

SISSINGHURST (VA) CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



Friday 30th November 2018 - Issue 8

Enjoy, Achieve and Celebrate Together in Faith

SCHOOL PRAYER

Dear God,

We ask that you would bless us in our school, give us the strength to learn, to be kind, to be fair and to look after others. We are thankful for all your gifts **Amen**

Dear Parents and Carers,

FOSS Christmas Fair Family Disco

We have an amazing bunch of parents who work tirelessly for the pupils at Sissinghurst School both to fundraise and also to provide fun events for the children and their families. It takes a lot of man hours to put on big events like the May Fair and the Christmas Fair and therefore needs the commitment of many parents not just the faithful few. I am sure you remember my plea back in September regarding more parents to join the FOSS and in particular take on the Chair role. Anna Bourne stepped up to the role rather than see the FOSS cease to exist. As a charity, the FOSS must have a Chairperson in order to operate. The committee have met with the school and we have agreed to scale down the Christmas events on offer as we do not have the manpower to do everything. That said, what is being offered will be great! Firstly, there will be the Christmas Shopping Day on Friday 7th December which the children love and secondly, the Christmas Family Disco on Friday 14th December which is something slightly different. This event will take place in the hall straight after school. The children will already be in own clothes and Christmas jumpers from Christmas lunch that day. There will be a grotto and Father Christmas, a disco, the usual stalls we have at the disco such as tattoos and a food and drink bag for the children. Outside there will be a BBQ stand and mulled wine for the adults. As at the Christmas Fair, this is a family event and the children will be your responsibility. This means no signing in and out but you will be expected to stay and not leave your child unattended. The tickets will be £6 per child to cover the disco, Father Christmas and food and drink bag, which I think is a real bargain! I look forward to seeing you all there!

Christmas Events

Mrs Le Lacheur has put together a timetable of our Christmas events, please keep an eye on dates and times so that you don't miss anything!

Christingle –Monday 3rd December

On Monday we will be celebrating Christingle. This marks the start of the festive season for us. The children will be bringing home their candle box to fill with coins today. These need to be returned on Monday. The children will make their Christingle on Monday morning and we will hold our Christingle service in the afternoon. You are all welcome to attend the service at 2.15pm. Entrance via the hall rather than reception please.

Leopard Collective Worship

On Thursday Leopards led worship all about Advent and how Christmas is celebrated around the world. There was so much interesting information shared and pupils read loudly and clearly. Well done Leopards!

Trinity Church Tree Festival

On Friday 7th December a tree festival is being held in Trinity Church. The children are making decorations to hang on some trees in the church and then going down to the church to sing. Lions and KS1 will be going down at 10.10am to sing at 10.30am and KS2 will be walking down at 1.10pm to sing at 1.30pm. We would love volunteers to walk down and also if any of you want to come to watch that would also be great!

Mrs Clays

It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to Mrs Clays at the end of this term. She has been a dedicated member of our team for the past 7 years and we will really miss her. Our finances are in great shape down to the accuracy of her accounting and budget control measures. She is leaving to take up a post in a secondary school with career progression and we wish her all the very best for her new appointment. We are now looking for a Bursar for January 2019. If you know of anyone who may be interested please contact the office or look at the advert on the website or Kent-Teach.com

Mrs C Penfold



FOSS

This Festive Season FOSS are putting on a Family Christmas Disco and Santa's Grotto - combining the best bits from the Fair with the fun of the disco. Outside in the gazebo, there'll be Hot Dogs, and a Sweet Waffle bar, Mulled Wine for the grown ups and Hot Chocolate, as well as our fabulous Santa's Grotto. Inside there will be popcorn, glitter tattoos and pocket money stalls, as well as music and dancing.

The fun will start straight after school on Friday 14 December, pick up as usual from the playground. The ticket price of £6 per child includes a visit to Santa's Grotto and a gift, the disco and an after school snack pack for each child.

Please come and enjoy the fun with your children.

Anna Bourne - 07989 414426

News from the Classes



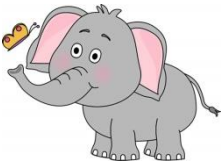
Lion Class have had a busy two weeks continuing with our Let's Celebrate topic. Last week the children planned a party for Kipper the dog, writing invitations, birthday cards and making decorations. The children enjoyed making sandwiches which were eaten very quickly at the party! We have begun our Christmas celebration work this week and have written our Christmas wish lists for Father Christmas.

