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Our new climbing frame has finally been installed and safe to use. Amber House as winners of the House Cup last term were the first children to try out the new equipment and feedback so far is that it is great fun to use and worth the wait!

Thank you very much to the PTFA who have contributed a significant amount to this (£5000).





On the note of the PTFA, there was a great turnout at the PTFA AGM on Monday evening. After some discussion a date for the Christmas Fair was agreed upon - Saturday 26th November 10am-1pm.

Planning is well underway with talk of the Big man himself making an appearance. Donations for the raffle are already coming in! A first prize of  $\pounds$ 100, hampers and fruit and veg boxes have already been donated. Tickets will be on sale very soon at a cost of  $\pounds$ 1 each.

Finally, we held our open day for prospective parents where our children in Year 6 did a marvellous job of conducting tours of the school. All those who came were very impressed with their enthusiasm and maturity that they showed. If you know of any parents with children due to start in Reception next September who were unable to attend, please ask them to contact the school office and we will be very happy to arrange a school visit.

#### Mrs Cowgill and Mr Turull

## **News from the School Council**

We would like to hold a cake sale after school next Friday to raise money for Children in Need. We would love it if you could donate a cake and bring it into school next Friday morning. The spottier the better!

In order to raise even more money, Mrs Cowgill has agreed that we can come to school in pyjamas and spotty clothes on this day. Collection buckets will be by the gate at school drop off time.



#### <u>Notices</u>

- **Dinner Menu Choices** These must be made by Thursday for the following week. Unfortunately, options can no longer be changed after this day. Please note that if you book a meal and then your child brings in a packed lunch on that day you will still be charged for the booked meal if you pay for school lunches, unless your child is ill.
- **Children In Need -** Next Friday. Children can wear spotty clothes or pyjamas for a donation. Cake sale after school.
- **Clubs** These will not run for the last 2 weeks of term so will finish on Friday 2nd December. This includes multi sports which will have its last session on Thursday 1st December.
- **Christmas Cards for Schools** Order forms and payment to be returned by Monday 14th November. We cannot take orders after this date to ensure orders are received.
- **Mobile library** This will be in the pub car park every other Tuesday 3-4pm. Please make sure that you take advantage of this fantastic resource.
- **School gates** will open from 8.40am each morning for children to enter school and from 3.10pm to allow parents to come into the playground for pick up at 3.15pm
- **School pick up** Please remember to inform the school if collection arrangements are different from normal.
- Snow Queen Please can we ask that all forms and payment are received by Friday 25th November - if this is unaffordable for you please speak with Lucy Cowgill or Dan Turull. All meals have been cancelled on Parentpay for this day, if your child is entitled to free school meals and you would like the school to provide a packed lunch for the 8th December - please contact the school office.
- Winter weather Please can you ensure that you are sending your child to school with a coat now that the weather is more unpredictable.

	Diary Dates	
Friday 18th November	Children in Need - wear spotty clothes/pyjamas	
Tuesday 22nd November	Year 6 Height and Weight Screening	
	Small Schools' Football Tournament	
Saturday 26th November	10-1pm Christmas fair	
	Clutton Local Governing Body Meeting	
Wednesday 30th November	BANES Y5/6 Sportshall Athletics Tournament	
Tuesday 6th December	9.30am KS1 Nativity	
	Small Schools' Swimming Gala	
Wednesday 7th December	2.15pm KS1 Nativity	
Thursday 8th December	12.30pm Theatre visit to watch the Snow Queen	
Monday 12th December	NO CLUBS THIS WEEK	
	9.30am Cherry Class Nativity	
	4.30pm KS2 Carols by Candlelight	
Friday 16th December	END OF TERM 2	



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#### Amazon Wish List

We have created a list of books that we would like to add to our book corners in order to continue to promote the love of reading. If you feel able to purchase one of the books for the school it would be greatly appreciated. Simply follow the link below into your browser and choose a book to purchase. Many thanks - <u>https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/KCC6UARWF1Q8?ref =wl\_share</u> Thank you to everyone who has donated a book so far.

## Could you be the next School Governor?

We really need more School Governors to help with the leadership of the school. Many people confuse this role with that of the PTFA - it's very different. The PTFA do an amazing job of raising vital funds for the school, whereas the Governors help to 'govern' the school and keep it performing at its best.

The role is a voluntary one that only takes up a few hours each term (just a 1.5 hour meeting each term with some pre-reading to do and also one visit to the school each term to look at a specific subject). It is a highly rewarding role and a very valued role.

If you would like to find out more, please contact me <u>rachel.powell@msnpartnership.com</u> and I'd be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Thanks

Rachel Powell (Chair of Governors)

# Certificates of the week

Due to our special Remembrance day assembly the only awards shared today were the Head Teacher Awards. We look forward to sharing everything else again next week.

## Head Teacher Awards



Congratulations to Poppy, Hollie, Martha, Johannes, Molly and Elsie for receiving the Head Teacher's awards today.



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# Remembrance Day Assembly 2022

