

### Operation Christmas Child

Many, many thanks to the 144 children and parents who donated a shoebox present for the Operation Christmas Child appeal. The man collecting the boxes was overwhelmed by your generous response. He will be one of the team delivering the boxes to Eastern Europe and has promised to return to the school with pictures of the children who receive your gifts. Thank you again for supporting this very worthy cause.



### Christmas Post Box

It is the traditional custom in school to have the Christmas post box for children and staff to send cards to one another. The post box is now open and is situated in the entrance hall by the school office. Please ensure that all envelopes are labelled with the **full name (first and surname) and class** of the child receiving the card. The cards will be delivered by a special band of Christmas folk on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December.



### Emergency Closure of School

In the event of extremely inclement weather (e.g. heavy snowfall) it may be necessary to close the school for a period of time. This decision would be taken as a last resort.

In times of extreme weather conditions, parents/carers can find out if the school is closed by listening to the following local radio stations:

Wessex FM  
96.0 & 97.2 FM

BBC Radio Solent  
103.8 FM

### Inter-House Football

The Years 5 and 6 inter-house football tournament continues with Unicorn house reaching the final – they could play any one of the other three houses in the final!

### Number Calculation Sessions

Mr Brittain was faced with the daunting experience of full classes of parents/carers who attended the two sessions on number calculations. My thanks to Mr Brittain for leading the sessions – we had very positive feedback from those who attended.

A number of parents/carers who were unable to attend the sessions have enquired if there is the opportunity for further 'lessons' in the future. Mr Brittain has kindly offered to organise more if there is the demand. Please let the office know if you would like to attend a number calculation session next term and, if there is a demand, we will arrange more.

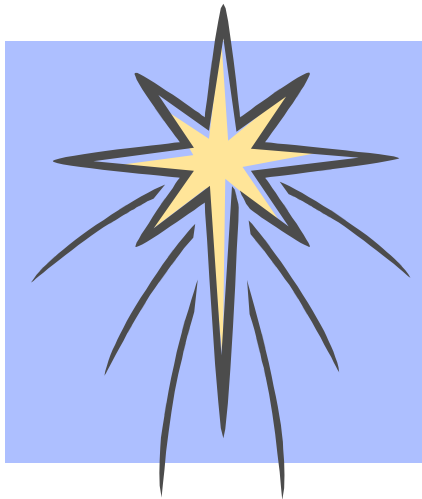
A booklet explaining the number calculations methods used in school is also available from the school office.



## Holidays and SAT's 2007

As the time approaches for families to start booking holidays, I would like to request that parents/carers do all they can to ensure that their children are in school during the week beginning Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May. This is the week in which Year 6 pupils are involved in the national Standardised Attainment Tests (SAT's) and other year groups are also engaged in tests.

May I also remind you that I can only authorise up to 10 days leave of absence during an academic year.



I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the staff and governing body to thank you for your continuing support of the school and to wish you and your family a very happy Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Carl Saunders

### A Reminder

Term finishes for the Christmas vacation on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December at **2.05pm.**

School re-opens at 8.45am on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January.**



### *Forthcoming Events*

Family members are invited to attend the Christingle Services, and the Carol Service. We look forward to seeing you.

Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	6.30pm – Christmas Bingo (Sold Out)
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	9.00am – Year 5 Christingle Service
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15am – Year 3 Christingle Service
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	1.30pm – Year 5 Christmas Party
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	9.00am – Year 4 Christingle Service 1.30pm – Year 4 Christmas Party 4.30pm – 7.00pm Year 6 Christmas Party
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	9.00am – Year 6 Christingle Service
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	1.30pm – Year 3 Christmas Party 7.00pm – Carol Service (All Saints Church)

