



TERM DATES

3.12.17 Christmas Fayre on a Sunday!
12-3pm

5&7.12.17 KS1 Christmas Production

12-13.12.17 KS2 Production

15.12.17 Wear Christmas jumpers
and Christmas dinner, hall

18.12.17 Carol Service, 6pm, St John's

19.12.17 Stories Round Tree, 6:45pm

20.12.17 1:30 dismissal

4.1.18 Term 3 starts

15.1.18 Pray for Schools, Grace

Cottage, 100 Bow Rd. 10:30am.

All welcome.

Please note that the KS1 production is not on consecutive days this year.

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Term 2 31.10.17 – 20.12.17

Term 3 4.1.18 – 9.2.18

Term 4 19.2.18 – 29.3.18

Term 5 16.4.18 – 25.5.18

Term 6 4.6.18 – 20.7.18

Holidays should not be taken in term time. School matters.

News Flash!

Thank you to the parents who are able to volunteer for our Science Afternoon! Arrivals for 1pm in the hall.

FOWPS needs YOU!

The Christmas Fayre on Sunday, 3rd December is a great way to get involved in supporting the school – volunteers are needed to help with the craft activities. All materials supplied, volunteers just need to show up and have fun helping children make things. If you're able to help, even for just half an hour, please email chairman@fowps.org.uk or speak with Sarah Sewell or Carrie Welham. Thank you!

School Bags Please check your school bags on a daily basis – you never know what's in it!

CLUBS Cookery has now finished for this term. Street Dance final session 6th Dec. All other clubs finish w/c 11th Dec.

Dear parents, We have definitely entered The Countdown as we draw ever closer to our Christmas productions and festivities. There are lots of events taking place over the next three weeks so please check with the office if you're not sure.

We're delighted to welcome Yalding School for netball and football friendlies on Monday. If you are able, please join us to support the teams. Due to parking considerations and the match starts, pick-up on Monday is slightly different. Children will not be collected from the junior playground. If you normally wait for your child at the wooden gate, please go to the infant playground to meet them.

Pink and Indigo Classes: parents to wait in the EYFS fenced area where children will be dismissed. Enter and exit via the infant playground.

Blue Class: children will be led by Miss Woodhouse to the gazebo from where she will dismiss. Please collect your Pink or Indigo Class child first.

KS2 Classes: all KS2 children will exit via Pink Class door onto the infant playground.

All families to exit the school via the top gate or down the driveway. There may be some traffic arriving for the matches, so please make sure to use the pavement.

Our Parent Support Group meets monthly in a relaxed home environment to chat informally over coffee. If you are feeling anxious about your child at home or school, it really helps to talk things through with people who feel the same and have valuable experience to share. Please contact Liz Moore for more information on moorelizmoore@gmail.com Or ring Liz on 812507 or 07913 879098.

Work is moving ahead on both the library (windows and lighting should be finished by tomorrow in time for the Christmas Fayre!) and our IT/Wifi upgrade. If you missed it, follow the link to the Downsmail front page article on the financial and practical support that the school will receive from a local business: <http://www.downsmail.co.uk/> Click on News & Sport and then the Business tab.

A few 'WANTED ITEMS, PLEASE': Your child will need an orange for our school Christingle on Thursday, 7th December. Also, we are always on the look-out for any Lego which is no longer being used at your house. Drop it at the office. And finally, we need a few old-fashioned toys for our KS2 Christmas production. If anyone has a wooden train, an old teddy bear, and a 'Victorian' type doll, we'd be very grateful. We'll take care of them!

Yours sincerely, *Chasey Crawford Usher*
Chasey Crawford Usher, Headteacher

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KLZ : www.klz.org.uk, then log-in with your child's log-in (in Homework Diary)

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SCHOOL NEWS

HOUR OF CODE

Next week during Computing studies, the children will be participating in an initiative called 'The Hour of Code'. More information can be found here <https://hourofcode.com.uk>

The Year 5 and 6 children will be talking with a visitor about coding in the real world.

On Friday 8th December, families are invited to see exactly what the children have been doing and perhaps teach the parents some coding! If you are interested, look out for the letter and return the reply slip to the school by Wednesday 6th December. No one is ever too old or young to learn how to code!



MP Tom Tugendhat congratulates the school on our Ofsted result

Tom is a great supporter of the schools in Tonbridge and Malling and we were delighted that he happened to be in school on the day our Ofsted report was released and could offer his personal congratulations.

Class Assemblies: 2018 DATES

- Orange Class 9th February
- Indigo Class 16th March
- Yellow Class 27th April
- Pink Class 11th May
- Green Class 8th June
- Red Class 22nd June

Please note that Orange Class's assembly will be their Shakespeare play in Feb/March and parents will be informed nearer the time.



CHURCH, SCHOOL and WORSHIP

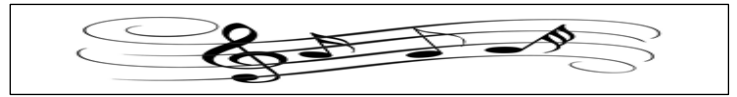
Our Christian value for this term is **PEACE**

We celebrated the start of Advent today with the first candle of 'Hope' lit to the patriarchs. We welcomed Father Nick into school on Thursday for worship for his retelling of the story of St John the Baptist wandering in the desert wilderness. What did John eat for all those days? I'll bet your child can remember!

Wateringbury School Orchestra will be playing in the church nativity at St John's on Sunday 17th December, 10:00am. Thank you to all players who can attend. Please be at church at 9:30am to set up. All families are warmly invited to attend this popular family service.

Advent Puppet Service, St Mary's Nettlestead, Sunday 3rd December, 10:30am. All welcome.

Our annual Christmas Carol Service is on Monday 18th December, 6pm. Children to arrive in school uniform from 5:45pm, thank you.



SPORTS NEWS



Netball and football fixtures with Yalding School

- At home, Wateringbury School
- December 4th at 3.15pm.

Come along and support your school teams!

Busy roads and dark afternoons



It's a busy and exciting time of year but please be careful when crossing the roads. Be sensible, look both ways and always use a crossing if there is one.

Penny Gutteridge is our 'lollipop lady'. She is on the crossing in the morning and the afternoon to help you and your children cross the road safely.

