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Dear Parents and Carers

Great news!

A huge well done to all our fantastic staff as once again we have performed particularly highly in the county performance league tables. Buriton Primary has been rated 7th for our Year 6 results in 2023! [Hampshire's 23 highest-performing state primary schools](#) (published on 22nd October 2024).

Poppies for sale

After half-term Poppies will be available for a donation from the office for children to buy at break time.

Christmas Choir Lunchtime Club

After half term I will be running a Christmas Choir Club every Monday lunchtime for those children who are interested in singing at the Christmas Market on 7th December, (see below). Children from Years 3-6 are invited to attend.

Christmas Cookery Club

Children in Years 4, 5 and 6 are invited to attend an after-school Christmas Cookery Club from 26th November. Paper copies of a letter detailing further information will go home today with your child if they expressed an interest.

Pearls Class trip to HMS Victory on 6th November

As part of their learning in history, children in Pearls class will be visiting HMS Victory at Portsmouth Historic Dockyards on Wednesday 6th November. A letter to parents of children in Pearls class has already been sent out.

Emeralds Class Maya Day on 6th November

As part of their learning about the Maya civilization, Year 6 will be having a Maya Day on 6th November in which they will be participating in a range of different activities to support their learning in this era. Details of this day has already been sent out to parents of children in Year 6.

Individual / Sibling photographs - 13th November

The school photographer will be in school during the morning of Wednesday 13th November and will be taking individual and sibling photographs (currently in school).

Children's School Council

I will be setting up a children's school council after half term, in which one child from each year group will be elected by their year group and teacher to join the school council. We will have at least one meeting a month (immediately after assembly) where we discuss

how we can improve certain aspects of our school or children can tell me their ideas for fundraising or new equipment etc. If children wish to stand for election, (which will take place on Friday 8th November) they need to have good ideas, be good listeners and be willing to share what we've talked about to the rest of their year group. If children would like to be considered for election, they may produce a poster, or powerpoint or simply talk to their peers.

Sapphires Class to visit Sea City Museum on 13th December

As part of their learning about ships and seafarers, children in Sapphires will be learning about the Titanic and will be visiting the Titanic Museum in Southampton later this term. A letter to parents will be sent out nearer the time.

Christmas Activities

There will be a lot of exciting Christmas related activities happening in school during the coming weeks, of which the main ones are below.

Children's Christmas shopping afternoon – 28th November at 1.00 - 3.00pm

The Friends are organising a Christmas Shopping Afternoon for the children on **Thursday 28th November**. This year children will be able to go Christmas shopping for presents for their immediate family during the afternoon. Please make sure your child comes to school on this day with their money in a named purse, a carrier bag and pre-labelled tags to go on to the presents they buy. **If you are able to help out during this afternoon to wrap presents or offer your support in other ways, then please speak to any of the Friends.**

Christmas Market at St. Mary's Church, Buriton on Saturday 7th December 1.00-4.00pm

As in previous years, the Friends will be running several Christmas stalls at the Christmas Market to raise money for the Friends Association. This will be a fantastic opportunity for you to buy some lovely gifts and raise money for the school, during what promises to be a very festive afternoon. The children's Christmas Choir will be singing at two intervals from 1.30-2.00 and 2.30-3.00 during the afternoon.

Christmas Performances at St Mary's Church - 12th and 13th December

This year, Diamonds and Sapphires classes will be performing their version of the Nativity called Ned's Christmas Discovery on Thursday 12th December at 2.00pm in the church. The church will be open from 1.30 pm and you are invited to take your places from this time onwards.

Pearls and Emeralds Classes will be taking part in a pantomime called 'Pantastic' on Friday 13th December at 6.00pm also in the church. For the junior performance, please ensure that your child arrives back at school between **5.00 pm and 5.10 pm** on Friday evening. The church will be open from 5.00 pm onwards and you are invited to take your seats from this time onwards.

Children's Christmas Lunch Tuesday 17th December

The Children's Christmas lunch will be on Tuesday 17th December and is free for infants. For children in Year 3 and above, the cost is £3.20. A copy of the festive menu will be sent out in due course.

Children's Christmas Parties –Wednesday 18th December

The children in Diamonds and Sapphires classes will have their Christmas Party in school during the afternoon of Wednesday 18th December and hopefully Santa will be stopping by!

Pearls and Emeralds children will have a Christmas Disco in school on the same day from **6.00 – 7.30 pm**. Letters will be coming home nearer the time asking for contributions of party food.

Whole School visit to the Fareham Live theatre to see Cinderella on 19th December

As many of you will remember, on alternate years, we plan a whole school trip to the theatre to see a festive pantomime, so this year's festive treat will be Cinderella at Fareham Live theatre. The performance will be during school time and the children will be back at school before the end of the day. Further details of this trip including payment information will be sent out after half term. This treat will be a rare opportunity for the children to experience a magical performance in a major theatre and provide them with memories that will last for a very long time.

End of term 20th December at 1.00pm

As the end of term is rapidly approaching, I am sure that you do not need reminding that the end of term will be Friday 20th December at **1.00 pm**.

The Spring term starts for the children on **Monday 6th January 2025**

New School Lunch Menu

Please find attached a new school menu that begins 4th November 2024. Please ensure that your child is aware of the choices for each day so that they are prepared at registration to make a speedy choice. All payment for lunches must be made in advance or on the day via Scopay.

Important Dates – all on the website!

All important dates can be found under the 'News and Events' tab on our website in the 'Calendar' section.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Danielle Brown

Mrs Brown, Headteacher