

Netley Marsh CE Infant School

Newsletter December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

The end of term has reached us and, once again, I can't believe how fast the time has gone! In a time where so many things have stood still, it is amazing how fast all the children have settled, progressed and normalised all the changes made. My thanks to all the team within our Federation, who have worked tirelessly to ensure that we can continue to provide a safe and stimulating environment for children, where our pupils can continue to learn and develop, as well as provide a sense of normality in what would otherwise seem very strange times.

Last Day

Our last day of term, this year, is Friday 18th December with our current end of day arrangements remaining the same. Our first day back at school will be Monday 4th January.

Policies

Thank-you to everyone who has made comments on our proposed Behaviour, Relationships and PSHE policies. When we return, the school leadership team will be reflecting on the comments made and making amendments as needed. These policies will then be discussed further with the full governing body before being implemented in each of our schools.

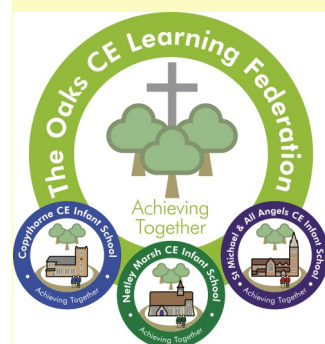
Covid

Firstly, I cannot express my thanks to all those who have communicated support and kind words in such challenging times. Such messages of kindness and thoughtfulness go a long way and are really appreciated. We, like schools all over the country, continue to navigate through the pandemic and work to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all our children and staff, remains a priority. There now seems to be light at the end of the tunnel and the possibility of returning to a sense of the old normal. However, until this time I would urge everyone to remain vigilant, support distancing measures and take appropriate action should you suspect a case of covid within your household (more information on this can be found on our website).

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Test and Trace

During the school holiday, all schools have been asked to support test and trace for 6 days after the last point of teaching. We therefore have to ask that should your child develop any symptoms (**within 48 hours after leaving school on Friday 18th December**), and subsequently receives a positive covid test result, it is imperative that you inform the school immediately, in order for us to notify any potential contacts up to 3.15pm on 24th Dec.

Our admin team in Lyndhurst will be checking emails daily, each morning by 10am, for any notifications of positive covid cases. So please email adminoffice@lyndhurst.hants.sch.uk (you can also email directly using St Michael's school website). The last time the emails will be checked will be 3.15 on the 24th December.

PLEASE DO NOT PHONE YOUR SCHOOL OR LEAVE A MESSAGE ON THE SCHOOL ANSWERPHONE OR EMAIL ANY OTHER EMAIL ADDRESS AS THESE WILL NOT BE PICKED UP UNTIL JANUARY 4TH WHEN SCHOOL REOPENS.

In your email, please include your child's full name, class and school (as it may not be your child's admin team who pick up the email), the date and time of when your child's symptoms started and please let us know if your child attended any before or after school provision, 48 hours before symptoms started.

I hope that everyone is able to keep safe and well over Christmas and continue to be prepared to support ongoing efforts to reduce transmission, if needed. Please note that the Lyndhurst email account will not be checked after 3.15pm on the 24th December until we return to school on the 4th January.

Parent meetings

Next term, we are aiming for parent meetings to take place during the week beginning 22nd March. More information on this will follow nearer the time.

Website

Our hope is that you can all enjoy quality family time, rest, relax, reconnect and share in the excitement and magic of Christmas.

As the children return to school, and learning starts to accelerate again, I hope you will all continue to make best use of our online platforms, such as reading eggs and mathletics. I would also like to draw your attention to a number of resources available on our website as well, for those parents who are seeking a few more resources to support with home learning. These can be found on the main Oaks Federation page, under curriculum:

<https://www.oakscelearningfederation.co.uk/curriculum-resources/>

Phonics

Due to the disruptions last year, the government have asked for all Year Two pupils to take the Year One Phonics Screening Check. This is a simple check, consisting of 20 real and 20 pseudo words, which is aimed at identifying children who may benefit from additional phonic support. As a school we have to report on our outcomes to the department for education.

Looking for a school place?

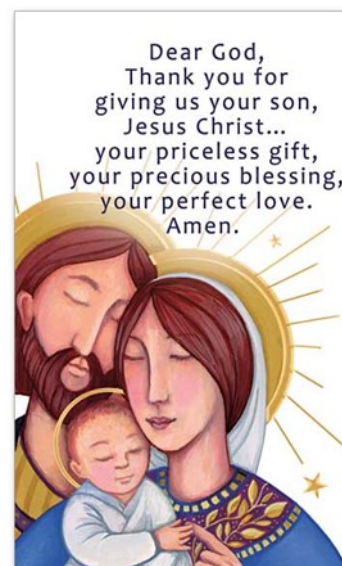
Do you know anyone looking to start school in September? Please let them know that we currently have virtual tours of our school sites, which allow you to virtually walk around our schools and find out more information, on our school website.

Finally, I would like to wish all of our families a very Merry Christmas and hope that, however you choose to spend this celebration, you are all able to enjoy this time together, make some wonderful memories (and get some sleep on Christmas eve!)

M. Bowen. Yours sincerely

Mat Bowen

Executive Headteacher



Data Collection Sheets

Please remember that if you have not already returned your data collection form, this should be sent back to school asap with any amendments marked. The pink sheet went home in October in the same envelope as the on-line learning package passwords. Please ensure you sign and return your sheet even if there are no amends required! Forms should be handed to a member of staff not put in bookbags please.





Children in Need



Thank you for all your donations to the Children in Need appeal. We raised £212.62!

We were very impressed by the designs that the children came up with for Pudsey's makeover, and congratulations go to the winner of the competition, Ivy in Year One.

