

STMS newsletter 18

Dear Parents

November is traditionally the month when we remember those who have passed from this life and now rest in heaven. Friday will be Remembrance Day, and as we have done for several years now, learning for last week and this week will see all our classes focussing on Remembrance.

I had the privilege of leading our collective worship yesterday, when we considered where and what heaven was and the importance of remembering those in heaven, particularly those who lost their lives in war. I was truly touched by the children's empathy with those who make such a sacrifice for their country and for freedom and peace in our world. Today, I'm astounded to find that we have sold 2 whole boxes of paper poppies and 50 pin badges in aid of the Royal British Legion in just 1 day. Thank you so much for displaying such generosity and empathy.

Please also remember in your prayers this month all those associated with our school who have passed away.

Eternal rest grant unto them o Lord.

May perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace.

Amen

Now that the mornings are that little bit frosty, please make sure you get out that little bit earlier to de-ice the car so that you are not late for school. Attendance and punctuality is good on the whole. Please remember that if you are going to be absent because of illness, you must phone and leave a message in the morning, on each day of the illness. If you are going to be absent for any other reason, you should request that leave **at least 7 days in advance**. Leave can, as you know, only be authorised in exceptional circumstances, but whether you think leave will be granted or not, you **must** submit an application on the official application form.

Finally, I have some news to share with you that will no doubt come as a shock. Mr Barber, my assistant headteacher and Foundation Stage Leader has been appointed to an advisory post with the Hampshire County Council, a post he will take up in January. Mr Barber has an immense knowledge and experience in the Early Years and as you know he has been non-class based now for some time to allow him time to develop practice here and in other schools. While we will of course be sad to see him go, we must also be happy for him. This is a fantastic opportunity for him and one that will allow him to use his knowledge and skills to develop and improve so many Early Years settings across the county. Our Early Years Setting is one of the best in the country and I am immensely grateful to Tim for establishing strong, effective practice that will continue to thrive and support young children long into the future. All the best Mr Barber.

Mr Flanagan

Vacancies

We currently have two Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant positions available. If you are interested in applying please contact the office for the full job description and application.

C.I.N

We are supporting Children In Need on the 18th November. Please wear spotty clothes to school in exchange for a donation to C.I.N

Flu Jabs

Please ensure you return your form to your child's teacher even if you do not wish your child to have the vaccination. Thank you

Hall Hire

The school hall is available to hire in the evening. Please contact the office for further information. Currently Bidbury Bootcamp is running Fitness Classes every Tuesday and Thursday evening at 7.00pm, if you feel like coming along it costs £4.00 per class.

Inset Day

Please note the next inset day is 3rd January.



Parent Governor Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a parent governor position. We have had interest in this position already, however, if you feel that you would like to apply for this, please ask for an application pack from the school office. The closing date for completed applications is by noon on Friday 11th November.

CHURCH NEWS

St Michaels and All Angels Church

- Saturday 3rd December – Christmas Fayre from 11am to 2pm
- There is a group on Sunday 14th November for anyone wanting to find out more about the Catholic faith.
- First Communion meeting this Saturday 12th November

St. Joseph's Church, Havant

Saturday 26th November – Christmas Bazaar 12 noon – 3pm

International Food Evening

7.30pm Friday 28th October
Sacred Heart Parish, Waterlooville
£4 per person and £10 per family
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ITEMS FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Time	Event
Tuesday 15 th November	14.30	KS1 Liturgy
Friday 18 th November		Children In Need – Wear Spots to School!
Thursday 1 st December		School Nurse for Y1, Y2 and Y3 Flu Vaccine (Nasal Spray)
Friday 2 nd December	15.30	Craft Fair
Monday 5 th December	13.30	KS1 Nativity
Wednesday 7 th December	10.00	EYFS Nativity (Reception Children)
Monday 12 th December	14.00 & 18.30	Y5/Y6 Production
Tuesday 13 th December	18.30	Carol Service @ Ss Thomas
Wednesday 14 th December	12.10	Christmas Dinner
Thursday 15 th December		Christmas Parties
Tuesday 3 rd January		INSET Day
Tuesday 14 th February	14:00pm	Pegasus Class Mass
Monday 27 th February		INSET Day