

Alverstoke Church of England Junior School

14TH DECEMBER 2018



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Core Christian Value:

Grace—Giving to others

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Review Visit:

We recently received our annual monitoring visit from our attached Local Authority Primary Phase Inspector (PPI) and were delighted with the outcome. The PPI identified the 'continued improvements to the quality of teaching and learning' over the last twelve months and recognised that this has led to Key Stage 2 outcomes which are well above national and local authority averages. The PPI also found:

- High expectations from leaders
- Teachers taking increased ownership for developing their own teaching
- Increased pupil engagement
- Strong development in children's use of mathematical vocabulary
- Greater variation in tasks

Christmas Lunch:

Christmas lunch for children and families is Friday 21st December. The children (and adults!) are encouraged to wear a Christmas jumper, something festive coloured or a Christmas accessory with their uniform for the day. Lunch timings are: Year 3—11.30am, Year 4—12.10pm, Year 5—12.40pm and Year 6—1.10pm. We ask that, if you have more than one child in the school, the whole family eat at the time designated for the youngest child, unless you have already spoken to the office. Please meet your child on the playground. Unfortunately it will not be possible for children to go home early after they have eaten lunch. We look forward to seeing you there!

Carol Service:

Our Christmas Carol Service takes place at St Mary's Church on Tuesday 18th December at 6pm. We would really like all children to attend this and ask that you let us know if they are unable. Those children who have an acting part will be given a costume from school. All other children should please wear school uniform. Our collection at the end of the service will go towards the purchase of Christmas gifts for children on Starfish Ward at Queen Alexandra Hospital. We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday evening!

Marital Arts Performance:

On Friday last week we welcomed a group of Uniformed Public Services students from St Vincent College to the school. They put on the most incredible martial arts performance for us all, including military drill, martial art combat and a great deal of very loud shouting! The children were absolutely captivated and enjoyed experiencing first-hand the opportunities available to us in our local community. A huge thank you to Adam Woodford and the all the Students from St Vincent College for visiting us.



Don't Forget:

- The nativity trail until 20th December. Look out for the nativity characters as they head towards St Mary's church in the village.
- Please bring in your presents for Starfish ward at Queen Alexandra hospital, if you wish to donate, before Wednesday 19th December.
- Our popular Carol service is on Tuesday 18th December at St Mary's church at 6.00pm. We ask that all children attend this service please.
- Christmas lunch is on Friday 21st December. Children are very welcome to wear a Christmas jumper for the day (no donation necessary). Lunch timings are: Year 3—11.30, Year 4—12.10, Year 5—12.40pm and Year 6—1.10pm
- School finishes at 3.15pm on Friday 21st December.
- Music payments **must** be received before the end of term if you wish your child to continue next term.

Dates For Your Diary

| December | |
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| 18 | Carol Service at St Mary's Church 6.00pm |
| 20 | Year 6 Come Dine With Me outcome ~ 4.00—6.45pm. |
| 21 | Christmas lunch for children and parents |
| 21 | School finishes at 3.15pm |
| January | |
| 7 | Children return to school |
| 8 | School nurse to year 6 |
| 9 | Year 5 to Science Museum |

Training Days: Friday 15th February 2019 and Thursday 2nd May 2019