

Alverstoke Church of England Junior School

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Core Christian Value:

Love—Who is patient and kind?

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Secondment Update:

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I am pleased to inform you that Mr Cutter will return to Alverstoke Junior School, on a full-time basis, from January 2019. The governors of the Bedenham and Holbrook Federation and representatives from the Local Authority have recognised the significant contribution that Mr Cutter has made to the improvement of the schools during his time there. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff of Alverstoke Junior School for their hard work in ensuring that this term has very much been 'business as usual' in Mr Cutter's absence. Judith Turnbull, Chair of Governors.

This Week:



Year 6 visited Marwell Zoological Park for their outcome to their unit linked to evolution and adaptation on Monday. Children saw a variety of animals in their natural habitats and discussed how animals have evolved over time to adapt to these habitats. This was then reinforced during an interactive and practical workshop where the children spent time discussing animal features and had the opportunity to handle animals. A thoroughly informative and enjoyable day was had by all.

On Thursday, a group of 44 children thoroughly enjoyed watching Cambridge vs Oxford at Twickenham Stadium. They joined over 20,000 avid rugby fans to cheer on both the ladies and men's teams and were all exceptionally well behaved—it was a pleasure to spend the day with them. Showing great promise, they also got a chance to have a go at the sport themselves. A massive thank you to the adult helpers too—you were a great help. Bring on the rematch next year! Miss Carpenter.



Christmas Tree Festival:

This week all our children had the opportunity to visit the Christmas Tree Festival at St Mary's Church. The church is open over the weekend so please do go along and enjoy the display. This year our decorations represent 'The Giving Tree' by Shel Silverstein—the tree which keeps on giving. Parents also enjoyed a fabulous performance in church today from some of our choir members.



Introducing Amber:

Basil Bird, the Hampshire County Council 'My Journey' mascot, has now been joined by Amber. Congratulations to our Junior Road Safety Officer, Sophie, who won the competition to name the new Hampshire mascot. Her prize is a mini-Amber who will join Basil Bird who has been resident in school for some years. Basil and Amber will 'fly' into the classes that achieve the best monthly result for active travel, as recorded on our Travel Tracker. They will enjoy going home with a different class member each night or for the weekend encouraging us all to think about how we travel to and from school safely.



Don't Forget:

- The nativity trail from 4th to 20th December. Look out for the nativity characters as they head towards St Mary's church from the village.
- Miss Gardner is touring Alverstoke with our selected carol singers on Tuesday 11th December. The children will be back at school by 4.00pm. Festive attire can be worn.
- 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	
10	Heroes club at Monkey Bizness
11	Carol singing tour of Alverstoke
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