



**STOP PRESS...**

**School is closed on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November  
for a Non-Pupil Day**

**\*\*\*Christmas Fete Next Friday – 3.30pm – 7.30pm\*\*\***

Dear Parents, Pupils and Staff,

I find it hard to believe that we are creeping closer and closer to Christmas. This is always a wonderful time at school but also a very busy one. Please check all of the dates and times for up and coming events so that you know what is going on and when.

On Tuesday the PTA finalised arrangements for the Christmas fete as well as a number of other Christmas related activities. Last year the children enjoyed a whole host of festive activities and I am sure this year will be no exception. I hope to see lots of you next week at the Fete which starts at 3.30pm. Both the children and adult choirs will be performing and Santa will be on hand to speak to lots of children to see what they want for Christmas.



A few weeks ago Samantha Herring told me that she was growing her hair in order for it to be donated to the Little Princess Trust – a charity that makes wigs for children that are losing their hair from alopecia or from cancer treatment. I was keen to ensure that the school witnessed such an inspirational gesture so that everyone could see the positive impact this has on the lives of those less fortunate than us. It was a fantastic assembly and you could have heard a pin drop as the hair was being cut! A huge thank you to Mrs Dixie for cutting Samantha's hair in front of a live audience and a special congratulations to Samantha for such an amazing thing to do! There is a collection pot in the main

office if anyone wishes to donate to the charity – it will be there for the next week.

The children in Year 2 enjoyed a trip to Grays Fire Station for part of their topic work on the 'Great Fire of London'. They all had an enjoyable time and found out a lot about how to keep safe and the role of a firefighter. All of the children were keen to tell me all about it upon their return. It was lovely to hear that the school received lots of positive comments about their behaviour. Well done to everyone involved.


Yesterday, 48 children in Key Stage 2 represented the school for a cross country event at Blackshots. All of the children worked hard and did the school proud. As ever, the children's behaviour was excellent and I would like to thank the staff who gave up their time to ensure that the children can attend events like this. Congratulations and well done to all of the children who took part!


**Please remember that Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November is a Non-Pupil Day.**


Have a lovely weekend!


*J. A. Bryant*


## Headteacher


	This week the <b>Attendance Trophies</b> have been awarded to			
	<b>KS1</b>	<b>Class 1</b>	<b>Mrs Scott</b>	<b>98.0%</b>
	<b>KS2</b>	<b>Class 7</b>	<b>Mr Simmonds</b>	<b>99.3%</b>
	<b><i>Congratulations to all classes!</i></b>			
	<b>Whole School Attendance</b>			<b>95.4%</b>

	<b>Bronze Headteacher Award</b>  Today I presented 3 Bronze Headteacher Awards to Daniel Bradford, Amy Gjoni and Sienna Thorne. They collected their badge and ruler in assembly today. Congratulations to all of them!
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	<b>Children In Need</b>  I am pleased to announce that we raised a fantastic £332.77 for Children in Need last week. Everyone looked great in their spots and the money will go to a very worthy cause. Thank you!
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	<b>Coffee Morning</b>  Thank you to everyone who came along to our 2 <sup>nd</sup> informal coffee morning. I am pleased to say that we had 9 people in attendance. Our next coffee morning will take place on Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December at 10am where there will be mince pies on offer.
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	<b>Contacting Staff</b>  Following on from a suggestion at the parent forum, parents can now leave a message for staff via the office. There is a staff message form which can be completed if you don't get to see the teacher or if you want a personal or private message to be passed on and then followed up. The office staff will then pass this onto the teacher directly.
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	<b>Contact Details</b>  This week we sent out an Updated Details Form for you to complete. As we are updating all of our communication systems, we need to check that we have up to date details. Please return the form to school as soon as possible. Thank you.
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### LETTERS SENT HOME THIS WEEK

Car Sharing Initiative – All Years – by ParentMail – 21<sup>st</sup> November.  
 Tuesday Tuition – Year 6 – 22<sup>nd</sup> November.  
 Updated Details Form – All Years - 22<sup>nd</sup> November.  
 St Margaret's Carol Service – Years 3 to 6 – 23<sup>rd</sup> November.  
 Cyber Bullying – All Years – by ParentMail – 23<sup>rd</sup> November.  
 Choir – Tom Wood Hall – School Choir – 24<sup>th</sup> November.  
 Choir – Kynoch Court – School Choir – 24<sup>th</sup> November.  
 November Parent Questionnaire – All Years – by ParentMail – 25<sup>th</sup> November.  
 Christmas Fete and Raffle – All Years – by ParentMail.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES...



#### November

Monday 28<sup>th</sup>

**Non-Pupil Day**

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup>

St. Andrew's Day

#### December

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup>

Year 2 Christmas Performance (9.15am)

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup>

Year 5 IOW Payment of £50 due (April 2017 Trip)

Christmas Fete (3.30pm – 7.30pm)

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>

Year 1 Songs (9.15am)

KS1 Christmas Dinner

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>

EYFS Christmas Performance (9.15am)

KS2 Christmas Dinner

KS1 Class Parties

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>

Christmas Performance at St. Margaret's Church

AM – Year 5 with Year 3 Singing (10.30am)

PM – Year 6 with Year 4 Singing (1.30pm)

Friday 9<sup>th</sup>

Xmas Jumper Day (£1 donation)

EYFS/KS1 Shopping Day

Monday 12<sup>th</sup>

Year 3/4 Shopping Day

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>

Year 5/6 Shopping Day

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>

'Mop Up' Shopping Day

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>

SEN Coffee Morning

KS2 Discos

Friday 16<sup>th</sup>

Pantomime in School

Last Day of Term

Monday 19<sup>th</sup>

**Non-Pupil Day**

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> – Monday  
2<sup>nd</sup> January

**Holiday**

**January**

Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Non-Pupil Day</b>
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Return to School
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	SEN Coffee Morning (9am)
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Multicultural Week
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	SEND Parent/Carer Meetings (Invites to be sent)
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Grandparents Celebrations (PM)
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Grandparents Celebrations (PM)