Mrs Lyon



We have been learning methods to add larger numbers up to 20 over the last two weeks. The children have been working hard counting with cubes, beads, fingers and number lines and are becoming more confident - well done Giraffes! Mrs Hutchings was delighted with their warm clothing for Forest School - thank-you everyone!

Mrs MacFarlane



Elephant Class have found out how our solar system was formed. We have learnt a mnemonic to help name the planets of our solar system in order of distance from the sun. We are working hard to know all our bonds for 5, 6 and 7 as well as the related subtraction facts e.g. $3 + 4 = 7$ so $7 - 3 = 4$ and $7 - 4 = 3$. We are getting ready for our nativity play soon...what a busy week!

Mrs Delorie



Zebra class have been reading some Ancient Greek myths. We then planned and wrote our own, using our imagination to create hideous monsters. We also enjoyed creating winter landscape pictures to go on display, look out for them when you are next in the hall.

Mr Martin



On Monday Eagles enjoyed preparing winter art for our hall boards. We had some amazing penguins, which tied in nicely with our science topic on life cycle. Once again, in literacy, the class produced some lovely descriptive writing on dragons. In maths we learnt about properties of 2D and 3D shapes.

Mrs Desai



Leopards researched the Christian time of Advent and the way in which people celebrate Christmas all around the world. Leopards presented all of this information in our wonderful Collective Worship.

Mr Boyles

2 DEC	ADVENT SUNDAY
8.00am	Holy Communion (1662) Rev Fred Olney
11.00am	Morning Worship Guest Speaker Neil Graham
9 DEC	All Age 'Instant Nativity including Christingle – Rev Fred Olney
16 DEC	3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
11.00am	Holy Communion – (Rev Fred Olney) Preacher: Hubert Ashton
5.00pm	Carol Service – Rev Fred Olney
23 DEC	4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
8.00am	Holy Communion (1662) Rev Fred Olney
11.00am	Morning Worship – Rev Fred Olney
24 DEC	CHRISTMAS EVE
4.00	Crib Service
11.15pm	Midnight Holy Communion
25 DEC	CHRISTMAS DAY
10.30am	Christmas morning service



With the onset of wet, cold and generally grey weather, it is good to see that most of the children attending Forest School have been sensibly dressed. Children who are wet and cold will not enjoy the Forest school experience as much as those who are able to keep relatively dry and warm.

Elephant Class were out in very cold weather last week, thinking about the birds that might be found in our Forest School. Bird feeders were made and some rather unusual birds were discovered perched on our trees. This week Giraffe Class braved the rain to make sticky-back footprints. They played a variety of games which involved pretending to be squirrels, bats, moths, tiny mammals and amphibians.

Mrs Hutchings

Sports News

Congratulations to our Basketball teams; Oliver L-S, Eva W, Lucy A, Charlotte L, Max B, Zak S, George B, Hollie-Emma D, Rocky R, Emily C, Lucy J, Harrison S, Tomas R and Ryan S.

The two teams played in the Basketball Tournament on Tuesday 20th November at Cranbrook Grammar School. Both did extremely well, finishing 3rd in both team groups. In the group play off Sissinghurst A came a fantastic 1st and Sissinghurst B a sensational 2nd.

Well done to both our Basketball teams.

Thank you to Parents/Guardians who came and supported.

Please note that Monday 3rd December Tournament Club and Tuesday 4th December Netball Club will be the last before Christmas due to lighting and other events happening. These clubs will commence in term 3. Tournament Clubs new timetable will be announced on Studybug in the New Year.

Mrs Saxby

All after school clubs finish next week there will be no clubs week commencing 10th December

LEARNER & CITIZEN AWARDS

Friday 30th November 2018

Lion Class – Grace/Olivia
Giraffe Class – Honey/Callum
Elephant Class – Alyssa/Evie
Zebra Class – Leo/Rose
Eagle Class – Coen/Emily
Leopard Class – Violet/Katie L



Week Ending 30th November 2018

Lion Class	-	94.9%
Giraffe Class	-	94.6%
Elephant Class	-	98.8%
Zebra Class	-	98.0%
Eagle Class	-	92.9%
Leopard Class	-	98.9%
Whole School	-	96.7%

Well done Leopard Class
an amazing week!

