

WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION

Whole school attendance for November in %

Dragonfly	96.6%	Ladybird	98.3%	Woodpecker	96.4%
Owl	97.5%	Koala	97.5%	Otter	97.8%
Panda	96.6%	Panther	96.6%	Dolphin	93.2%

The whole school attendance from September is currently 96.6 %.

Donations

Thank you so much for all the raffle, chocolate and bottle donations for the Christmas Fayre. We have 30 raffle prizes tomorrow which is fantastic!

Remember if you are a Saints fan or know a Saints fan, we are holding the sealed bid for the signed Southampton FC pennant. The highest bid will win the pennant. Will you bid high enough?

Christmas Post Box

Our Christmas Post Box will be in the school hall from Monday 10th December. Please ask your child to post any Christmas cards for school friends and staff in it rather than taking them around the school themselves, thank you. The envelope must be clearly marked with the child's first and last name and class. There must be no chocolates or sweets in the envelopes - just a card.

Christmas lunch for the children - Tuesday 18th December. This year there is no order form. The children will choose their meat or vegetarian option the morning of the Christmas lunch. All payments must be received before the day or on the day please.

School place for Sept 2019 Year R

Are you (or someone else you know) looking for a school place for your son/daughter to start school in Year R in September 2019? We have another Open afternoon for parents to come and look round Year R and other classrooms and find out about what a great school we are. It is Wednesday 9th January at 9.30am and 11am. We look forward to welcoming potential new parents (and children) to Harestock.

School Choir

The children in Years 4-6 of the school choir had a fun, but tiring, afternoon on Monday. They sang enthusiastically to the residents of Tegfield House Care Home. They were yet again a credit to the school with both their singing and their behaviour. Mrs Butler was also very pleased about the number of steps she managed to walk on the day!

Christmas Fayre

It's tomorrow from 3.15pm to 5pm.

Information for adults to stay independent, well and connected to your community

Connect to Support Hampshire is an online **information and advice guide** and **directory of services** for adult residents in Hampshire to find information, advice and services to manage their own care and wellbeing. You can find out about local groups, activities and services within your community as well as formal care provision.
<https://www.connecttosupporthampshire.org.uk/home>

Steve Brine's Christmas Card competition

Two Harestock Primary children are amongst the finalists for his annual Christmas Card Competition. He will be announcing the Overall Winner tomorrow, along with all other Year Group winners and he will send out certificates to school shortly after. The entries in Winchester Discovery Centre will be displayed until the New Year, when the designs will be returned to schools, along with all other entries.

INFANT CLASSES INFORMATION (Year R, 1 and 2)

The children are busy practising for their Christmas performances. Please keep checking their book bag for letters with details about these.

JUNIOR CLASSES INFORMATION

Football Club

Year 5/6 Football club is cancelled tomorrow due to the Christmas Fair.

Panettone Power!

Design and Technology Project - Otter and Koala Classes

We have had a busy and creative week in Otter and Koala classes as we got going on our Design and Technology project making and packaging panettone for sale at the Christmas Fayre. Panettone is a traditional Italian treat which ties in nicely with our topic this term (and tastes delicious!).

We have looked at different types of packaging, including the font and graphics that make it appealing and how boxes are strengthened. This week we made individual panettone boxes and decorated them to make a sturdy and attractive box. Finally, we prepared our panettone mixture, cooked it in the kitchen and packaged it up in cellophane ready to sell! We hope that you will come along and admire (and buy!) our handiwork on Friday. See you at the Fayre!

Year 5 Swimming

After Christmas, starting Thursday 17th of January, all Year 5 children will go swimming. It will be 10 weeks of swimming lessons for most children at the River Park Leisure Centre. A teacher will be escorting the Year 5 children each week. The children will travel to the leisure centre by coach in the morning and arrive back to school at about 11.30am. If your child is in Year 5 and you can help with coming along, please contact the office. Thank you.

We are planning on taking the Year 4 swimming for 5 weeks in the Summer term using the Sports Premium funding to enable this to happen.

FOS Discos

Infant & Junior discos on Friday 14th December BUT earlier times - Infant disco **4.15pm - 5.15pm** and the Junior disco **5.30pm - 6.30pm**.

REMINDERS

Tuesday 11th December from 9.00am - 10.00am **Junior Maths parent workshop**

Weds 12th Dec - Otter and Koala class Listen to Me concert Otter 1.30pm Koala 2.30pm

Thurs 13th Dec - Year 5/6 and Panda class Listen to Me concert. Dolphin 1.30pm Panther 2pm Panda 2.30pm

Tues 18th Dec - Christmas lunch

Tues 18th Dec - KS1 Nativity 2pm in the hall

Weds 19th Dec - Junior Christmas concert at St Barnabas Church 10am / 6pm / 6.50pm

Thurs 20th Dec - KS1 Nativity 2 pm in the hall

Thurs 20th Dec - Year R Christmas Celebration show to parents 9.30 am

Payments

Please can all outstanding debts be paid by Thursday 20th December to enable all monies to be banked before the end of term? Please ensure you are up to date with payments for dinners, breakfast club, after school club or any trip payments. Thank you.

Fri 21st Dec - Christmas party morning and last day of term at 3.15pm

First day back Monday 7th January 2019

Online and Social Media Safety

With the Christmas holidays approaching and the prospect of children perhaps receiving digital media as a gift in some shape or form - tablets and gaming consoles, for example - Hampshire County Council thought it would be an appropriate time to remind you about the responsible use of such devices.

Following, the recent news stories relating to the Police's increasing concerns about child exploitation through social media (<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-42224148>), please do take the time to set up robust parental controls on devices and ensure that you set the passwords and codes so that only you know them.

There is some helpful advice relating to this on Hampshire County Council's website: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/childrenandfamilies/safeguardingchildren/onlinesafety>

If your children are likely to be using the internet, you may find it helpful for them to be aware and to have viewed this website: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

Helpful advice is also available from the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC) website: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Aside from the risk of exploitation and cyber bullying, it is unfortunate in this day and age that content exists on social media that would be inappropriate, and potentially harmful, for young children to view.

If you receive images or videos on Snapchat, Instagram, Whatsapp or via any other social media featuring people that are naked or are sexual in nature, these should be deleted immediately and **reported to the Police** on the non-emergency **101 telephone number**. Many people are still unaware that showing or sharing such images or videos with others could mean they are committing a crime. However, if a genuine mistake is made, it would be treated as such by the Police.

Does your child play a musical instrument in school or out of school?

For those children who learn to play a musical instrument, have you considered joining an ensemble? The evidence shows that children who regularly play in a group are less likely to give up and make faster progress on their instruments. Hampshire Music Service provides around 70 Area and County ensembles dotted around Hampshire, with something for everyone, from beginners to the highest level. The nearest Area pyramids of ensembles to Harestock meet at Henry Beaufort and provide a wide range of groups for wind, brass, percussion and string players. Youngsters are encouraged to come along and try a group before committing. Find out more here:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/hampshireremusic/ensembles>