

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year and Welcome back to the Spring Term at St. Peter's. I trust you all had an enjoyable Christmas.

Christmas Overview –

KS1 Nativity - Our KS1 Nativity of The Landlord's Cat was superbly performed on all four performances. A big well done to all the children for their acting and singing, and thanks to the staff for guiding the children in their learning of the songs, acting their parts and generally being magnificent.

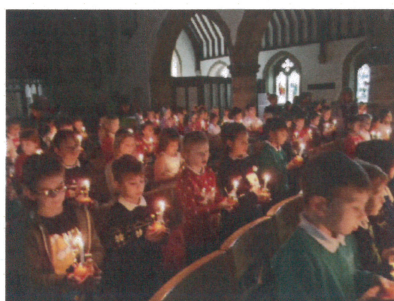


Singing Club - The Y1/Y2 Singing Club sung their hearts out to the residents of Red Oaks and Upper Mead, just before Christmas which was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. They performed a number of songs, with actions, from 'The Landlord's Cat' and a medley of Christmas hymns to finish. A big well done to all!

Christmas Jumper Day – Thank you to all children and Parents for your kind donations on Christmas Jumper Day (16th December). A cheque for £67 has been forwarded to Save the Children.



Christingle Services – It was lovely to see so many Parents at our Christingle Services last term. Revd Paul Doick from St. Peter's Church has asked me to forward his thanks for the candle pots which have raised a brilliant £743.19 for the Children's Society. This is a very generous donation which will be greatly appreciated.



Uniform – Anyone needing to purchase a new school jumper from our uniform suppliers - First4uniform, may notice that it has changed from being a crew neck to a v-neck. The crew neck will still be on sale but replaced with the v-neck when stock has gone at the suppliers. There is no need to run out and buy the new v-neck, it will be a gradual transition.



RESILIENT, RESPECTFUL, RESOURCEFUL & AIMING HIGH

Core Values - Congratulations to the following children for being 'Animal of the Week':

Week Ending: 9 th December 2016	
Y1	Charles Tingey – Aiming High Arthur Fenwick – Aiming High
Y2	Tilly Glover-Tullett – Aiming High
Y3	Amelia Mackay – Resilient Emily Hilton – Aiming High
Y4	Rosie Larking – Resilient Max Gover – Aiming High
Y5	Isabella Pope – Resilient Alfie Potter – Aiming High
Y6	Amelia Murtagh – Resilience Max Moir - Resourceful

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Y1	Archie Gorman – Aiming High Oliver Neville – Aiming High
Y2	William Clark – Resilient Noah Gargano – Aiming High
Y3	Caithlyn Mallari – Resilient Rosanna King – Aiming High
Y4	Harry Neville – Respectful Sid Allwood – Resilient
Y5	Adam Ware – Respectful Maisy Tindle – Aiming High
Y6	Oliver Cooke – Resilient Max Lee – Aiming High

Attendance – Congratulations to the 82 children who had 100% attendance in the Autumn Term. Each of these children will earn 10 points for their house, which will be included in the end of term tally.

After School Clubs - Confirmation of our after school clubs was sent home on Tuesday, with today being the deadline for returning club choices. Places on each club will be confirmed by next Friday, ready for clubs to start from Monday 16th January. Please note that Glee club will not be taking place on Thursday 19th January owing to Mrs Kulin being at the O2 with Y6.

Y4 African Drumming – It is the turn of Swordfish class to entertain visitors with their African Drumming skills that they have been learning from our visiting specialist teacher, Mrs Smith. Parents/carers are invited to join them on Wednesday 25th January in the School Hall at 2.30pm when the mini-concert will begin.



Spring Music Concert - Our annual Spring instrumental concert is being held slightly earlier this year, on Thursday 16th February. It is a great opportunity for those learning an instrument in or out of school to perform. Keep an eye out for letters for children wanting to participate, which will be sent out towards the end of January.



