

# NEWSLETTER

14th December 2018

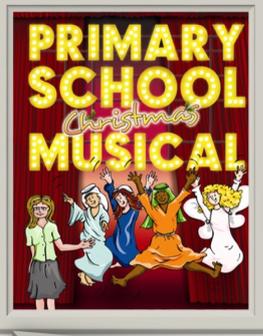
## Infant Nativity

We were so proud of the KS1 pupils for their performance of 'Whoops-a-Daisy Angel'. They sang every song with festive cheer, and they all spoke their lines clearly. Thank you to the parents for providing costumes, to all the staff with help at rehearsals and to Mrs Brinsley for the staging and props.



## High School Christmas Musical

What an amazing performance the boys and girls of Key Stage 2 gave us with their Christmas show this year. They acted, sang and danced their socks off, performing with so much enjoyment and confidence. The audience were wowed by the show about putting on a Christmas Production; the problems faced by the over eager Key Stage 2 teachers; the divas, Kylie and Jason and the kind and sweet Lily and Jamie who saved the day. The backstage crew did an amazing job as did the music and sound team. Well done Key Stage 2! You were magnificent! Thank you to our fabulous P & F Committee for serving refreshments at both the KS1 and KS2 productions.



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## Christmas is coming

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December - Whole School Pantomime (morning only):** We are very excited about our annual trip to the pantomime. Children need to wear full school uniform as usual please. Children will eat their packed lunch when we return to school (later than usual). Please send a healthy snack and a bottle of water for the pantomime. Children not going to the pantomime will be with Mrs Channon.

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December, 5:00pm - Whole School Carol Service, St Nicholas Church:** St Nicholas Church is very kindly hosting a Carol Service for the families and friends of Sandhurst Primary School. Children have been learning the carols in assemblies and we are looking forward to singing them with our whole school community. There will be readings and prayers from some of the children too.

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December, Whole School Christmas Lunch and - Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day:** We are supporting Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day. All children are invited to wear festive clothing of their choice and donations towards Save the Children will be gratefully received. Thank you.

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December, Key Stage 2 Christmas Party (a.m.) Key Stage 1 Christmas Party (p.m.):**

Children can wear their party clothes to school and wear them all day.

**Last day that children will need to wear school uniform is Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December for the Pantomime.**

## Athletics



What an absolute privilege it was to accompany these 18 children to the Indoor Athletics Festival on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December. There were such superstars in every sense: behaviour, athletic performances, teamwork and determination. There were outstanding performances throughout the day from our pupils in both the track and the field events. Well done and thank you all!

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## Project Salus

Pankhurst Class have been extremely fortunate to have been given the chance to work alongside Salus on a youth participation project. At the start of this month we met Mr Clarke, an experienced youth worker from Salus, who swooped into our classroom on a Tuesday morning and gave us the exciting news that for six weeks we would be embarking on our very own project. What that project would be was completely our choice, and we spent two weeks working as a team to decide upon the best project for our class and the rest of the school.

After careful planning and consideration, we decided that we would transform the quiet area in our room, to make it a truly safe haven for anyone who needed it. Not only could we enjoy it for the rest of the academic year, but year 4 classes for years to come could benefit from a lovely calm zone.

For the next few weeks we will focus on planning, painting and decorating our brand new quiet zone so we can reveal our hard work to the rest of the school. Mr Clarke has been teaching us how to compromise, work as a team, and become excellent leaders. We are sure, with all these new skills, our project will be a success. We have come up with a list of things we feel could help transform our zone so if you have anything lying in your loft you think would help us, please drop it into Darwin class. Things such as...

- Puzzles
- Board games
- Lava Lamp
- Cushions
- Old arm chair/chair
- Rug
- Posters



Thank you in advance; we can't wait for you all to see the finished project.



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## P & F Children's Christmas Shopping

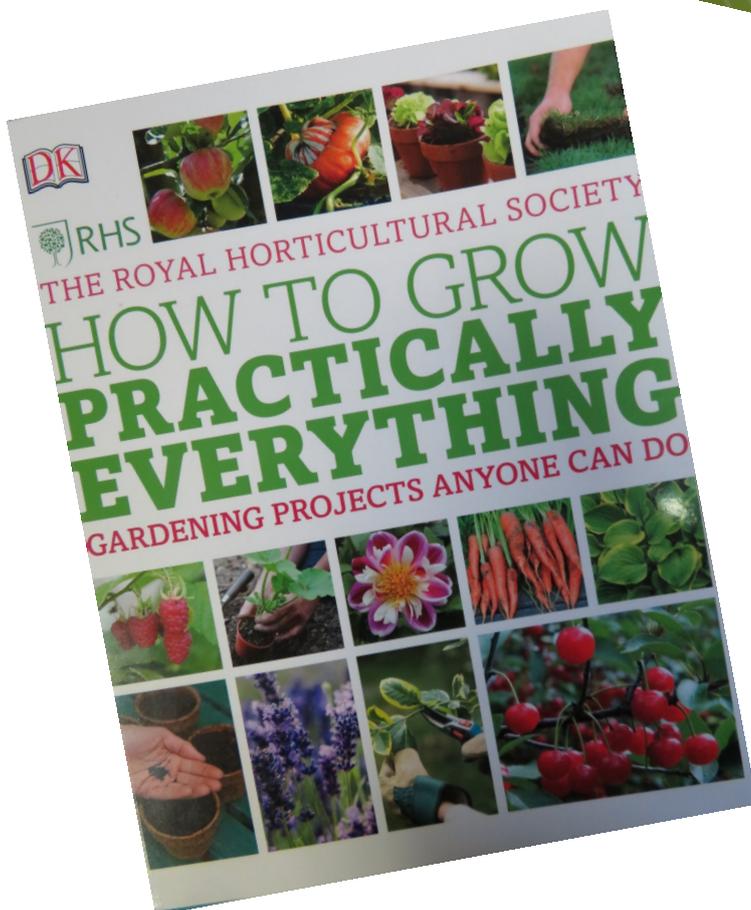
Potter Class loved having their buddies help them with their Christmas shopping, thank you to Parents and Friends for organising another fun and festive event for the children to enjoy.



