

14<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Newsletter 6 Autumn Term 2017



Dear Parents

This half term's Learning Adventure, 'Mission into Outer Space', is continuing to provide a range of stimulating and exciting learning experiences across the school. All of the year groups have been busy developing their skills as astronauts and many of them have embarked on their imaginative mission to different parts of the solar system. It has been wonderful to see the children's engagement with the theme of space, including the knowledge they are developing. Over the coming weeks, they will continue to make a range of learning discoveries as their mission into outer space continues.

On Wednesday and Thursday of this week we are also delighted to welcome a full company of Kathakali actors and musicians to provide workshops and performances to all year groups. The ancient Indian dance drama of Kathakali is an art form that represents stories from the Hindu tradition, including the use of ancient sign language [mudras] and spectacular make up and costumes. The workshops and performances provide the opportunity for children to develop their cultural awareness, along with supporting their learning in Religious Education. We are sure that the visit of the Kathakali artists and performers will be both informative and enriching for the children.

I am pleased that so many of you could come to the parent consultations recently, it is a good opportunity to discuss your child's progress and for us to work together in supporting your child.

### **Year 2 Assessment Information Meeting**

A reminder that this meeting will take place today at 6.00 pm. Entry will be via the main entrance. All parents with children in Year 2 are welcome to attend however, we would appreciate it if children are not brought with you on this occasion. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

### **Children in Need**

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November, as part of Children in Need, the children are able to bring a teddy bear or soft toy to school. Donations will be collected on the day for the charity.

### **Flu immunisation**

Please note that the Dorset Healthcare NHS nursing team will be in school on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November to deliver the flu immunisation. **It is essential that all parents complete a form for their child, indicating whether or not you give permission for your child to take part in the programme.** Please complete and return the form to school as soon as possible.

### **Christmas Decoration Week**

A reminder that we are inviting all parents to come into school and work with their child/ren. Each class will have a morning or afternoon session between 27<sup>th</sup> November and 1<sup>st</sup> December. We look forward to working with you on the following days:

	9.00 -10.00 am	1.50 – 2.50 pm
• Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> November:	Beech	Maple
• Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November:	Elm	Pine
• Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November:	Oak	Ash
• Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> November:	Hawthorn	Rowan
• Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December:	Willow	Chestnut

If you would like to join us for Decoration Week, please complete and return the slip [on previous newsletter] by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November. Please note that due to a lack of space we regret that we are unable to accommodate younger or older siblings on this occasion.

### **Foundation Christmas Nativity**

This year all our Foundation children will be performing their Christmas Nativity, 'A King is Born' in the school hall. To enable as many people as possible to see the Nativity there will be 2 separate performances on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 10.00 am and Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 10.00 am. Due to the limited space in our school hall, each family will be offered up to 3 tickets for a performance. Tickets will be available on a 'first come first served' basis from the afternoon of the Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November in the main playground/Foundation base. There will be a reserve list for any unclaimed tickets from the Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December.

### **Key Stage 1 [Year 1 and Year 2] Christmas Play**

The children in Year 1 and 2 will be performing their Christmas Play, 'Prickly Hay' in the school hall. To enable as many people as possible to see the play there will be 3 separate performances on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 2.00 pm, Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 10.30 am and Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 2.00 pm. Due to the limited space in our school hall, each family will be offered up to 3 tickets for a performance. Tickets will be available on a 'first come first served' basis from the afternoon of Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November in the main playground/Year 2 area. There will be a reserve list for any unclaimed tickets from the Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Key Stage 2 [Year 3 and Year 4] Christmas Concert**

The children in Year 3 and 4 will be performing in a Christmas Concert, 'Silent Night' in the school hall. To enable as many people as possible to see the concert there will be 3 separate performances on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 2.00 pm, Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 10.30 am and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 2.00 pm. Due to the limited space in our school hall, each family will be offered up to 3 tickets for a performance. Tickets will be available on a 'first come first served' basis from the afternoon of the Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November in the main playground/Year 4 area. There will be a reserve list for any unclaimed tickets from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December.

Further details about the arrangements for the different Christmas performances, including any costume requirements, will follow soon.

Yours sincerely



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