



Remembrance Church Service



As parents are already aware our children have all been busy making poppies for the Remembrance Church Service at St. Michael's

Church on Sunday. Although the service starts at 10.00, Revd Alwyn has suggested that the children arrive at the church between 10.20 and 10.30. However you are welcome to be there from 10.00 if you would prefer. During the second part of the service we will all walk down to the Heroes Shrine in Manor Park. I will bring all the children's poppies to Church with me. As we live in a Military town, and some of our families are Military families, we hope to see lots of you there on Sunday. This is a very special day which commemorates 100 years since the end of the First World War.

Parents' Evenings

Thank you to everyone who attended the parent teacher meetings last week. If for some reason you couldn't be there on either the Monday or Wednesday please arrange to speak to the class teacher at a mutually convenient time. There is lots of evidence to indicate that where parents are involved with their children's education they are happier and more successful in school.

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Shoebboxes



Thank you to the parents who have already sent in filled shoebboxes which will be given to those children, teenagers or adults who otherwise receive very little in the way of gifts. We have five shoebboxes so far so we are hoping for lots more! You will have received a leaflet before half term, sent via 'pupil post' with details of the sort of items that might be included in your shoebox, and the children in Years One and Two have had an assembly to show them how to pack a shoebox. Details of what to include were also listed in a previous newsletter. If you are unable to donate a complete shoebox of gifts please consider sending just one item into school, then we can make up the shoebboxes. For families who can't come to the Shoebox Service at St. Michael's Church at 3pm on Sunday 18th November, we can take shoebboxes to Church on your behalf. The deadline for sending them into school is **Friday 16th November.**

Children In Need



We have a huge Pudsey Bear made out of paper, and to raise money for Children In Need we ask children to try to fill him with coins. On **Friday November**

ber 16th we would like children to bring in coins to do this. No copper please, because it takes so long to count and is heavy to take to the bank! Children may wear mufti. Staff will endeavour to count the coins at lunch time so that we can let parents know how much we have raised by the end of the school day. Many thanks for your support.

Winter Weather



Now that the weather is becoming colder please can you remember to be sure that your child wears a coat to

school. Gloves and hats are also a good idea if it's really cold.

Please don't send your child in the "all in one" hat, gloves and scarves as these can be dangerous if children fall over with their hands in the scarf "pockets."

Please make sure that everything is named.



Parking around the school

We have once again had complaints from local residents about inconsiderate parking around the school.

We understand that parking in the local area can be difficult which is why we encourage parents to walk to school with their children where possible. If this isn't an option, please can we ask again that parents do not park across the drives of local houses, on the zig-zag lines close to the school or too close to junctions to obstruct the view of other drivers. This is not just a matter of courtesy to residents, it also essential for the safety of children and adults crossing roads at busy times.

In the past, we have encouraged local residents to take registration numbers of vehicles which are causing an obstruction and pass them to the local council or police.

Reading Awards

We are looking forward to seeing lots of parents at the first Reading Awards assembly this term on Monday 19th November at 9am. Children who have read at home for 25 days since the beginning of half term, who have coloured 25 pictures (or had them signed if they don't want to colour them), and where the reading is reflected in the reading diary, will be receiving a certificate at the assembly. Completed sheets must be handed in by Thursday 15th November and parents of these children will receive an e-

mail by the end of the day on Friday 16th November inviting them to the assembly.



Important Dates

- Sun 11 Nov: 10.20** 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: 9.00** Reading Awards assembly
- Tues 20 Nov: 9.00** Y1 phonics for parents
- Weds 21 Nov: 6.00** Y1 phonics for parents
- Fri 23 Nov:** Mufti day for FoSM Christmas Event.
- Fri 23 Nov:** FoSM Christmas event after school (Yr R 5.30pm, Yr 1 6.00pm, Yr 2 6.30pm)
- 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: 9.15 Hampshire Music Service informal performance
- Thurs 20 Dec:** Party day
- Fri 21 Dec:** Last day of term

Nativity Play Dress Rehearsals

As you are aware we don't allow young children or babies to come to the main Nativity plays because in the past crying or talking has disrupted children's performances. However we do allow parents to bring babies or younger siblings to the dress rehearsals. There is very limited space in the hall during dress rehearsals because children in year groups who are not performing (i.e. 180 children, their teachers and classroom assistants) also attend, so parents who want to attend with younger siblings need to have a ticket. **PLEASE NOTE THERE ARE NO TICKETS FOR MAIN PERFORMANCES BECAUSE THERE IS PLENTY OF ROOM.** If you need a ticket for a dress rehearsal because you are unable to attend a main performance with the younger sibling of a child here at school, then please contact the school office from Monday 26th November to request your ticket. Tickets are strictly only for a parent who is unable to attend main performances with young children, not for anyone else. This is due to lack of space, and because there are two opportunities already to attend a main performance. Dates for main performances have been published in newsletters since the beginning of term.



Dress Rehearsals are:

YR: Mon 10th Dec 9.30

Y2: Mon 10th Dec 2.00

Y1: Tues 11th Dec 2.00