

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to this week's parent bulletin at the end of the week where the pupils have done really well to continue to work with great endeavour in class whilst also Christmas events take more prominence. Please support your child to maintain this balance right up to the end of term.

Christmas Fair

A huge thank you to all who supported the Christmas Fair, it was a great success with everyone having fun; together we raised over £3,750 for the school!

Young carers:

On Tuesday we had our half termly meeting for our group of Young Carers, which is growing rapidly! They have named their group The Young Stars. Two members of staff from MyTime also came in and the pupils made their own Christmas bauble. They wrote their Christmas wish and drew festive pictures and then put these inside the bauble with some stars and snowflakes.

Here is a photo of our two Young Carer ambassadors, Erin and Charlie, with their own creations! Please contact the office for more information if you would like more information about this group.



Equipment checks:

With nine days of school still remaining before the Christmas break please can you support your child to continue to have the correct equipment in their pencil case right up to the end of term. Please review and replace missing items this weekend to ensure your child has:

- Blue writing pen
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Rubber
- Glue stick
- Pink, green and purple pens

We will provide white boards and whiteboard pens.

Year 6 Parents Information Evening

Thank you to all parents who attended the Y6 SATs information evening on Monday evening. The slides have been uploaded to the school website to refer back to or for anyone who was unable to attend. There are useful insights into the composition of the tests in May along with suggestions of how to help at home. In addition, please note the ParentMail that has been sent regarding any parents or relatives who may be able to help volunteer for the Mocks and real SATs. These tests require large amounts of invigilation and administration to be able to conform to the test conditions set out. For anyone who has purchased the SATs revision guides, we will be ordering these next week.

With regards to the activities week trips that were shared at the information evening, please note that the deadline for the deposit is 1st January 2024 and information concerning this has been sent out via ParentMail.

Parents' evening

Thank you to everyone who attended parents' evening yesterday through the online booking form detailed in your child's report covering letter. A reminder that the second parents evening is on Tuesday 5th December through the School Cloud platform.

Carol service - Tuesday 12th December - St Michael's Church - Verwood - 7pm

As we build towards Christmas our carol service plays an important part in allowing the children to reflect on the original meaning of Christmas and also provides an opportunity for musical performances and readings from pupils.

All pupils will watch the carol service during the school day (KS2 will walk up to the Church in the morning and KS3 in the afternoon) - this is only for pupils to attend. We warmly welcome parents to our evening service at 7pm (pupils are welcome to attend this evening service but are not expected to). Booking will not be required.

Christmas lunches - Wednesday 13th December

A reminder that you have received a ParentMail regarding the Christmas lunch on Wednesday 13th December. This needs to be booked in advance for every child (even those who are entitled to free school meals) wishing to have a lunch. Once you have booked your child's meal please ensure that sufficient funds (£3.95) are available on their lunch account to pay for this. There are no other food options that day so anyone not booking the Christmas lunch will need to bring a packed lunch. Booking needs to be done by 10.00am on Wednesday 6th December.

Last day of term

A reminder that the last day of term is Thursday 14th December - this is a full day ending at our normal finishing time of 3.20pm. There is an INSET day on Tuesday 2nd January so children will return to school on Wednesday 3rd January.

We wish you all a great weekend and look forward to seeing everyone on Monday morning.

Mr Rob Christopher and Mr Alister Barker.