



Newsletter



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Tuesday 9th January 2018

“Amaze, Excite, Inspire”

Happy New Year – it is good to see you after the Christmas break and hope 2018 will be an excellent year for you all.

Congratulations to: our Christmas Mobile Winners - Willow, Fraser, Robyn, Henry S, Hannah, Millie, Eloise and Leon; and our 'Langley's Got Talent' Winners – Lola, Honor, Robyn, Emily and Martha. Also Mica Cox for winning our fantastic Christmas Hamper and Guy Tasker for winning Mrs H-H's wonderful Christmas cake!

Values

This week our value in focus is Friendship. We will be thinking about how to be a good friend to others and how to ensure everyone at school is included.

Our Learning this week will include:

	Maths	English
Hercules – Reception	One more and one less	'The First Snow of Winter'
Hercules – Year 1	Double and half	'The First Snow of Winter' – Recount using winter vocabulary
Hercules – Letters & Sounds - Reception	Double letters eg buzz	
Hercules – Letters & Sounds - Year 1	oy and ie	
Pegasus	Addition & Subtraction using Partitioning	Descriptive Writing & Narrative
Phoenix Years 3+4	2-D Shapes	Action Sentences and appropriate punctuation
Chameleon Years 5 + Yr 6	Roman Numerals	Green pen marking re targets, grammar and punctuation

What will Mrs Vousden be up to this week and next?

This week Mrs Vousden will be in school on Monday, Wednesday morning, Thursday morning and Friday afternoon. Next week she will be in school on Monday, Wednesday morning and Thursday.

Adults in School

We are really lucky to have some fantastic helpers in school, but we can always use more – so if you know of anyone who can spare an hour or so each week please tell them to give us a call. We have a variety of jobs such as helping in class and listening to readers, as well as admin tasks that do not require you to work with children and we try hard to match the job to the skills and wishes of the helper.

As you may know, all adults working and volunteering in school must have a DBS check to ensure that there is no risk to the children. This check only takes a few days to come through now, so if you would like to help out in school please speak with Mrs Howe to arrange a time to complete the online checks needed.

Class Newsletters

As we begin the Spring Terms each class will be beginning a new topic. Look out for your child's class newsletter, which will be emailed to you during the next week. This sets out the learning in each subject that is planned for your child between now and Easter, and will be added to the class page of the school website for you to refer back to at any time. The teachers will also be considering what trips or visitors will complement your child's learning for this topic and will let you know what is planned as soon as possible.

Healthy Snacks

We noticed on the lead up to Christmas that children were bringing in a variety of snacks for break time that are not considered healthy. We ask that children bring in fruit or veg or other healthy snack. Please do not send your child with crisps, chocolate or cake for snack time. Children having a packed lunch may bring these as part of their lunch to eat in the hall. Children are encouraged to bring a bottle of water to drink from throughout the day and other soft drinks are suitable for lunch times. Fizzy drinks are not allowed in school at any time.

Get Fit after Christmas!

If anyone would like to burn off some Christmas calories by doing some leaf sweeping around school, Mrs Moor would love to hear from you!

No Guitar Lessons this Week

Mr Ladd will restart Guitar Lessons on Wednesday 17 January.

Child Protection Training – Monday 15th January 2.30pm

If you help out in school, please keep this date free so that you can come along to a briefing on Child Protection led by Mrs Vousden. All helpers will need this training if they want to continue to help out in school, so please come to this event if you possibly can. It is essential that everyone working in school, paid or on a voluntary basis, understands how to help to keep the children safe.

Adverse Weather and School Closure

Just a reminder that if we are struck with heavy snow and have to consider closing the school we will contact you via Call Parent, we will also put a notice on our website and facebook page, and you can listen out to the local radio, BBC Radio Wiltshire and Heart FM for a message. We will do everything we can to keep the school open, however the safety of the children is of the greatest importance. If teachers are unable to get to school safely, closing part or all of the school, or delaying our start time will be considered. We often have to leave this decision to the early morning to see the impact of any weather, so we thank you for your understanding.

PTA NEWS from the Chair

A big thank you for all your support over the Christmas term. With your help, we raised an amazing £1,500! I think we're all entitled to a breather during term 3 – but I just wanted to remind you that our next meeting is at 2pm on Wednesday 24 January and it would be great to see you there.

Amy Tayler

PTA Chair

Paper Letters sent out this Week

- Science Club flyer (KS2)
- Census Day Special lunch
- Phoenix Sports Morning at Hardenhuish School

Dates for the Diary (new dates in red)

Fri 12 January	Phoenix Class visiting Hardenhuish School for a Sports Morning
Mon 15 January	Child protection and Safeguarding training for all volunteers in school. 2.15pm
Thu 18 January	'Stomp' Workshop in School Census Special Lunch
Mon 22 January	Phoenix Cake Monday
Wed 24 January	PTA Meeting, 2pm, St Peter's Green Room Hockey Festival at Sheldon School
Thu 25 January	Chameleon Class attending a 'Sitting Volleyball' Workshop in School
Tue 30 January	Year 6 Bikeability, Course 3 Day 1
Wed 31 January	Year 6 Bikeability, Course 3 Day 2
Mon 5 February	Christingle Service, 2.30pm St Peter's – please bring an orange to School Pegasus Class taking part in a Dance Festival at the Neeld Hall, 6.30pm
Tue 6 February	Violin Assembly to celebrate the end of Year 4's First Access Lessons, 9.30am – all very welcome!
Fri 9 February	Break up for Half Term
Mon 19 February	TD Day
Tue 20 February	Back to School for Term 4

We are continually looking at ways to improve and develop the school. If you have any ideas please let us know and we will see if we can incorporate them into our plans for improvement.