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## Gardening Club Award

Congratulations to Mr Digby and gardening club for earning a Level Two in the R.H.S. Awards. The club was awarded a gardening book for their efforts too.

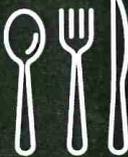


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## P & F Update

As we hurtle towards Christmas at lightning speed, the P&F Committee would like to take to this opportunity to thank all the Parents and Carers for your continued support. We have had a really successful term, making approx. £1,500 profit on the events we have run so far this year. 100% of the funds raised by the P&F are donated to the school to provide extras which aren't already covered by the school's main income – often fun things that enrich learning. This term, we have donated in excess of £3,500 to the school; the money went towards improvement to the KS1 playground and a contribution towards the whole school pantomime trip, meaning that parent contributions can again be kept as low as possible.

Highlights from this term include our annual Big Bang Fireworks, the Christmas Fayre and, of course, our much loved Christmas Shopping Event...we do hope that you love the special gifts your children have individually picked for you. But the fun doesn't stop there - we have been busy planning our events right up to the end of the year...so watch this space for news of next terms events, including discos, our annual quiz and much more.

We would also like to extend a special thank you to all the parents, carers and staff that have so kindly offered their time to help out at our events. We really couldn't run these without the additional help, so thank you.

All that is left to be said from us is that we hope you have a VERY Happy Christmas and look forward to your continued support in 2019.

Eve, Monique, Nicky and Sophie

## Attendance & Punctuality

| Class       | Percentage Attendance |
|-------------|-----------------------|
| Potter      | 95.9                  |
| Nightingale | 93.3                  |
| Darwin      | 96.5                  |
| Pankhurst   | 95.9                  |
| Shakespeare | 98.1                  |
| Churchill   | 99.2                  |

Last week's winners were:-

**Pankhurst**      **Attendance Ted**

**Potters**      **Punctuality Pup**

This weeks winners are:-

**Churchill**      **Attendance Ted**

**Shakespeare**      **Punctuality Pup**

Pup and Ted will be with you after Christmas.

Well done to all of the classes. Brilliant efforts!

## Christmas Jumper Day

On Tuesday 18th December we're inviting all pupils to take part in 'Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day'.

**We're asking pupils to make a £1 donation, or whatever they can give, to help save children's lives around the world.**

The money they raise will go to Save the Children, making sure every child, no matter where they're born, has essentials like food and water, healthcare, education, protection and shelter.

All your child needs to do is wear a festive woolly and bring in a suggested £1 donation. There's no need to splash out on snazzy new sweaters to join in the fun you could borrow or bling up an old woolly with a few decorations.

Children can wear casual clothes on their bottom half on this day.



**Save the Children**  
**CHRISTMAS**  
**JUMPER DAY**

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## Diary Dates

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| 17th Dec         | Whole school trip to Pantomime<br>Carol Concert St. Nicholas Church - Evening 5.00 p.m. |
| 18th Dec         | Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day   |
| 19th Dec         | Read and Discover Celebration assembly<br>KS1 and KS2 Parties                           |
| 20th Dec-2nd Jan | Christmas Holidays  |
| 3rd Jan          | Term 3 begins -Children back to school  |
| 14th Jan         | Year 6 Bikeability week   |
| 8th Feb          | P & F Disco 3.30 - 5.30 p.m.  |
| 18th Feb         | February holiday  |
| 25th Feb         | Term 4 begins -Children back to school  |
| 4th Mar          | Book Week   |
| 6th Mar          | Book Fair after school  |
| 7th Mar          | Book Fair After School  |
| 8th Mar          | Book Week Dress Up Assembly   |
| 12th Mar         | Year 6 Memory Book Photographer visiting<br>Parent Consultation Evening                 |
| 13th Mar         | Parent Consultation Afternoon   |
| 14th Mar         | KS2 Trip to Bethany School-Peter and the Wolf   |
| 15th Mar         | Comic Relief Day  |
| 29th Mar         | P & F Mother's Day Sale   |
| 5th April        | Easter Service Mission Church<br>P & F Easter Tombola after school<br>End of Term 4     |