Mrs Kulin, Subject Leader - Music

Staffing Matters – Welcome back to Mrs Fieldsend who has rejoined Seals, Year 5 class. Mrs Fieldsend has been absent from St. Peter's following an operation earlier last year and has now resumed her position as Class Teacher alongside Mrs Tickel.



Y6 Young Voices Concert – With the concert just a few weeks away, the Y6 children are busy rehearsing the songs and moves for the evening performance. For those Parents who have ordered tickets, we shall send a text early next week asking you to collect them from the School Office. Any t-shirts ordered will be given to the children nearer the time.

Year Group Assemblies – A reminder that this term we hold our Year Group Assemblies. Parents are invited to join us with each assembly starting at 9.05am in our school hall.

Friday 10th February – Year 2 Assembly
 Friday 17th February – Year R Assembly
 Friday 10th March – Year 1 Assembly
 Friday 17th March – Year 3 Assembly
 Friday 24th March – Year 4 Assembly
 Friday 31st March – Year 5 Assembly
 The Year 6 final assembly will be on Wednesday 19th July at 9.30am.

Census Day – Thursday 19th January 2017

This will be our second census day, and like before we are encouraging all EYFS/KS1 children to try the hot meal at lunchtime. For those that prefer to bring a packed lunch in, we would ask that your child collects a hot meal, even if it is put to the side and the packed lunch eaten as usual. This ensures that we receive the maximum funding possible for hot meals.

Finally, congratulations to children in **Phoenix** who have won the House Cup for the Autumn Term. The points were as follows:

Phoenix – 3780

Kestrel – 2360

Eagle – 3419

Hawk – 2124



S. McCulley
Headteacher

CALENDAR DATES



January

Thurs 12th: PTA Committee Meeting, 8.00pm, The White Hart
 w/b 16th: After School Clubs start
 Thurs 19th: Y6 Young Voices Concert – O2
 Wed 25th: Y4 Swordfish African Drumming Concert, 2.30pm
 Thurs 26th: KS2 Maths Parent Workshop, 4.00 – 5.00pm
 (details to follow)
 Tue 31st: EYFS/KS1 Maths Parent Workshop, 2.00 – 3.00pm
 (details to follow)

February

Fri 10th: Y2 Assembly
 Class Reps Meeting, 2.15pm
 Thurs 16th: Spring Music Concert, 6.00pm
 Fri 17th: YR Assembly
 w/b 20th: Half-term

March

Thurs 2nd: Y2 SATs Information Meeting, 3.30pm
 Y6 SATs Information Meeting, 4.30pm
 Mon 6th: Open Afternoon, 2.00pm – 4.00pm
 Tues 7th: Parent/Teacher consultations, 3.30pm – 5.30pm
 Thurs 9th: Parent/Teacher consultations, 5.00pm – 8.00pm
 Fri 10th: Y1 Assembly
 Fri 17th: Y3 Assembly
 Tues 21st: Y5 Music Festival, Steyning Grammar School,
 (details to follow)
 Fri 24th: Y4 Assembly
 Red Nose Day
 Fri 31st: Y5 Assembly
 Last day of After School Clubs

April

Fri 7th: Easter Service, St. Peter's Church, 9.30am
 Last day of Spring Term
 Mon 24th: Summer Term starts
 Thurs 27th: Y6 Isle of Wight Residential Meeting, 6.00pm
 Y5 Isle of Wight Information Meeting, 7.00pm

May

Mon 1st: Bank Holiday – school closed
 w/b 8th: KS2 Test Week
 w/b 22nd: Y6 Residential to the Isle of Wight
 w/b 29th: Half-term break – school closed



Did you know ... the opening and shutting of front and back doors on New Years Eve was started with a custom called 'First Footing'. As soon as midnight had passed, families used to wait for a dark haired visitor to visit who would carry a piece of coal so that the house would be warm, some bread for plenty of food to eat, some money to ensure the family had enough money and greenery to make sure the family had a long life. The visitor would then leave the house with a pan of dust or ashes thus signifying the departure of the old year.