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## **WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**

Dear Parents

This week has culminated in our Badger Class joining members of the local community at the memorial in Churt to lay a wreath on behalf of the school. This was in preparation for Remembrance Sunday. This event has fitted in well with our Christian core value of Peace this half term and the children have shown thoughtfulness and respect in their reflections this week.

### **Mrs Marshall**

Today we say goodbye to Mrs Marshall. She has been our front of house over the last few years and I am sure she will be missed in so many ways. On behalf of the staff, children, parents and governors, we wish her all the very best in her new job and thank her for her commitment and dedication to our school.

### **Welcome**

On Monday we will be delighted to welcome Mrs Janice Batchelor as our new school secretary. I am sure that you will make her feel very welcome and be kind and patient with her as she settles into her new role at this very busy time of the school year.

In order to ease the business of the school office in the mornings and at the end of the day, please can you put any return slips or payments in a named envelope into the letterbox outside the main entrance? The letterbox is checked regularly at the start and the end of each day so anything valuable will be collected.

### **Curriculum Workshop on Reading**

A reminder about this workshop which will take place on Wednesday, 21 November from 7.00pm - 8.30pm and parents from all year groups are invited to this workshop. Come and find out how we approach reading and how you can help your children throughout the year. We will be able to share with you some comprehension assessment materials and look at the expected and above expected outcomes at the end of Year 2. There will be an opportunity to look at the reading resources that we use in different classes and how we use them. The evening will start with a general introduction in the hall followed by presentations and discussions with teachers in their classrooms. If you have not already done so could you please return your reply slip, so we will have an idea of likely numbers attending.

### **Appropriate clothing for wet and windy weather**

Please can you help us by making sure that your child brings a coat and jumper to school every day. The children do get as much fresh air as possible even if it is drizzling lightly so coats are necessary.

### **Attendance**

The school has recently received a visit from the Local Authority's Education Welfare Officer who checks our school attendance. Our attendance figures are lower than they should be due to the number of holidays that are taken during term time. Please can I ask that every effort is made to take holidays during the prescribed holiday times. Further information will be sent out next week about attendance and how parents may be asked to a meeting with the Educational Welfare Officer if attendance falls below a certain percentage.

### Revd Clare

A number of parents have expressed an interest in being able to speak to Revd Clare regarding Christenings. She will be available every Thursday at drop off in the morning at school to talk about this or any other matters.

### Message from the Council

The council is asking local residents to be aware that there have been a number of attempted break-ins to properties via their back gardens. All are encouraged to take appropriate security measures.

Hope you'll have a good weekend.

Best wishes  
Gillian Morris

### Dates Box:

Mon, 12 Nov	"Children In Need" Week - further details to follow	
Tues, 13 Nov	2.15pm	Rabbit Class "Storytime" - all Yr R parents welcome - further details to follow
Wed, 14 Nov	2.15pm	Badger Class Assembly + "Stay & Share" in the hall - all Yr 2 parents welcome - further details to follow
Wed, 21 Nov	2.15pm	Fox Class Assembly + "Stay & Share" in the hall - all Yr 1 parents welcome - further details to follow
	7.00pm-8.30pm	Curriculum Workshop on Reading - further details to follow
Thurs, 22 Nov	from 8.30am	School Photographer - further details to follow
Fri, 30 Nov	3.00pm-5.00pm	PTA Christmas Fair - further details to follow
Tues, 11 Dec	2.00pm	Christmas Play - further details to follow
Wed, 12 Dec	2.00pm	Christmas Play - further details to follow
Thurs, 13 Dec	6.30pm	Christmas Play - further details to follow
Fri, 15 Dec	Children may arrive at school any time up to 10.00am	
Tues, 18 Dec	Christmas "Fun Day" - further details to follow	
Wed, 19 Dec	9.00am	Christingle Service - further details to follow
	2.00pm	<b>Last day of Autumn Term - school closes for the Christmas break</b>
Thurs, 03/01/19	INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED	
Fri, 04/01/19	INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED	
Mon, 07/01/19	8.30am	First day of Spring Term 2019

Bel & The Dragon - please see their flyer, opposite, regarding Christmas Wreath Making workshops, which we have been asked to forward to everyone.

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CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP  
with Georgies the Florist

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CHRISTMAS  
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THURSDAY 22 & MONDAY 26 NOVEMBER, 7.30PM  
£50 PER PERSON TO INCLUDE A WELCOME COCKTAIL

Make your own Christmas wreath with Georgies the Florist  
and savour a seasonal cocktail

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