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Dear Parents/Guardians

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The House Cup was won by Jupiter



Good Book Certificates 25th November

Yr 1 Arundel – Sofia
Yr 1 Bodiam – Grace G
Yr 2 Leeds – Isabel
Yr 2 Pevensey – Lia
Yr 3 Deal – Irene
Yr 3 Lewes – Jazmine
Yr 4 Dover – Sam
Yr 5 Hever – Lucia
Yr 6 Rochester - Hope

What an exciting week we have had.....

Animal Extravaganza

Year 1 had a great experience with Animal extravaganza. They were able to hold a variety of snakes, lizards and a tortoise. The leopard lizard turned out to be a particular favourite because it was nice and smooth 😊



Stone Age Day in Year 3

Year 3 dressed up in Stone Age costumes for the day



In this picture the children got into groups and went outside to the outdoor classroom where they were tasked with foraging for leaves, moss, sticks and stones to create something from the Stone Age. The group photographed decided to create the base of a Stone Age house with a campfire inside it!

The children also had a talk from a Stone Age expert at the Museum. He talked them through the history and life of the Stone Age and the children were able to hold different artifacts that he had bought in (tools, weapons and pottery) from the Stone Age.



Other classes also dressed up to support their topic learning. They were beautifully attired in toga's and World War II evacuee and medical staff costumes. Thank you to the children and parents for making such a stupendous effort.

Sm@sh 4 – 5pm Sunday 27th November

For those of you not familiar with Sm@sh it is a fun church service for the whole family held at the school. There are lots of fun activities for the children to do and a short bible story and song followed by tea and cakes. This week it's the Christmas one so it's not to be missed.

Health eating

The school supports healthy eating and we have been peering into lunch boxes. The majority have healthy snacks and sandwiches in, but chocolate seems to be sneaking in in the form of chocolate spread sandwiches and chocolate bars. As a rule of thumb, if it is purchased in the sweet aisle then it shouldn't be in a lunch box. If it's in the biscuit aisle that's fine, and sandwiches should ideally be filled with a savoury filling. Thank you.

Mr Renno – Year 5

We will be saying a very sad farewell to Mr Renno who will be leaving at Christmas for personal reasons. We are very grateful for all the hard work and dedication Mr Renno has shown during his time with us. I'm sure that you will all wish to join me in wishing him all the very best for the future.

Attendance 14th – 18th November

Congratulations to Year 1 Bodiam for topping the table this week. Punctuality this week was awarded to Year 5 Hever.

Group	Presents	Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absences	% Attend
Year 1 Arundel	92.4	7.6	0.0	92.4
Year 1 Bodiam	99.3	0.7	0.0	99.3
Y2 Leeds	97.5	2.5	0.0	97.5
Y2 Pevensey	98.4	1.6	0.0	98.4
Y3 Lewes	96.0	4.0	0.0	96.0
Year 3 Deal	98.3	1.7	0.0	98.3
Y4 Dover	96.1	3.5	0.4	96.1
Y5 Hever	98.1	1.9	0.0	98.1
Y6 Rochester	94.1	5.9	0.0	94.1
Totals	96.6	3.4	0.0	96.6

Yours sincerely

Mr R Dugate
Headteacher

Dates to remember

November

28th Flu Vaccinations Yr1,2 and 3
Football team at home v St Peter's
NO ECO CLUB - sorry

December

1st Choir to church 3pm
2nd EYFS to Showfields Library
3rd PTA Xmas Fayre 12 – 2
5th EYFS, Yr 1 and 2 Dress rehearsals
6th 10 am KS1 Xmas performance (quiet)
2 pm EYFS Xmas performance (younger children welcome)
7th 10 am EYFS Xmas performance (quiet)
2 pm KS1 Xmas performance (younger children welcome)
13th KS2 Xmas dinner
14th EYFS, Yr 1& Yr2 Xmas dinner
16th Save the Children Xmas Jumper day
KS2 Carol Concert in the hall 9am
19th Xmas service at St Mark's Church 6pm
21st Last day of term
January 2017
4th Children return to school.

Xmas Dinner

Please see the attached flier regarding the children's Xmas dinner. We need to know numbers so that the kitchen order enough food!, so please let the school office know if your child would like a meal either by completing the flier or calling in at the office where we are keeping a list. The charge to juniors is £2.10.