: 9.30 Y1 Nativity play
2.00 Y2 Nativity play
Thurs 13 Dec: 9.30 YR Nativity play
2.00 Y1 Nativity play
Fri 14 Dec: 9.30 Y2 Nativity play
Christmas performances are for adults only. Please arrive on time as we won't be able to let in any latecomers.
Thurs 13 Dec: last day to hand in Reading Awards sheets
Mon 17 Dec: 9.00 Reading Awards assembly
Tues 18 Dec: 2.00 Church service
Weds 19 Dec: School Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
Thurs 20 Dec: Year 2 only: Hampshire Music Service informal performance
Thurs 20 Dec: Party day
Fri 21 Dec: Last day of term

Farnborough Foodbank

We have been approached by Farnborough Foodbank, as they wish to offer Christmas food parcels to families in need, to be delivered on 11th & 12th December.

Any parents who would like to be considered for a food delivery are welcome to contact Mrs Bell at the school office for more information. There will be a form for

completion, as we will need permission to pass on contact details to the foodbank.

We are asked to provide details in good time so that the foodbank can make arrangements, so if you



are interested please contact us by Friday 16 November.

Please be assured that all requests will be handled confidentially.

Relief Lunchtime Supervisor

We are looking for a relief member of staff to join our team of Lunchtime Supervisory Assistants to help out occasionally when staff are absent.

A love of children and common sense are essential for this role. Experience of working with children would be helpful, but isn't essential.

If you are interested, please ask for more information and we'll contact you after half term.