

As we approach the coming of Christmas, we are entering one of the busiest times of the year at school. We hope that many of you will take the opportunity to join us in a number of the events taking place in school during this time.

Friends Christmas Bingo

The Friends Christmas Bingo being held on Wednesday 12th December is sold out! Sorry if you have missed out. The Friends still need donations of food and drink items to fill the prize hampers. Please help us out – collection boxes are placed in each year area and in the main entrance.

'Operation Christmas Child'

What a wonderful response we had to the request for shoe box donations for this appeal! Last year's 144 boxes were staggering, but this year so many people have excelled in their generosity by providing 174 for children in Eastern Europe. Thank you so much for making someone's Christmas so special.



Christmas Post Box

It is the traditional custom 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 Thursday 20th December.

'Children in Need'

On the 16th November we held a 'Children in Need' non-uniform day. When the money was counted the children had managed to raise a total of £340 – a splendid effort! Many thanks to everyone for their donations, especially those who chose to be silent for the day!



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 will only be taken as the 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



School Nurse 'Drop-In' Sessions

Julie Heath, our school nurse, will be holding her next 'drop-in' session at the school from 9.00am on Thursday (6th December). Please do feel free to drop in if you have any health or developmental concerns about your child.

Holidays and SAT's 2008

As the time approaches for families to book 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 12th May. This is the week in which Year 6 pupils will be involved in the national Standardised Attainment Tests (SAT's) and other year groups will also be engaged in testing.

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

Sporting Successes

The school's sports teams continue to have great successes. The football team have reached the semi-final of the South Dorset Schools 7-a-side Cup by beating Southill Primary in a close and exciting match winning 5-3 on penalties after drawing 1-1 at full time.

The netball team have continued to achieve fantastic results in the local league with 17-0 and 20-0 victories. Well done everyone involved.

Dragon Success

Congratulations to Dragon House for winning November's House Point trophy. The inter-house football competition is also underway with some very close-fought matches.

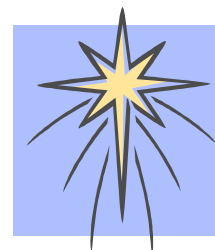
A Reminder

Term finishes for the Christmas vacation on Friday 21st December at **2.05pm.**

Schools re-opens at 8.45am on **Monday 7th January.**

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 wish you and your family a happy Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Carl Saunders



Forthcoming Events

Family members are invited to attend the Christingle Services, Carol Service and Year 6 Christmas production.
We look forward to seeing you there.

Wednesday	12 th December	7.00pm Friends Christmas Bingo
Thursday	13 th December	9.00am Year 4 Christingle Service 2.15pm Year 3 Christingle Service
Friday	14 th December	9.00am Year 6 Christingle Service 2.15pm Year 5 Christingle Service
Monday	17 th December	1.15pm Year 3 Christmas Party
Tuesday	18 th December	6.00pm School Carol Service, All Saints Church
Wednesday	19 th December	1.15pm Year 5 Christmas Party
Thursday	20 th December	9.00am Years 3 & 4 'French Assembly' (invitation to follow) 1.15pm Year 6 Christmas Party
Friday	21 st December	10.30am Year 4 Christmas Party

