



24<sup>th</sup> November 2023

## Valuables in School

We have had the situation where some children's Air Up water bottles have been tampered with.

We are doing what we can to identify who is doing this and of course we want the values of the school to be strong enough that anyone's belongings are safe. However, having searched to see the price, I would also ask that children don't bring valuable things to school as it can bring upset if things are lost or damaged.

## Community Safety

It has been brought to our attention that there was a recent incident in the village that concerns the safety of our children so we wanted to highlight the importance. If perhaps any of our older children in school or parts of your families should be walking alone either from school or in the community when it is dark, it may well be beneficial that they are accompanied by an adult or revise those journeys where they might be walking alone for the time being. Thank you.

## School Assemblies

Y3MJ had an amazing class assembly today! A very big well done Y3MJ, it was great to see all their hard work and effort come together so well!

The assemblies are shared across our year groups and classes so everyone gets a turn to get involved. Invites to attend are open to adults with children in the respective classes who are conducting the assembly for that week. These details are on the school calendar and sent out in each weekly bulletin, so keep an eye out for your child's class!

## Attendance

Thank you for your ongoing support with your child's attendance. The school's current attendance is:

Whole school attendance	Target	Persistently absent <90%
96.5%	96.5%	8.8%

If your child's attendance is low, please do see us if there is something we are able to help with.

## FOSPS AGM – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December @ 7pm

Please note this has now been moved to December. FOSPS are looking for a couple more committee members as well as a regular pool of volunteers. If you would like to find out more please join the FOSPS team in the school hall for a nibble and a drink on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December.

### **St Barnabas Church Toy Service - Sunday 3rd December, 10am**

This year's donation of toys (new and good-as-new) will happen on Sunday 3rd December at 10am. Please have a look and see what you can give. Robert the Bear is indisposed this year as he is moving to a new home so we are going to donate our toys to the Salvation Army, who will use them for Christmas boxes and in their refuges, and to a charity called SNUG (Soberton and Newtown Ukraine Group) who collect toys for Ukrainian children living within Hampshire and also for Ukraine Relief who help children still in Ukraine, many sadly living in orphanages. Please either drop off your toys to the Church in advance, leaving them in the Link entrance or bring with you on the day of the Service.

### **Non-Uniform Day and Christmas Jumper Sale – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December**

FOSPS are kicking off December with two fun events! First off there will be a non-uniform day in return for two gifts for the annual Christmas gift sale. FOSPS kindly ask for one gift suitable for a male and one gift suitable for a female. Please do not send products which contains nuts (this includes Celebration chocolates) or alcohol.

Straight after school on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December FOSPS will also be having a Christmas jumper sale as well as serving hot drinks and sweet treats. This will take place on the school playground and depending on volunteers FOSPS also hope to have some festive games. If you have any Christmas jumpers (or other festive wear) you would like to donate please drop these into the school office between Tuesday 21st and Friday 24th November. We kindly ask that items are clean and in good condition.

Find out more on FOSPS [website](#)

### **Easyfundraising**

This is a FREE way to raise funds for the school. Every time you shop online retailers make a donation to our school, which is just fantastic and with Black Friday looming it's a great time to start.

Visit [easyfundraising](#) to find out more.

### **YR September 2024**

If your child was born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020, they will be eligible to start school in the school year beginning September 2024. Applications open 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023 and the deadline is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024 with the notification date of 16<sup>th</sup> April 2024. For support and guidance when you are applying for a school place you can contact the county admissions team on [admissions.team@hants.gov.uk](mailto:admissions.team@hants.gov.uk), Hampshire County Council Children's Services Department, Elizabeth II Court North, Winchester SO23 8UG or by calling 0300 555 137.

### **Christmas Craft Morning - Swanmore Methodist Church**

On Sunday, 3rd December Swanmore Methodist Church are holding a craft morning.

The church encourage families to bring children along at 10.15am to make a variety of Christmas Crafts including some edible ones!! They will conclude with a drama and some carols and seasonal refreshments. To ensure that there are sufficient crafts prepared for all, please email [Mavisdaniels@talktalk.net](mailto:Mavisdaniels@talktalk.net)

## Diary Dates for the Autumn Term

<b>Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Y6 Visit to Southampton Art Gallery
<b>Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Author Visit
<b>Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> December</b>	Y3G Class Assembly
<b>Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> December</b>	Christmas is Coming Non-Uniform Day
<b>Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> December</b>	Christmas Jumper Sale and Drinks
<b>Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Y4S Parents Evening
<b>Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Reverse Advent Calendar
<b>Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> December</b>	FOSPS AGM
<b>Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Y3 Visit to Seacity Museum
<b>Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> December</b>	YR Nativity – 2pm
<b>Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Y4S Parents Evening
<b>Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Reverse Advent Calendar
<b>Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Year 1 & 2 Nativity - 2.30-3pm
<b>Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Year 1 & 2 Nativity - 2.30-3pm
<b>Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Carols Round The Tree
<b>Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Last Day of Term

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**Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> December –  
January 1st**

Christmas Break

**Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> January**

Start of Spring Term

**Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> December**

Y1 Marwell Zoological Park Visit

**Inset Days for the Academic Year 23/24**

Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> January

Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May

**School Closures for the Academic Year 23/24**

Friday, 29th March Good Friday

Monday, 6th May Early May bank holiday