

# Netley Marsh CE Infant School

## Newsletter December 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

The end of term has reached us again and, once again, I can't believe how fast the time has gone! So much has happened this term - building Bonfires, inter-federation Hockey competitions, Victorian day, cricket coaches, singing performances, church services, painting, writing and of course, lots of great books, to name a few things! The teachers have already plotted out the events of next term and have been working hard to make sure that everyone's next steps in learning are planned for and ready to start in the New Year.

### **Last Day**

Our last day of term, this year, is Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December with our current end of day arrangements remaining the same. Please remember that Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> January is a bank holiday, so our first day back at school will be Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022!

### **Parent meetings**

Next term, we are aiming for parent meetings to take place during the week beginning 28<sup>th</sup> March, more information on this, will follow nearer the time.

### **Website**

Our hope is for you all to 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 Purple Mash. Please remember there are lots of learning games and resources on our website also, which are used in the class during learning time.

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/>

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## **Phonics**

Due to the disruptions last year, the government have instructed for all Year Two pupils to take the Year One Phonics Screening Check, which is normally taken at the end of Year One. 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 report our outcomes to the department for education and you will be (if not already) receiving a letter letting you know of your child's outcome before the end of the term. If you would like to talk to your child's teacher about any of the information in the letter, please do ask them when is best to meet in the new year.

## **Facebook!**

Have you seen our facebook pages for Copythorne and St Michaels? We regularly post updates and photos of things happening at school. You can find these

<https://www.facebook.com/SMAA-Lyndhurst-104789861517103/>

<https://www.facebook.com/Copythorne1/>

## **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 all our schools and find out more information, on our school website. We are also happy to meet new families and talk them through how children learn in our setting. The closing date for application is 15<sup>th</sup> January.

## **Clubs!**

Please remember to have a look at Team Spirits website to see what clubs are running next term.

<https://teamspirit4sport.co.uk/team-spirit-4-sport/after-school-clubs/>

## **Lunchtime supervisors!**

Would you be interested in becoming a lunch time supervisor, we are on the lookout for fulltime, part time and casual lunch time staff to come and support our children with their eating and play. Please contact the school office for more information.

## **Pupil Premium Funding**

Your child may be eligible for pupil premium funding, which can offer a great benefits and support their learning in school. Find out more by clicking on the link below.

<https://www.oakscelearningfederation.co.uk/pupil-premium-funding/>

## **Covid**

Firstly, can I thank everyone who has acted so quickly when your child has shown any symptom and sought out a PCR and to those who have continued to use Lateral Flow Tests as a precautionary measure. Across all our schools within the Federation, there has been a high number of cases and thanks to everyone's vigilance and cooperation, we have been able slow the spread in our schools, when there have been multiple cases. As many of you will know, the spread of covid has also had a huge impact on our staff workforce, with a number of our team (including myself) having to isolate and recover when they have been ill, resulting at times in last minute changes of staff, combining classes and a huge amount of goodwill from all the team. My thanks to all the school staff, who have made sure the school can remain running - as much as possibly normal and ensure that all our children continue moving forward with their learning and continue to enjoy all which school has to offer.

## **Parent Volunteers**

We are still really keen to have volunteers in school, to come in and work with our pupils. We ask for all regular volunteer helpers to come to a briefing session, to find out more about what volunteering involves and also to hear key safeguarding update information.

You are welcome to attend any of our talks at any school. The dates of our next talks are:

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> 9.00am @ Netley Marsh

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> 9.00am @ Copythorne

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> 2.30pm @ St Michaels, Lyndhurst.

## **Welcome!**

Although not knew to the Federation, I would like to extend a huge welcome to Mrs Thomas and Mrs Flynn, who will be working across all our schools over the next year. Mrs Thomas will be working with children, staff and parents across the federation as inclusion lead and Mrs Flynn will be working as deputy across all three schools.

We are also really excited to welcome Miss Bowen (no relation) to Year Two, who will be teaching our Year Two children alongside Mrs Boalch. Also, we will sadly be saying goodbye to Mrs Turner who is moving to pastures new in January – Mrs Turner has been worked across all schools in the Federation and as well as being the first line of support for parents, has ensured that health and safety protocols are followed to the letter! Mrs Hardy (currently working at St Michaels) will be replacing Mrs Turner in the front office and working alongside Mrs Walton to make sure the school continues to work in ship shape fashion!

Finally, I would like to wish each and every one of our school families a merry Christmas. I hope you all get a chance to make some wonderful memories and hopefully get some sleep on Christmas eve!



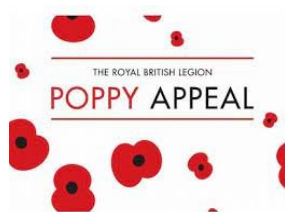
Yours sincerely

Mr M Bowen

**Executive Headteacher**

## **Thank You!**

Thank to all your generous donations, this



term we have raised  
£108.31 for the Royal British

Legion Poppy Appeal and £69 for Save the Children.