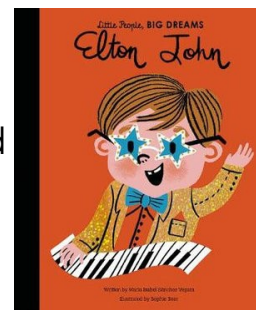


Poppy Appeal

Thank you for your support for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. This year we raised a fantastic £163.83.



Thanks to Mr and Mrs Cooper, Mr Cooper's mum and dad, who have donated a set of books to the school, from the Big People, Little Dreams series. There is a great display of these inspirational books in the library for the children to choose from.



Thanks to the Community Champions Team at Morrisons, who have kindly donated shopping vouchers for our Pupil Premium children, to supplement those provided by the government to cover the holiday period.

Flu Vaccine

On Friday 11th Dec the immunisation team came into school to administer the flu vaccine. Those that did not give their consent / were not in school on that day have another opportunity to have the vaccine at a catch up clinic.



You would need to complete the online consent form:

<https://www.southernhealthimmunisations.co.uk/forms/flu>

(the unique code for our school is SH116302), then email the team at SHFT.southwesthantsimmunisationteam@nhs.net to make an appointment. If you have any queries please call the Immunisation team on 02380 475221.

Remembrance Day

On 11th November we observed the customary silence at 11am and the children from Ospreys laid a wreath at the war memorial outside the school. We were delighted to be joined by some of the local community, who joined us for some quiet reflection.



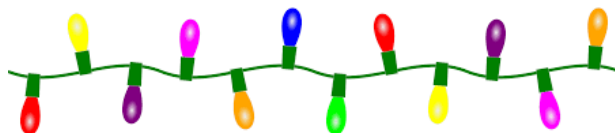
Founders Day

Netley Marsh Infant School is 165 years old!

The children in years one and two looked amazing in their Victorian outfits, as they spent a day experiencing what it was like to be at school in Victorian times. Despite it being a wonderful day, most were glad to return to 2020 schooling!



Christmas at Netley Marsh



Pantomime

Thanks to the FNMSA, the children in school were treated to performances of the Wizard of Oz. The performances had to be adapted to make them covid secure, and we even managed to live stream it to some of the Year R children who were isolating at home at that time.



Virtual Santa Visits

Thanks to the FNMSA, the children in each class were able to enjoy a Zoom visit with Santa, who had arranged to provide them all with a Christmas gift.





Save the Children
CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Make the world better with a sweater!



Friday 11th December was Christmas jumper day. The children wore a remarkable variety of designs of jumper! Thanks to everyone who supported this cause via the donation page.

On this day we were treated to a special Christmas Picnic Box meal. Each class had the opportunity to eat in the hall, to the accompaniment of Christmas carols and crackers.



Advent Ring

During December our classes have been using the Advent ring on the schools worship table

- The **first candle** symbolizes **hope** and is called the "Prophet's Candle." The prophets of the Old Testament, especially Isaiah, waited in hope for the Messiah's arrival. The purple color symbolizes royalty, repentance, and fasting.
- The **second candle** represents faith and is called "Bethlehem's Candle." Micah had foretold that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem, which is also the birthplace of King David. The second candle is also purple to symbolism preparation for the coming king.
- The **third candle** symbolizes **joy** and is called the "Shepherd's Candle." To the shepherd's great joy, the angels announced that Jesus came for humble, unimportant people like them, too. In liturgy, the colour rose signifies joy. This candle is coloured pink to represent joyfulness and rejoicing.
- The **fourth candle** represents **peace** and is called the "Angel's Candle." The angels announced that Jesus came to bring peace--He came to bring people close to God and to each other again. This colour is also purple to represent the culmination of love through the Messiah.



Christmas Crafts

All our children got crafty, and produced some very fancy lanterns for the virtual Totton and Eling Lantern Parade on 29th November, as well as handmade Christmas cards.



Is your child eligible for Pupil Premium funding

As you will be aware, all children at infant school are currently entitled to Universal Free School Meals.

However, for some of those children, schools will also be able to claim **Pupil Premium**, which will help provide further support. The criteria for eligibility is the same as the free school meal criteria from Key Stage 2 onwards.

If you think there may be any possibility that your child may be eligible for this funding, we would ask to check using the HC3S online service. *Pupil Premium is an important payment for schools and a really good opportunity for eligible parents to get even more support for their children in school.*

To see Eligibility Criteria, check this link:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/freeschoolmeals/juniorsecondary>

Applying for free school meals / pupil premium

You can check eligibility online at: <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/hants>

The service allows you to check your own eligibility for free school/college meals, or you can check on behalf of someone else.

The data you enter on the screen will be used to process your request. If your result comes back 'found,' your child is eligible for Pupil Premium and the system automatically informs the school.

This funding provides valuable support, so please do check your eligibility as soon as possible.

If eligible for this funding it can cover things such as the cost of school trips and we can provide you with a £25 skoolkit voucher for uniform and we may also be able to assist with other things too – just let us know!

If you need any help or advice, contact Fiona or Tracy in the school office on 02380 862009.





DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 18th December	Last day of Autumn Term
Thursday 24th November	Santa starts his rounds!
Monday 4th January	First day of Spring Term
Friday 15th January	Deadline for applying for Y3 and YR place for Sept 2021
Thursday 11th February	Last day of this term for pupils
Friday 12th February	Inset day—school closed to pupils
Tuesday 16th February	Shrove Tuesday
Monday 22nd February	First day of new term
Wednesday 10th March	Hampshire Fire and Rescue visiting Y1 and Y2
w/c 22nd March	Parent Consultations
Thursday 1st April	Last day of this term
Monday 19th April	First day of Summer Term



Remaining INSET Days for 2020—21

Friday 12th Feb 2021; Friday 23rd Jul 2021