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## Christmas 2016

*Dear Parents and Carers,*

*What a busy and exciting autumn term we have had! This newsletter contains details of just a few of the wonderful activities and events the children have been involved in since September. It is quite a long newsletter but there is a lot I would like to celebrate and share with you - hopefully the pictures will help to make it an enjoyable read for you. It was super to see all the children perform so well in our recent Christmas performances. Thank you to everyone who has passed on such positive feedback about these events. They can only happen with the hard work and commitment of the staff so it is lovely to hear how much this was appreciated. School is about many things; we want each child to achieve as well as they can academically but there is only one chance to build the memories that primary school brings. I still remember making a Santa mobile, I think I would have been about 7 years old and I am also happy to say that my parents hung it up for many, many years afterwards - wonderful memories! I really hope that all of you have similar memories being stored away for the future.*

*We will now be turning our attention to planning exciting and enjoyable experiences for 2017.*

*Mrs Sadler*

### **A Quick Tour of the Autumn Term 2016!**

**Year R** found a penguin on the field! He seemed to be lost. The children wrote stories and explored ice and cold. We are pleased to report that the penguin has found his way home to his mummy and daddy with the children's help.

Everyone was very excited when the Fire Engine came to visit one morning.



**Year 1** thoroughly enjoyed their Forest School sessions with Mrs Maynard. These activities use outdoor learning to engage and enthuse the children and have a terrific impact on their learning back in the classroom too. It helps to build confidence and social skills including team work in the outdoor environment and is a very popular part of our curriculum. Thank you to all the parents who accompanied Year 1 - we hope you enjoyed it too!





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**Year 2** made wonderful Hamish puppets as part of their work on The Lighthouse Keeper's Cat story. Mrs Neville was very grateful for the volunteer helpers. We couldn't do it without you! They also had a visit from Mr Sherwood who talked about how he uses lighthouses in his job at the Naval Base in Portsmouth.



**Year 3** went out on a walk to learn about Chichester in the past. They visited the Bishop's Palace Gardens and then, because they were reading Paradise Garden by Colin Thompson, the children created and painted their own ideas of a paradise garden which really helped them show their creative flair. They have also made picture frames in DT to give as gifts at Christmas.



**Year 4** visited Butser Ancient Farm to get some first-hand experience of life in the Stone Age. They saw ancient breeds of sheep and houses built with materials and in the style used in ancient times. As you can see from the picture, they had really good weather. They used the facts and information they had found out to develop their learning back at school.



**Year 5** had one of our very popular dressing up days and learnt how Saxons used their shields in battle. The children did lots of fact finding with Mr Ullson who worked with the children to create some fantastic art work. The children also had a go at writing using Runes (ancient letters) and playing some board games of the period.



**Year 6** had a truly fantastic time on their residential at Bowles which involved rock climbing, abseiling, archery and skiing to name but a few of their activities. They certainly challenged themselves and built even stronger friendships as a result. Thank you to Mr Vass and Miss Hendriksen who went with the children to Bowles and Mrs Abraham, one of our school Governors, for going along as well.





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**Some pictures to remind everyone of this year's fantastic Christmas performances.**



**Year R and Keystage 1 – 'Baubles'**



**Keystage 2 – Concert**

Recordings can be found on our website in case you missed it or would like to hear pieces again.

## **Thank you for your wonderful generosity this term**

We have raised a massive amount of money this term thanks to your donations and support. This will benefit your children through money raised by Friends at the Christmas Fayre as well as a number of charities. The amounts raised are shown below:

**Children in Need - £469.50** (Which I think is our highest total for some time – Well done!)

**Poppy Appeal - £324.96**

**Save the Children - £346.97** (Money raised at the retiring collection following the Lower School Performances and donations from Christmas Jumper Day.)

**St Pauls Church - £206.98** (Money Raised in the retiring collection after the keystage 2 carol concert at St Pauls Church.)

**Friends Christmas Fayre - £1478.93** (This is a fantastic amount and I would like to thank Mrs Turner, and all the parents who made this possible, for their hard work in organising and running the fayre. The money raised will be added to the funds in the Friends Accounts and there will be more information about possible projects for this money in the New Year.)