**Save the Children**

**CHRISTMAS  
JUMPER DAY**

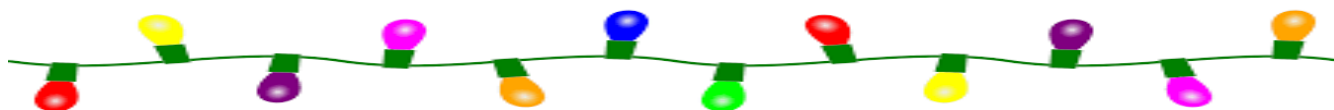
## Message from the Governors

At the end of another challenging term the Governors would like to express their appreciation to all the staff for their hard work and dedication to enable their pupils to make progress in their learning despite the continuing difficult conditions.

Thanks to their efforts the children will also have been able to take part in and enjoy the traditional Christian Christmas events, in particular the nativity story. Although it has not been possible for families to be present, the video performances will be there to be watched - on more than one occasion.

I do hope as many of you as possible will be able to join in the outdoor carol singing next week as the term draws to a close.

May staff and families have a happy, healthy and peaceful Christmas.



## Is your child too poorly for school or nursery? New advice will help you decide

It is always a worry when a child becomes unwell, but it is not always obvious how to care for them and whether you should keep them at home. You can now find handy NHS guidance in one place online that will help you identify a possible condition, so you can decide whether to send your child to school or nursery.

On the website is a list of common childhood illnesses and conditions from conjunctivitis to head lice, as well as symptoms such as a high temperature and a sore throat and what these might mean. There is advice about what to do and when a child should return to education after being treated.

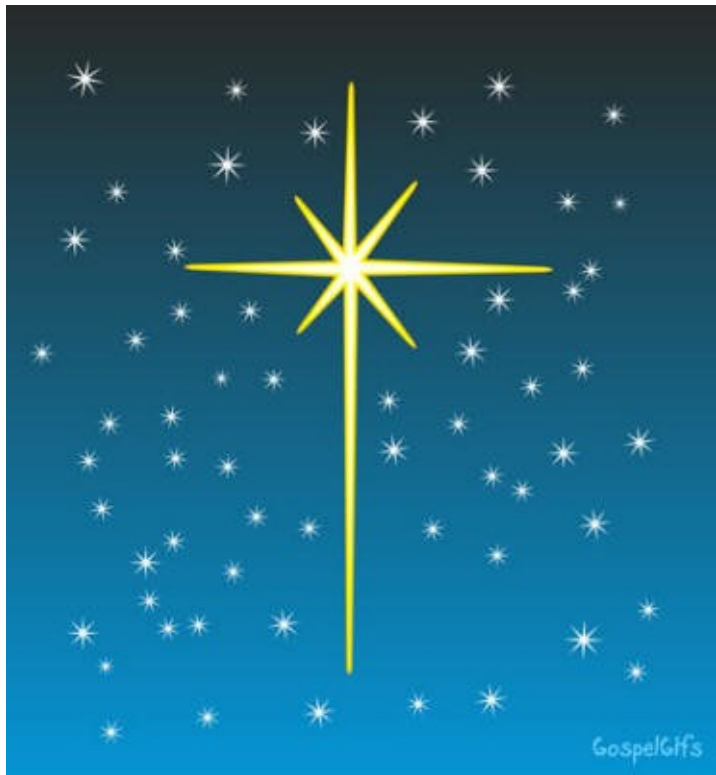
Visit the [Should your child go to school/nursery today?](https://what0-18.nhs.uk/parents/carers/child-unwell-ok-go-nurseryschool-1) website at

<https://what0-18.nhs.uk/parents/carers/child-unwell-ok-go-nurseryschool-1> or go online and search for '0-18 should child go to school'. **Please bookmark this website so it is easy to find if ever your child becomes unwell.**

If you are unsure about a child's wellbeing, please talk to your local pharmacist, call the NHS helpline on 111, or contact your GP.

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<b>Friday 17th December</b>	<b>Last day of term</b>
<b>Tuesday 4th January</b>	<b>First day of Spring Term</b>
Wednesday 5th January 9am	Family Worship at St Matthews’s church
Wednesday 2nd February 9am	Family Worship at St Matthews’s church
<b>Friday 18th February</b>	<b>Last day of this half term</b>
<b>Monday 28th February</b>	<b>First day of next half term</b>
Wednesday 2nd March	Family Worship at St Matthews’s church
Tuesday 29th March	Parent Consultations details to follow
Wednesday 30th March	Parent Consultations details to follow
5th April at 2pm	Easter Service at St Matthew’s Church
<b>Friday 8th April</b>	<b>Last day of this term</b>
<b>Monday 25th April</b>	<b>First day of Spring Term</b>



**Inset days remaining 2021—22**  
 Thursday 21st July 2022