

Parentmail Bulletin – 23rd November 2017

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"Enjoy, aspire and achieve together to be the best that we can be."

Our current value is "Peace and Friendship."

Children in Need

We certainly had a wonderfully fun day in school with Children in Need – thanks to the School Council for shaping a great range of activities, to staff for working so enthusiastically with the Council's agenda and for lively engagement from children and families. We collected £210 which is such a generous sum and also a massive leap forward from the £137 you kindly gave last year.



Remembrance and Poppy Collection

Thank you also for your superb support to the Poppy Remembrance in school. We've been told that the £115 collected is far and away the most we have raised to date. As with Children in Need, at least as important is the way the children entered into the spirit of the moment and the week. In school we were very much aware of the great engagement and response.



School Development Plan

Each year the school identifies key areas that Governors and staff would like to develop over the academic year. The evidence for this comes from a range of sources including data analysis (pupil progress and outcomes), parents/pupil/staff surveys, local and national initiatives. The staff and governors work collaboratively to formalise the priorities and these form part of a School Development Plan that is shared with our School Improvement Partner. The four areas for 2017/18 are as follows:

	Focus	Actions to date
Priority 1	To develop an effective curriculum with quality first teaching to raise attainment across the school specifically pre-school, EYFS and Y1 phonics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Established strong settled staff for Rainbows Visits of staff to other schools have taken place this term focusing on this priority Developing utilisation of sophisticated IT tool to support recording (and therefore review) of assessment evidence Structure of the day in Rainbows has been re-worked to ensure appropriate balance for promoting best learning
Priority 2	To establish stable and secure leadership across the school and to include pre-school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents and families will be aware that governors have been working immensely hard on the move to collaboration around Headteacher post with Stondon Lower School Governors recruited very experienced interim Headteacher who has been able to support continuing leadership development in school Governors have moved to secure Mrs Young's position as permanent Deputy Headteacher Strong and experienced leadership also in place for all the key subject areas Effective steps to promote and extend leadership and delivery of high quality pastoral care for needy pupils.
Priority 3	To develop pupils' understanding of the wider world and provide strategies to support social and emotional resilience to equip them for society today	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff training to share understanding and develop practice around this nationally stated set of Values Developed programmes in school to extend further the children's engagement with this national set of Values Assemblies and other opportunities taken to increase the range and scale of programmed activity that develops the children's awareness and understanding of multi-cultural Britain
Priority 4	To establish early years provision to support the community and raise baseline entry into the school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As with Priority 2, hopefully all parents and families are aware of the very significant level of time and work invested into this priority with the opening of Pixie's pre school Similarly aware that this has been a very great success and as a result, perhaps quicker than anticipated, the school has been able to move to whole day provision – 17 pupils on roll in January High quality staff recruited earlier in the year and also for the extension to full day provision in January 2018 Quality of provision has been reviewed by external agencies and confirmed as a very good start indeed

Christmas Events

Our Rainbow class will be giving two performances of "Wriggly Nativity" on Thursday 14th December. As with recent productions at the school, two tickets per Rainbow's child will be sent home for both performances. Tickets should be brought to the event to gain entry.

The KS1 performances on 11th/12th December will be held at All Saint's Church. Entry is open to all and no tickets will be issued.

Dawn til Dusk

A reminder that Dawn til Dusk will be offering holiday club on Wednesday 20th – Friday 22nd December with a Christmas party planned for Thursday 21st. Please contact them to book a place.

Top Table

Mr Haddon was joined at Top Table on Monday lunchtime by the following pupils who were chosen for their exemplary behaviour and values:

Phoenix, Ben, Imogen, Drew, William, Cain, Dylan, Summer, Anae, Sally, Niamh

Well done everyone.

Shillington Super Stars

Rainbows: Toby

Dragons: Cain

Centaurs: Harry T

Phoenix: Freddie

Well done everyone!

Dates for your diary

1st – 3rd December

7th December

8th December

11th December

12th December

13th December

13th December

14th December

15th December

Christmas Tree Festival at Congregational Church

Pantomime visit Jack & the Beanstalk - **children in at 8.30am please**

PTFA Xmas Fayre

KS1 Carol Service - 2pm at All Saint's Church

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School Christmas dinner

Christmas jumper day - £1 donation

Rainbows Nativity - 10am & 2.30pm in school, ticket details to follow

Parent Open Session – Xmas Crafts 9.05 – 10am

Term Dates

Tues 5th Sept 2017 – Tues 19th Dec 2017

Weds 3rd Jan 2018 – Thurs 29th March 2018

(Half term 12th Feb – 16th Feb 2018)

Tues 17th Apr 2018 – Fri 20th July 2018

(Half term 28th May – 1st June 2018)

May Day 7th May – Sch Closed

****Please note our school is open Mon 4th June 2018 (some surrounding schools are closed)****