## **Sporting Achievements**



A huge 'well done' to everyone who has been involved in sporting activities both in and out of school this term. We have been very proud of children who have recently represented the school at rugby and football. Although they were not winners, their fantastic team spirit and wonderful manners were noticed and commented on by all involved.

Our Year 6 squash players have also achieved great success in a tournament of 12 local schools. They took part in activities that used squash skills in a series of

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different games. Our team qualified as highest scoring runners up in their leg and news 'hot off the press' is that they were second overall in the final by just one point to the winning team. Mrs Marchant, who accompanied the children, said it was extremely close so the children should be very proud of their result!

We hope to be able to take part in other competitions next year as the Locality schools have agreed to organise more and this will be something we will be keen to get involved with. Any costs involved will be covered by the Sports Premium. Mrs Potter's running club are also training hard for the Corporate Challenge and I know Mr Neaves and our coaches will be getting the swimming team together for the galas next term.

## Choir

Our Choir have given several performances out in the community this Christmas at John Lewis's, Wellington Grange (in the picture) and at The Cross in Chichester. Mrs Ellis, our choir leader, has been extremely proud of how well the children have performed and how wonderfully they have represented our school. If anyone would like to hear the choir sing, a recording of them singing 'We saw three ships' will be played on Radio Sussex on 20<sup>th</sup> December at 1.35pm. This is also available on the website in case you miss it on the radio.



## School Developments

As a school we are always looking for areas that we can further develop and improve. A summary of our current priorities is available on the school website under the 'Our School' tab. We welcome feedback or suggestions and do always give them full consideration. We will be asking for your views on homework in the spring as we review our homework policy – look out for a questionnaire once term gets underway. In the meantime, if you have any feedback on aspects of school or things which you feel we should be addressing, please let us know. School contact details are at the bottom of this newsletter.

**Finally...** We would all like to thank everyone who has supported the school during this year; we really do appreciate everything you do to help make JYS such a wonderful place to be.

We would like to wish you and your family a really wonderful Christmas and a successful and happy New Year. We look forward to welcoming you back to school in 2017!



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## Future Dates

Date	Event
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term
19 <sup>th</sup> Dec – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan 2017	Christmas Holiday
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2017</b>	<b>School starts for the spring term</b>
w/c 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2017	Dance and Karate starts
12 <sup>th</sup> January 2017	Swimming starts for Year 4 (last session is Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March)
12 <sup>th</sup> January 2017	Year 3 to Chichester College to see production of 'Treasures of the World'
12 <sup>th</sup> January 2017 (2.15pm)	Session in school for KS2 parents on expectations for grammar at keystage 2 (see letter).
12 <sup>th</sup> January 2017	Paul Ullson 'History Man' to visit Year 4
w/c 16 <sup>th</sup> January 2017	Teacher run clubs start
17 <sup>th</sup> January 2017 (am)	Music concert at Chichester Festival Theatre for children who have already booked tickets.
19 <sup>th</sup> January 2017 (6pm)	Year 5 to perform in the United Voices Choir at Chichester Festival Theatre (full details to come by letter to Year 5). Tickets on sale at CFT box office.
26 <sup>th</sup> January 2017	Year 5 'Jaws and Claws'
2 <sup>nd</sup> February 2017	Paul Ullson 'History Man' to visit Year 1
w/c 6 <sup>th</sup> February 2017	Internet Safety Week
7 <sup>th</sup> February 2017	Parent Session on internet safety at Chichester High School – Full details to follow next term.
9 <sup>th</sup> February 2017	Staff and Governors session on Internet Safety at Chichester High School
w/c 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2017	Book week – special book week with a Roald Dahl theme across the whole school.
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2017</b>	<b>INSET Day</b>
<b>20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Half term</b>
w/c 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2017	Parent consultation meetings – No teacher led clubs this week.
7 <sup>th</sup> March 2017	Paul Ullson 'History Man' to visit Year 3
7 <sup>th</sup> April 2017	Last day of spring term.

**INSET Days** – The two INSET days for 2017 have now been confirmed for the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> June 2017.