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## **WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**

## **Dear Parents**

We have all been very hard at work this week, with children in each class working on their resilience in writing! Writing is a big focus for us this year and it has been quite incredible seeing how the children have been responding to this. Please do take a look at the Gallery page on the website to see what Foxes and Badgers have been producing. We believe that through providing a really exciting writing stimulus, carefully helping the children to build up the writing skills they need, and then having an audience to write to, children will amaze us with their creativity and high quality work. In two weeks' time we will be holding a whole school "write", which will be great fun! We will keep you posted.

I think it is really important that you, as parents, know the priorities we have for our children's learning and, to this end, I have arranged for our new *Teaching & Learning Policy* to be added to the list of policies on the website (please go to *Parents*, then *Policies & Reports*). I would also love for you to come to our first Parents' Forum on Wednesday, 24 January 2018 at 7.45pm when I can share our School Development Plan. More importantly, this is a chance for you to ask any questions you would like and for you to share your views.

Thank you so much for supporting Anti-Bullying Week and Children in Need this week. Through assemblies and in class time we have talked a great deal about being peace-makers, how we can be "strong" on the inside and use our strength to make the right decisions. This has all been with the help of Mr Strong and Dr Lifestyle! Do ask your children to tell you all about it!

Next week is Staff Wellness Week here in school where we are trying to do all we can to look after our staff and make the week just a little easier. Our governors have been so supportive by continually thinking of ways to ease workload and help school run smoothly. Each day next week a governor will be on the door in the morning so do take the opportunity to talk to them about anything you wish when you drop your child off at school.

And finally, following on from our colouring competition from last week's "When the Dragons Came", thank you for all the wonderful entries we've received. We will be judging these on Monday and let you know the results next week!

Have a super weekend. Ginnie

Dates Box:

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Tues, 21 Nov		Yr 2 trip – letter has been issued giving more info
Fri, 24 Nov	am	Yr R visit to school by Hydestile Resident Animals
	4.00pm-6.00pm	PTA film night
Wed, 6 Dec	4.00pm-6.00pm	PTA Christmas Fair
Thurs, 7 Dec	4.15pm	Carols at Quinnettes Barn – further details to follow
Tues, 12 Dec	2.00pm	Christmas Production Performance No 1 – further details
		to follow
Wed, 13 Dec	2.00pm	Christmas Production Performance No 2 – further details
		to follow
Thurs, 14 Dec	6.30pm	Christmas Production Performance No 3 – further details
		to follow
Fri, 15 Dec	Optional 10am start due to Evening Performance	
Tues, 19 Dec	pm	Secret Santa – further details to follow
Wed, 20 Dec	Christmas "Fun Day" – including Christmas lunch and class parties – children	
	may come to school in home clothes	
Thurs, 21 Dec	9.00am	Christingle Service – further details to follow
	2.00pm	School closes for Christmas break
Thurs, 4 Jan 18	INSET Day – SCHOOL CLOSED	
Fri, 5 Jan 18	8.30am	First day of Spring Term
Wed, 24 Jan	7.45pm	Parents' Forum

## News items for this week:

<u>Churt Toddlers</u> – we have been asked to let everyone know about some volunteer vacancies at the Churt Toddlers group.

Churt Toddlers meets each Thursday, 10am-11:45am, in term-time. It's a wonderful group for anyone caring for babies and toddlers. Each week we chat over a drink, make a craft, read stories and sing songs. We are looking for a few helpers who are child-free and who could help with setting up refreshments and generally being friendly! If you would like to help please contact Rev Clare Challis on 01428 605305 or via email at <a href="mailto:rev.clare.challis@gmail.com">rev.clare.challis@gmail.com</a>.

<u>Haslemere Museum</u> – please see their Christmas flyer, opposite, giving details of their "festive" activities.





<u>Friends of St John's</u> – please see their flyer, advertising their Variety Performance, which we have been asked to remind everyone about again this week.