

NEWSLETTER

December 2015 – Letter 4

Godstone Village School



Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all the governors, staff and parents for all their hard work and support. The four newsletters this autumn term reflect how much we have achieved together! There has been lots of work behind the scenes too, with teachers working hard on our key priorities; assessment in the new curriculum, maths, and building children's learning power to improve progress and attainment for all our children.

I would also like to thank both Louise Tucker and Ray Draper who have been working with me on plans to improve the school building, including a new library and other designated areas.

On Friday we said goodbye to Jo Beeson and also Helen Bradbury - who is leaving her position as lunchtime supervisor. In January, we welcome Mrs Portmann who will be teaching French to the junior classes.

The spring term beckons with many events planned including class assemblies and parental workshops – please see the listed dates. We also have a working party to set up a new school website and the library! Next term importantly focuses on our fourth key priority, our School Values and British Values – so it is going to be another busy term!

On behalf of all the staff may I thank you for the cards and gifts we have received. I wish all of you a very Happy Christmas and my best wishes for 2016!

Candida Jarrott-Chase
Head Teacher

EARLY YEARS FOUNDATION STAGE
'CYGNETS & ROBINS'

THE TIPTOE NATIVITY



'An angel' by Meredith Thackray - Cygnets

Cygnets and Robins worked hard to produce a very entertaining Nativity called 'The Tiptoe Nativity'.

The Robins were very good at remembering their lines and spoke clearly in loud voices. Both Cygnets and Robins sang enthusiastically. The performance was very well received by the parents.

Miss Cruwys

YEARS 1 & 2
LITTLE ANGEL GETS HER WINGS



The children in Key Stage One performed their Christmas performance last week. The story was about a little angel who gained her wings through giving the gift of love to animals on her journey to Bethlehem. A special mention needs to go to Chloe and Evie in Owls class for their lovely performance as 'Little Angel' and 'Angel Gabriel'. All the children in both classes performed the songs with great enthusiasm! The children really enjoyed performing and some of their reflections from the performance were:

"I really liked it when I went on stage and everyone sang the song about the star." Maisie (Owls class).

"I really liked my outfit because it was sparkly." Chloe (Owls class).

Mrs Booth

KS2 (YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6) CAROL CONCERT

Well done and thank you to all who took part in the Carol concert on Wednesday 9th December. It was great to see such a super turn out which created a fantastic atmosphere in the Church. The evening got off to a great start with Eloise Bonds' wonderful rendition of 'Silent Night' on the harp. The children worked very hard to learn all of the songs and their lines and there were some super angel, shepherd and King costumes. The children were exceptionally professional in continuing with the concert despite the problems with the music. The evening was a fantastic success, helping everyone to get into the Christmas spirit.

Mrs Evans



CHRISTMAS DECORATION MORNING

On Friday 4th December we had our annual decoration morning where many parents and carers came in to support us making Christmas decorations. It was obvious from the atmosphere within the school that all children, staff and parents enjoyed themselves and were full of Christmas cheer! Some of the art work was then used to decorate the hall in preparation for the Christmas Fayre.

Thank you to all parents and carers that came in to support with this event and the Friends for their contribution towards purchasing art and craft resources.





CHRISTMAS FAYRE

On Friday 4th December Godstone Village School hosted its annual Christmas Fayre.

The school assembly hall and surrounding classrooms were transformed into a sea of festive fun. The doors opened at 3.30pm to mass of excited children; they were greeted with Santa's Grotto, festive themed games, raffle prizes galore, hotdogs, sweet stands and of course mulled wine and carols outside under twinkly Christmas lights for parents and careers.

It was wonderful to see smiles on the faces of all the kids, parents, teachers and Friends of Godstone Village School who kindly organised the event. This year was a record breaking year in takings raising a record breaking £1500.00, which will all goes to the school. It certainly was the perfect way to kick off the festive season! Thank you to all those who support, attended and had fun!

'Friends' of Godstone Village School



As you may of seen Mr Leonard grew a very fetching 'handlebar moustache' during the month of November to raise money and awareness for Movember.

On the last Friday in November Mr Leonard and some year 5 pupils were selling cakes after school to raise money for the charity, due to your great generosity Mr Leonard raised an amazing £96.



ACTION AID

We sponsor a little girl through Action Aid called Thidar Lwin and pay a £15.00 per month to support Thidar and her community.

Over the holidays, please could you gather up any of your loose change so we can add to this wonderful cause.

Thank you for your support.

MANIC MONSTERS **EDENBRIDGE**

Manic Monsters offer an Inset day special offer which is "2 for 1" (youngest goes free). You just need to mention that you are from Godstone Village School upon your arrival to get the offer. They are unable to offer any refunds for those who do not mention this at reception when they arrive.

ALADDIN PANTOMIME

KS1 & KS2

On Wednesday 16th December the Rainbow Theatre came in to perform a Christmas Panto for us. This year it was Aladdin! We all joined in with singing and key phrases, doing some superb boos for the villain. A big well done to some of the children from years 2 and 6 that took on the roles of some of the characters.

Again, thank you to the Friends for their hard work fundraising for events such as these!

Miss Beegan

Anna Simpson from Year 4 also wrote in her words a little piece about their morning

“On Wednesday 16th December a hysterical pantomime took place.

First thing in the morning KS1 watched the funny panto. You could hear it from classrooms, which wasn't too far away.