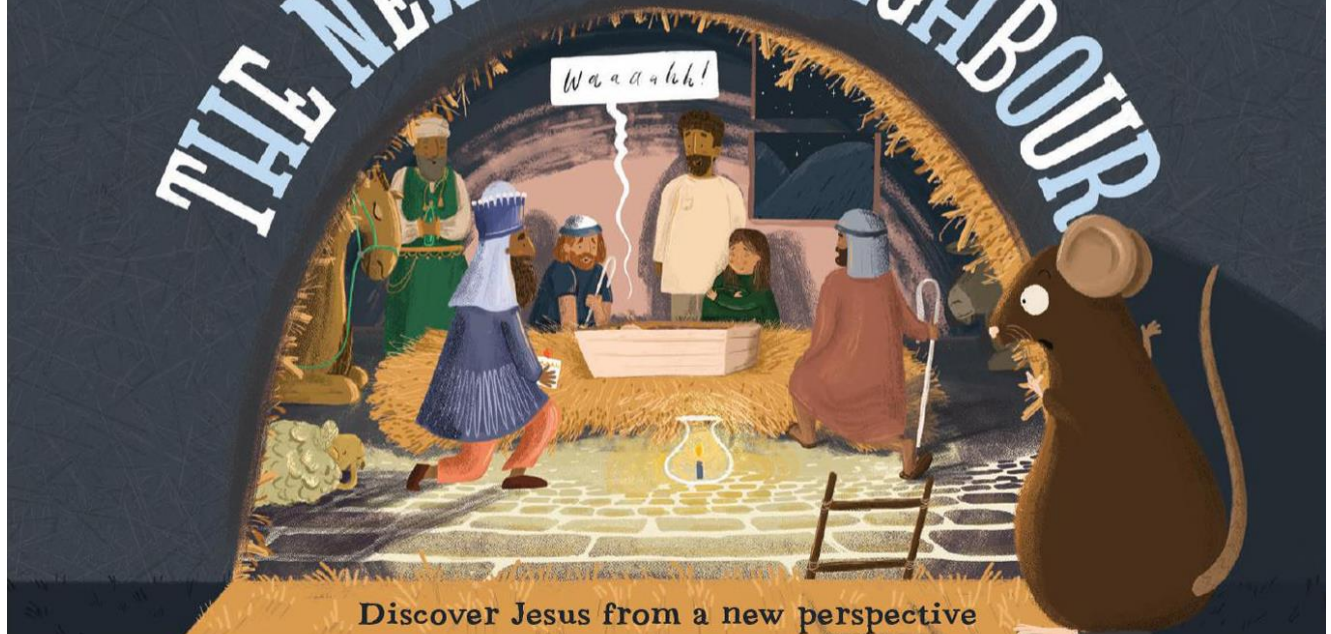
Government Target Each Academic Year is 95%

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THE MYSTERY OF

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THE NEW NOISY NEIGHBOUR



Discover Jesus from a new perspective

INSTANT NATIVITY

Sunday 9th December 11 am

Trinity Church, Sissinghurst

Come dressed as your favourite Nativity character ...Mary, Joseph, Angels, Shepherds, Animals, Wise Men...and join with us to tell the Christmas story.

