

Dear Parents/Carers,

Christmas is coming! We are looking forward to seeing you all at our Christmas Fair on Saturday. Years 3, 4 and 5 pupils will be entertaining us with carol singing at 1pm. They are welcome to wear Christmas colours and/or a Christmas jumper.

Children's Christmas parties are on Thursday 19th December. Please may each Year 1 – Year 5 child bring a small, named, covered, nut free party tea into school on the 19th? (YR colleagues will provide YR children with fruit snacks) They are also welcome to wear (warm!) party clothes to school that day. You may also like to let your child know that a special visitor will be dropping in to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas.

Please do pick up your YR Nativity and Years 1 and 2 Christmas Celebration tickets from Miss Sweet or Miss Macken in the Lower School office.

A big thank you for the donations for the Winchester Basics (food) Bank. So far, we have collected six full shopping bags just from the Lower School. It is wonderful to be part of a generous, giving community. There is still time to donate next week.

- UHT milk
- rice
- washing up liquid and cloths
- tins of food.

Certificate Celebrations

Citizens of the Week

Theo J-H for standing out as a helpful member of Rowan Class without being asked

Joe McG for always demonstrating how to be caring, respectful and responsible

Marti for being a kind friend in Willow class.

George for being kind and caring towards others.

Jude for his super attitude and positivity!

Joshy, for great enthusiasm during whole class learning.

Zoe D- Caring attitude towards others. Making sure our learning environment is tidy and well organised for all.

Sophie for always thinking of others and showing kindness.

Rio for always following instructions in class and setting a good example to other children.



We all loved our visiting Pantomime – Dick Whittingham – Oh yes we did!!

Learner of the Week

Rowan ~ Tom

Beech ~ Charlotte

Willow ~ Isaac

Birch ~ Imogen

Elm ~ Maggie

Pine ~ Hattie

Chestnut ~ Oscar

Lime ~ Penny

Hazel ~ Leo

This week the children have been exploring design skills by creating models and constructions from a variety of materials. They have planned and focussed on designs over several days, collaborating together. The children have practised skills of evaluation as they test out their designs to see how effective they are. We have noticed an interest in decorating as the children are experiencing Christmas preparations at home. We look forward to seeing our Classrooms being decorated.

A reminder that Year R learn outside all year round, please could you ensure your child has winter woollies, a jumper and a coat at school. We go to Forest Learning on Thursday morning so covered legs, woollies and extra socks are beneficial then.

Year 1



Year Group News

Year R



Talk to your child about frosty forest learning site.

Please talk to your child about
Counting in 10s and counting in
2s

We hope you all enjoyed the long weekend. We've had a jam-packed week, despite having one less day. Both Rowan and Beech class have worked incredibly hard on planning and writing their innovated versions of Supertato and thoroughly enjoyed sharing their next

stage of writing with you, during our Partners in Learning session. We've taken our Maths learning to the next level, learning how to count in not only 10s, but 2s as well! Next Thursday we will be going on our trip to St Matthew's church. We are walking there, so your child must wear a warm coat and sensible shoes. Please also make sure they are wearing trousers or tights on Thursday - it's too cold to have bare legs! They might also want a hat and gloves. Many thanks for your continued support.

Year 2



WILLOW



BIRCH

Please talk to your child about writing their Father Christmas letters and Christmas cards to family members as this is all lovely writing practice.

Please practise the 5, 2 and 10 times table at home with your child. We have been learning about groups of 5 this week and will look at sharing / dividing by 5 next week. You could also investigate odd and even numbers and dividing by 2.

Year 3



PINE



ELM

Talk to your child about:
the 3 and 4 times tables.

Year 3 enjoyed a visit from local author Gemma Hellawell on Wednesday this week. She shared with us her book that tells the story of the Nativity in a poem, accompanied by some beautiful water colour illustrations. The children were inspired to write their own abecedarian poem (each line starts with a letter of the alphabet, in sequence!) to tell the story of the birth of baby Jesus. Their creations were amazing! In the afternoon we used watercolour and stencils to create a starry night sky in inky blues, purples, pinks and with some yellow splatter!

Year 4



LARCH



CHESTNUT

Please talk to your child about our three spellings: **Material, Medicine, Mention**

Year 4 really enjoyed their visit this week from the author, Gemma Hellawell. We wrote poetry based on the story and used watercolours and pencils to illustrate. We have continued with multi step addition and subtraction problems in Maths. We have learnt all about Christmas in Spain and loved watching the pantomime (oh yes we did!) on Tuesday afternoon. Lila continues on her quest in the Firework Maker's Daughter. We are writing setting descriptions next week, based on the Goddess at the Lake ceremony.

This week Lime class have been revisiting multiplication strategies in maths lessons, with a particular focus on how we can use partitioning together with our times tables to solve a range of questions and problems involving larger numbers.

In English, we have continued to write our balanced arguments on the theme of 'The future, how much we can predict?' as our final written outcome based on the book Origami Yoda.

The children took part in an exciting tower building challenge on Wednesday, led by Mr Green from the Upper School and some of the STEM leaders from Year 9. A huge thank you to Mr Green for organising this event. The children worked well in teams to build towers which would hold at least 200g - some were so amazing they held over 1kg!

Year 5



Please help your child to learn our spellings for next week: disastrous, embarrass and environment

Kind regards,

Mrs Woodall

Head of Primary Phase



A Wonder-full Christmas book



On Wednesday our visiting author Gemma Hellawell was hugely inspiring as she told the children the story of her journey to becoming a published author. There is still time to buy her book 'A Wonder-Full Christmas'. Please leave a cheque for £6.99 addressed to GemmaHellawell at reception. Please place it in an envelope with your child's name and class clearly marked on the envelope. Books will be delivered next week.

We look forward to seeing you at our Christmas Fair tomorrow between 11am and 2pm. All Year 3, 4 and 5 children are welcome to come and sing at 1pm.

Christmas Dates 2019

Year R Nativity – Tuesday
17th December 2.15pm

Key Stage 1 Celebration to
parents (Years 1 & 2)
Tuesday 17th December
9.15am & Wednesday 18th
December 2.15pm

**Wednesday 18th Christmas
Lunch**

**Thursday 19th December
Class Christmas Parties pm**

Year 3 Recorder concert

Friday 13th December

**Lower School Orchestra &
Recorder club concert
Wednesday 11th December
2.45pm**

**PSA Christmas Fair
Saturday 7th December
11am to 2pm**

**Years 3, 4 and 5 will be
entertaining us with carol
singing at 1pm.**



Sharing Assemblies

We would love you to come and share in our assemblies. Dates for the year and each year group are below. They are all Thursdays, start at 2.40pm and you are most welcome.

Year 3 13.02.20 Spring 1 2020

Year 2 26.03.20 Spring 2 2020

Year 1 21.05.20 Summer 1 2020

Year R 09.07.20 Summer 2 2020

Partners in Learning Sharing Sessions

You are invited to come and share your child's learning between 8.40am and 9.10am on the following Friday mornings. Years 1 to 5

14th February 2020

27th March 2020

22nd May 2020

10th July 2020

Book Bags etc

All Year Groups:

Book Bag (Velcro) to be sold at £6.80

Book Bag (Toggle) to be sold at £9.00

PE Bag to be sold at £5.35

Key Stage 2 only:

Back Pack to be sold at £11.00

Parents can purchase these in person from the finance office or on line via scopay TO BE COLLECTED from the finance office. Many thanks.