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## **No 15 Newsletter**

Dear Parents & Carers

### **Mr Clarke**

I would like to say a huge thank you to parents for the staff gifts and good wishes for all the staff at school. I hope everyone has a Happy Christmas break and a great New Year. I had a lovely day yesterday; it couldn't have been a more perfect goodbye day, thank you. The last 3.5 years have been challenging for the school but I am confident that the current staff will continue to bring stability to the school as we enter calmer waters. I leave the headship in Ms Hart's capable hands where I am sure it will progress to the next level. Mr Clarke.

### **Class Teacher Update**

From the Spring Term there will be some class teacher changes due to Miss Morton reducing to 3 days a week and myself taking up the headship full time. Please see the list below:

**Y1** – no change

**Y2** – We are very pleased to report that Mrs Reid is going to become full time for the next term working her usual 3 days in Y1 and then working Thursday and Friday in Y2. This gives us the benefit of having continuity of a teacher already at the school and the experience of Ks1 sats. Also Mrs Reid and Mrs Retter will be taking on the responsibility of teaching the daily maths lesson.

**Y3** – no change

**Y4** – Mrs Hewitson is becoming the Deputy in January and although she will still have a full Math teaching commitments she will still be the main class teacher.

**Y5** – Mrs Hewitson will take on the responsibility of maths although the class teacher will still remain as Mr Pavey.

**Y6** – Mrs Webb remains as class teacher but will be taking on extra senco responsibilities and will work with myself to deliver the maths curriculum.

Mr Goodman will be delivering the **DT sessions** with Y4-6 as part of the arts rotation on a Monday and Tuesday afternoon.

**MFL** will now be taught by Miss Morton and Mrs Berrisford.

**Reception** – Early Year provision, research has shown that with positive early year provision children will progress and have a positive attitude towards learning. Because of this I have decided to put a second teacher into Reception to support the children. Mrs Farmer will be joining the school after February half term on a mornings only basis.

I will be advertising for another teacher to join the staff from the Summer Term to help support the learning in the rest of the school.

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### **Attendance**

Congratulations to the 63 children who have achieved 100% attendance this term. Next term we will be holding a weekly chart to see which class has the highest attendance!

### **Reading Prizes**

Reading prize winners this half term are: Reception: Maisie, Y1: Monty, Y2: Leyland, Y3: Christopher, Y4: Riley J, Y5: Pyper, Y6: Kayla. Congratulations everyone!

### **Online Safety**

Some classes have looked at online safety at school. This link from CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection) is a great method to explain online safety. If parents would like to discuss again at home please follow the free Christmas Storybook link:

Here is a link to download "Oscar & the 3 Elves."

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/download-oscar-and-the-3-elves-christmas-story/>

### **Carols around the Tree**

Thank you to all the parents who attended our final event this term with music and festive singing around the tree.

### **Xmas Jumper Day**

Everyone has enjoyed wearing a holiday jumper today and we managed to raise £101.13 with our £1 donations for Save the Children.

### **School Calendar**

Please find attached to this newsletter a copy of the activity calendar, a paper copy has also been sent home today.

### **Reception class Parents Maths Workshops**

Next half-term, Mrs Hewitson will be running a maths workshop for the parents of Reception children, to show some of the maths activities that children do in Reception class and introduce parents to the maths packs that will start to come home. We hope that you will be able to join us for this important workshop, which will run twice, first on Monday 22nd January 2:15pm – 3:15pm and repeated on Tuesday 23rd January 9:05am – 10:05am. A letter giving more details will be sent home during the first week back after the Christmas holiday.

### **Clubs**

Please find below a list of the clubs available next term. I am delighted to announce three new clubs next term: tennis, multi skills and cheerleading/dance. Permission and payment is via parentpay except for running club and choir which are free of charge. A permission slip is attached to this newsletter. All clubs start in the second week back.

### **Sports Day for Mr Clarke**

Mrs Churchill's Report: All the children in the school took part in the seven activities during the day; we had gymnastics, orienteering, country dancing, table tennis, parachute games, multi skills and circuits. Everyone had a lovely day and the children worked with different ages.

Next term those children who have chosen to take part in sports will be playing hockey and netball & tag rugby. Children playing hockey and rugby will need gum shields and shin pads. Please can we ask that all children start the new term with a complete pe kit and bring them in on the first day as some children will need them that day. A sports planner is attached to help you remember the days kits are needed in school.

Reminder: In the first week after the holiday we will trial for the Holyrood Cross Country, which is taking place the following week. (Early warning that we will need parents to help with transport).

#### **Y56 Football V Avishayes**

On Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January we take the Y5/6 football team to Avishayes. We have asked for parents help to transport the children and we will be leaving school at 3.30pm and returning for 5pm. We still need more drivers – so please do let us know if you can help. The selected children are: Kieran, Sam D, Holly, Sam G, Harrison, Oliver, Riley and Monty.

#### **U11 Girls Football Final Strode College**

On Friday 12<sup>th</sup> the girls U11 football team go to Strode College for the Football finals. We are leaving school at 8.30am and returning later for approx. 4pm. Parents have been asked to help transport the team. The team players are: Sammy, Ruby, Nancy, Phoebe, Holly, Kirra, Amber, Marcie & Kendra. Summer is the non-traveling reserve.

Children return to school on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018. I hope everyone has a restful break and enjoys the chance to spend quality time with their families.

Yours sincerely



Tracey Hart  
Headteacher

## January

Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Children back to School Y2 Village Walk for Geography Topic (coats needed)!
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Y5/6 Sports Practise/Forest School 3.45: Y56 Football V Avishayes (A) PT Y3/4 Sports Practise/Forest School
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	8.30: U11 Girls Football Final Strode College (A) PT
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	2.00:Y3456 X Country V Other Holyrood (A) PT
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	2.00:Y5/6 Football/Netball V N Curry (A) ST Forest School
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	3.45: Y5/6 Football V Avishayes (H) Y3/4 Sports Practise/Forest School
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	2:15 - 3:15pm: Rec. Maths Meeting 5.45: KS2 Sats Evening Y5 & 6
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.05 – 10.05: Rec. Maths Meeting
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	1.30: Y3/4 Hockey V Perrott Hill (A) ST Forest School
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	1.00: Swimming 1 <sup>st</sup> :Y5, 2nd: Y6
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	10.30:Y3/4 Tag Rugby V Other Holyrood (A) PT
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup>	1.15: Y56 Netball V Stockland (A) PT 2.15: Y56 V Hockey V Stockland (H) MT Y5/6 Forest School/Sports Practise

Cake Days: Last Friday in each month/term: 10p for a cake, please also make/bring cakes for children to sell!







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