Date	Day	Event	Time
TERM 2			
03.12.18	Monday	'Bach to the Future' Music Roadshow	11.00-12.00pm
03.12.18	Monday	Christingle (All parents welcome)	2.15-3.00pm
06.12.18	Thursday	Y5 Rewind to Christmas (Hawkhurst Baptist Church)	1.15-3.15pm
07.12.18	Friday	Trinity Church Tree Decorating Service	KS1 am KS2 pm
07.12.18	Friday	FOSS Pupil Christmas Shopping Day	
10.12.18	Monday	KS1 Nativity Performance to Whole School and Parents	2.00-3.00pm
11.12.18	Tuesday	KS1 Nativity Performance for Parents	5.30-6.30pm
11.12.18	Tuesday	Flu Vaccine YR-Y5	9.00-3.00pm
12.12.18	Wednesday	Whole School Music Concert for Parents	1.30pm
14.12.18	Friday	Whole School Christmas Lunch	12.00-1.00pm
14.12.18	Friday	FOSS Christmas Event	3.00-5.00pm
18.12.18	Tuesday	Whole School Christmas Service at Trinity Church	9.30-10.30am
18.12.18	Tuesday	Pantomime Robin Hood	2.00-3.00pm
18.12.18	Tuesday	Last Day of Term 2	
19.12.18	Wednesday	INSET DAY	
TERM 3			
03.01.19	Thursday	First Day of Term 3	
09.01.19	Wednesday	Over 60's Community Tea Party	1.00-3.00pm
16.01.19	Wednesday	Eagle Swimming	2.00-3.00pm
17.01.19	Thursday	Benenden Swimming Gala	4.30-6.00pm
06.02.19	Wednesday	Y3-Y6 Hairspray Performance at Cranbrook	1.30-4.30pm
15.02.19	Friday	Last Day of Term 3	
TERM 4			
25.02.19	Monday	Start of Term 4	
12.03.19	Tuesday	Hockey Tournament – Marden	3.00-5.00pm
14.03.19	Thursday	HWA Science Challenge Y5 (selected pupils)	10.00-12.00pm
14.03.19	Thursday	YR/Y1/Y2 Peter & The Timber Wolfe – Bethany School	1.30-3.00pm
19.03.19	Tuesday	Netball Tournament HWA	4.00-6.00pm
23.03.19	Saturday	Spring Flower Show	
05.04.19	Friday	End of Term 4	
TERM 5			
23.04.19	Tuesday	First Day of Term 5	
25.04.19	Thursday	HWA French Challenge Y5 (selected pupils)	10.00-12.00pm
01.05.19	Wednesday	Zebra Swimming	2.15-3.00pm
07.05.19	Tuesday	Tag Rugby – Cranbrook Rugby Club	3.00-6.00pm
08.05.19	Wednesday	Travelling Book Fair (1 week) finish 15.15.19	
11.05.19	Saturday	May Fair	12.30pm
13.05.19	Monday	SAT's Week	
24.05.19	Friday	Last Day of Term 5	
TERM 6			
03.06.19	Monday	INSET DAY	
13.06.19	Thursday	School Games Day with family picnic	10.00-1.00pm
15.06.19	Saturday	Summer Flower Show	
24.06.19	Monday	Hardelot Residential Trip to France – 28.06.19	1 week
12.07.19	Friday	Pupil Reports Home	
15.07.19	Monday	New Reception Class Starter Picnic	12.00-1.00pm
15.07.19	Monday	Transition Day	1.00-3.00pm
15.07.19	Monday	Open Evening (All Parents)	3.00-4.00pm
17.07.19	Wednesday	Transition Day	1.00-3.00pm
19.07.19	Friday	Leavers Service and Family Picnic	10.00-1.00pm
22/23rd July	Mon/Tues	INSET DAYS	

December Dates Parent Information

- Monday 3rd December** - **Christingle**
Your child will be bringing home a candle to fill up with coins and return to school Monday morning 3rd December. They will be decorating oranges in the morning at school ready for our service in the school hall at 2.15pm. All parents are welcome to attend the service. Please enter via the school hall.
- Thursday 6th December** - **Year 5 'Rewind to Christmas' Hawkhurst Baptist Church**
Year 5 will travel by coach to Hawkhurst Baptist Church and need to be collected at the church at 3.15pm by parents.
- Friday 7th December** - **FOSS Pupil Christmas Shopping**
Gifts for the pupils to purchase are £1.50 each. All children are to bring their money into school on the morning of the 7th December. All money should be in a named purse.
- Monday 10th December** - **KS1 Nativity Performance to Whole School and Parents**
Performance to start at 2.00pm. All parents to enter the school via the school hall.
- Tuesday 11th December** - **KS1 Nativity Performance to Parents**
Lion, Giraffe and Elephant class children will need to return to school **at 5:20pm on Tuesday 11th December** for the evening performance. They will need to come to school ready changed in their costumes (these will be sent home after the Monday performance). The performance will start at 5:30pm and will last approximately an hour.
- Weds 12th December** - **Whole School Music Concert for Parents**
Start at 1.30pm.
- Friday 14th December** - **Christmas Jumper Day & Whole School Christmas Lunch**
All children can come into school in their own clothes and Christmas Jumpers. Please return your Christmas lunch order form by Thursday 6th December so that the kitchen staff have plenty of time to order the lunch.
- Friday 14th December** - **FOSS Christmas Family Disco and Grotto 3.00-5.00pm**
The fun will start straight after school on Friday 14 December, pick up as usual from the playground. The ticket price of £6 per child includes a visit to Santa's Grotto and a gift, the disco and an after school snack pack for each child. You must stay and supervise your child/ren.
- Tuesday 18th December** - **Whole School Christmas Service at Trinity Church**
All parents are welcome to attend the service at the church at 9.30-10.30am. Parent helpers to walk the children to church are always welcomed. School finishes at the usual time of 3.00pm