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21st November 2014

Dear Parents,

As it is almost December, I thought you would like a reminder of the dates of all the events that are happening in school between now and the end of term. Please look carefully through the list of Diary Dates at the end of this letter. Remember, if you lose the letter, there is always a copy on the website, or a hard copy in the main reception area.

I would like to thank you all for your generosity over the last few weeks, when we have made many demands on you. Not only have you donated very generously for the Christmas Hampers and the Secrets Room, but you have also ensured that

- a car full of useful and essential items went to make the lives of many homeless people more bearable, via The Spires Centre,
- that 124 gorgeous shoe boxes full of wonderful surprises went to children who otherwise would have nothing at Christmas,
- that £3,332 was donated to the NSPCC to keep vulnerable children safe,
- that just over £200 was donated to Children in Need.

Through you, this school has made a real difference to the lives of many people who are not in the same fortunate position as ourselves and our children have learnt how important, and how rewarding, it is to be giving – THANK YOU!

Nursery parent/teacher Interviews: please sign up for an appointment to meet with Mrs Murray if your child started nursery in September this year. The sign up sheet is in nursery.

Secrets Room – on Friday 5th December, the children will be able to do some Christmas shopping and buy a secret present for members of their family. Children wishing to shop should bring no more than £3 to school. They will then be able to buy, wrap and label presents ready to hide away until Christmas. This event is run by our Year 6 children, aided by Mrs Ferns and some volunteer parents, who will help the very young children to choose and wrap. This event is always very special and our oldest pupils do a great job helping our youngest pupils.

Parking: I just want to say “*thank you*” because I have had no complaints of dangerous or inconsiderate parking lately!!

Early Morning Groups: If your child attends an early morning group or club, please make sure that you wait with your children, in the main reception area until the teacher/coach invites them into school. Please do not leave your children unattended in the reception area or the school.

Reply Slips: when returning reply slips, please send them into the class teachers with your children. This will save long queues at the office.

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News of Past Students: Congratulations to Isabella Siddall, who is now in Year 7 at Glenthorne, on achieving the Jack Petchey Award for her positive attitude to school. Well done Isabella!

Staffing: There are a few changes in staffing across the school.

At the end of this term we will be very sorry to say goodbye to two members of staff who have been at All Saints Benilton for many years – Mrs Roots is retiring at the end of December and we wish her a very happy and restful retirement. We will miss her musical talents and I would like to thank her for all the work she has put in to ensure that the children have had such a rich diet of musical experiences. We will still see her as she will be continuing her piano lessons with some of our pupils. We have appointed a very experienced teacher, Mrs Lyndsay Clapson, to take over Mrs Roots' work and I look forward to welcoming her to the staff. We also say goodbye to Mrs Pearson who is leaving us to take up a position at Tadworth Children's Trust, where I know her care and nurture of children coupled with her expert teaching skills will be invaluable. We will miss her, but wish her every success in her new and challenging role working with children who have an acquired brain injury.

I am pleased to say that Miss Dorling will be returning from her sabbatical in January and she will be continuing the good work that Mrs Pearson has started in Oak Class, for the remainder of the school year.

I am delighted to tell you that Miss Davies, who joined the staff in September, for one term only, has been appointed as a permanent member of staff and she will be teaching Maple Class for the whole of this school year. We welcome the expertise and enthusiasm that she brings to the staff.

Christmas Dinner: on Friday 12th December, Mrs Wilson will be cooking us all a wonderful Christmas Dinner. Children who usually have school lunch do not need to do anything; for children who usually have a packed lunch but who would like a Christmas Dinner, please inform us by sending the slip at the end of this letter in to your class teacher (via your children), and ensure that you have credit on Parent Pay (£2:25 per dinner)

Theatre Performance: On the first day back after the holidays (6th January) the children will have a visit from the Quantum Theatre Company, who will perform The Snow Queen. We are using this event to inspire our children to write throughout the rest of the week. Please make a contribution of £3 per child for this event, via Parent Pay. I'm sure the children will find the performance both enjoyable and inspiring.

Christmas Services

I look forward to seeing you all at the End of Term Christmas Services on Friday 19th December - 9:30am for parents of Acorns, Ash, Elm, Oak, Holly, Poplar and Chestnut, and at 1:15pm for Pips, Larch, Maple, Willow and Beech.

Term ends at 2:15pm on that day and I hope you all have a very happy and peaceful time at Christmas.

Yours truly,

R.P. Sutton

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Headteacher

Date	Event
26.11.14	Freshwater Theatre visit for Year 2 pupils
26.11.14	Nursery visit to Woodcote Garden Centre
01.12.14	Christmas Hanging decorations in to school
03.12.14	Parent/Teacher Interviews for those children who joined Nursery in September '14
03.12.14	Cross Country event – those children participating leave school after lunch
04.12.14	Beech Class visit to the Natural History Museum
04.12.14	Choir singing in the St. Nicholas Centre 2:15-2:45pm
05.12.14	Christmas Secrets Room
06.12.14	The All Saints Benhilton Christmas Extravaganza 11:00am – 2:00pm. Come and join in the fun
10.12.14	2:00pm and 6:00pm Key Stage 1 pupils' Nativity Performance
11.12.14	2:00pm Pips, Ash and Elm pupils' Nativity Performance
12.12.14	9:15am Acorns, Ash and Elm pupils' Nativity Performance
12.12.14	Christmas Dinner
12.12.14	2:30pm Dance Wars, Street Dance, performance to parents
15.12.14	10a.m. Choir are singing at Dorothy Pettingell House and Margaret House
18.12.14	Nursery Christmas party
18.12.14	Choir singing at Morrisons supermarket 10am – 11am
19.12.14	9:30am Acorns, Reception and KS1 classes Carol Service in church 1:15pm Pips and KS2 Carol service in church
19.12.14	Last day of term. School closes at 2:15pm - Happy Christmas
06.01.15	Children return to School - Visit from Theatre Company – The Snow Queen



School Christmas Dinner Request

Name Class

Would like Christmas Dinner on 12th December. I confirm that I have credited my Parent Pay account with £2:25 to cover the cost.

Signed parent / carer

Please return to the office by Monday 1st December (Hard copies in main Reception area)