KS2 had to learn a song. During the play later years went out for break. Everyone was buzzing with excitement because they were going to watch it after break. Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 gathered round – a few people actually took part and acted and danced. A few children were scared but most were excited.

Children aged 7 and over giggled and shouted ‘booooo’ as the bad man came on. Laughter filled the room as the actors made jokes and called each other names. It was great fun. The pantomime was Aladdin and 3 great actors played it.

Everyone had a great time – it will be well remembered”.

Anna Simpson – Year 4



YEARS 5 & 6

WORLD WAR 2 THEMED DAY



The children of year 5 and 6 had a fantastic WW2 themed day on the 14th of December. The children dressed up as evacuees and looked fantastic in their berets and flat caps. The children took part in a morning full of activities where they were making some propoganda posters, making a WW2 Identity book and preforming a short play about 4 evacuees leaving for the countryside.

Rainbow Theatre company came to school in the afternoon and delivered some workshops which the pupils took part in. The children absolutely loved these workshops as they were all involved in acting out the 5 different scenes and they recapping their learning of life in WW2 from their topic lessons this year. The day finished with the children learning how to sing and dance the Lambeth walk. This was a truly memorable day for the children and a fantastic way to finish off their Topic for the term.

Years 5 & 6

Drumming Workshop



On Wednesday afternoon Mr Tanner visited our school and showed us his amazing drumming skills. Year 6 sat at the front as the music was loud, his hands moved as quick as lightening! He explained to us how the drums work and the history of drums. We were divided into three groups and had to clap or stomp our feet to different beats – you had to really concentrate!
Harry Johns Year 6

DANCE SHOW

After weeks of training, the dance club had two performances! On Tuesday 1st December we performed to KS2 and on Wednesday 2nd December we performed to KS1 and our grown-ups from home. We danced to “Easy Love”, sang to “Umbrella”, Year 6 danced with ribbons to “Take Me to Church” and finished with Uptown Funk which we choreographed ourselves. Miss Webber was our coach and she gave us a certificate and a rose at the end. It made us feel really special and like all the hard work had paid off.

We can't wait to do it all again next term!

Bethany Snow and Leia Jones

NOTICES FOR PARENTS OF ROBINS CLASS

Parent and Carer morning will be changing from January 2016. It will now be taking place on different days on a fortnightly basis to make it more accessible. Please watch out in homework books and in the Robins window for notices of specific dates, yet to be confirmed.

From January 2016, Robins will be changing into full PE kit every Wednesday. Please ensure your child has a full PE kit at school, and help your child by practicing changing into their PE clothes over the holidays. We will endeavour to make this a fun experience – your support is appreciated.

Packed Lunch

We are a 'nut free' school. Please ensure any products containing nuts such as peanut butter are not included in your child's packed lunch box.

Thank you

School shoes

Just a reminder and clarification:

Children to wear black flat school shoes
No trainers please - particularly trainers that clearly don't blend in with school uniform!

Emails

As parents/carers are aware, from the beginning of term we have intended to move from our current email provider to Microsoft 365 to improve our systems of communication. Ian Hunt our ICT technician has been working with Babcock 4S on this. You will be given your teachers email address once migration is fully complete in January. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

Mrs Jarrott-Chase

DIARY DATES

Date	Time	Event
Tuesday 5 th January		Inset day
Wednesday 6 th January	From 8.40am	Children return to school
Friday 8 th January	9.00 am	Reading Morning for parents R-Yr6
Monday 11 th January	3.45pm	Years 5 & 6 Girls Football tournament, Oxted School
Thursday 14 th January	3.45pm	Years 5 & 6 Boys Football tournament, Oxted School
Tuesday 19 th January	3.45pm	Years 5 & 6 Basketball tournament, Oxted School
Tuesday 26 th January	9am	Maths workshop for parents R-Yr6
Friday 29 th January	Times to be given in due course	School Disco
Tuesday 2 nd February	9am (in school hall)	Oxted School meeting for Year 5 parents only
Wednesday 3 rd February	2.50pm	Year 6 Class Assembly
Thursday 4 th February	9.00am	Writing workshop for parents R-Yr6
Friday 12 th February	9.00am	Reading workshop for parents including reading morning R-Yr6
Friday 12 th February	School finishes 3.20pm	End of first half term
Monday 15 th – Friday 19 th February HALF TERM		
Monday 22 nd February		Return to school
Monday 22 nd February – 26 th February	1.15pm – 3.00pm	Year 6 Bikeability – Group 1 (letters to be sent out in January)
Thursday 25 th February	4pm	Tag Rugby Oxted
Monday 29 th February – 4 th March	1.15pm – 3.00pm	Year 6 Bikeability – Group 2 (letters to be sent out in January)
Monday 7 th March	Oxted 4pm	Dodgeball Years 3 and 4
Wednesday 9 th March	2.50pm	Year 5 Class Assembly
Monday 14 th March	4.40pm – 7.30pm In classrooms	Parents Evening for Robins, Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6
Wednesday 16 th March	2.50pm	Year 4 Class Assembly
Wednesday 16 th March	3.30pm – 5.40pm In classrooms	Parents Evening for Robins, Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6
Monday 14 th – Friday 18 th March		Cygnets Parents Appointments – dates and times to be advised by Ms Cruwys.
Thursday 17 th March	Oxted School 4pm	Dodgeball Year 5 and 6
Thursday 24 th March	School Finishes 3.20pm	End of term
Friday 25 th March	Good Friday – Holiday	