



Dear Parents / Carers

We are already a third of the way through this current school year and so much has happened! We have enjoyed lots of trips and visits and the children have settled well and are making good progress. The children have adapted well to the new system of coming into school from 8.40 a.m. and this has had a very good impact on our attendance and punctuality figures. Thank you to all parents for supporting this new initiative.



*The Sleepy Shepherd*

We have also installed 'road safety banners' at the back and front of the school, which are there to remind parents to park further along the road when they drop off and collect their children. If you need to get off to work early in the morning, please take advantage of our 'breakfast club' which is open from 8.00am. Please phone Caroline Bale for further details.

Have a good Christmas break and happy 2017

*Mrs Oke*

These last few weeks of term have flown by, and we have especially enjoyed the various Christmas activities. Thank you to all the staff here who have helped put on the "Sleepy Shepherd" performances, carol singing at Castlecombe and the library, also those who have put together a party and pantomime and cooked and served a Christmas dinner. And thank you to the PTA for all their help organising the raffle, party and other fund-raising activities this term.

We look forward to the children returning to school on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January** (INSET day for staff on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>).



*Mottingham Library Christmas Display*

Thank you very much to all of the children at Dorset Road for providing the Artwork for the beautiful display in the Library.

Year 2 worked hard making the faces  
Year 1 made the trees  
Reception children made the houses

I think you will all agree that the display is probably one of the best we have ever done!

**Recent fundraising and charity collections**

Last month's "Poppy Appeal" raised £101.75 for RBL. Thank you to all who donated. The recent Book Fair enabled us to "buy" £82 of books, and the Olympic Athlete Event raised £362 for the school. The school has also been fortunate to receive donations from Albin's and the Co-op, which will be used to develop our 'Nurture Room'. Thank you to our families and local community who continue to support us.

Stop press – Save the Children Christmas Jumper day - £80

Money collected during our Christmas Nativity performances and staff charity collection will be donated to Great Ormond Street Hospital – we raised more than £70.

Other PTA fundraising included -

PTA Xmas raffle - £345

Christmas Fair - £93 **PTO for more news** →



### Spare underwear

Please can you put spare underwear and socks/tights in your child's book bag, just in case of accidents? Our stock at school is dwindling!

### New Parent Local Committee Member

We are pleased to welcome Mr Lee Garwood as our new Parent Local Committee Member

### Uniform

As you know, we now ask parents to order uniform direct from [www.stitchdesign.co.uk](http://www.stitchdesign.co.uk). However, we have a few of the following items left in the office for sale

- PE bags - £4
- PE t-shirts (5/6, 7/8) - £4.00
- Cardigans (24"/26") - £12.50
- Woolly hats - £4.50

Please ask Mrs Bale

### After School Clubs for Year 1 and Year 2

Please find attached the club application form. We are introducing some new clubs next term - hockey, tag rugby, jazz dance and musical theatre.

We will start clubs on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January, and this time, you are signing up for the WHOLE TERM up to the end of March.

**If you sign up for a club and your child does not attend for 3 consecutive weeks, the place will be offered to another child on the waiting list. We will inform you by text if this should happen.**

Please complete and return the form at the start of term. Mrs Bale will text to confirm place. Again, there is no fee for clubs, as they are paid for from our PE grant.

### Coming in to school

Please can I ask parents to be considerate of our neighbours before school. Please do not sit on walls or drop litter in the street. Thank you.

### Attendance

Our overall school attendance for this term is above 97%. Thank you for helping us to achieve this. Excellent attendance makes such a big difference to your child's attainment. The following children have been in school every day, morning and afternoon, this term, and will receive special pencils in the next WOW assembly.

#### Reception

- Heidi-Morgan
- Lola
- Betsy
- Robert
- Lyla
- Eva
- Ellie
- Florence
- Samuel

#### Year 1

- David
- Daisy