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Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to see so many of you on Monday coming in for our parental meetings. Many of you commented that the new format was so much better. The crèche was kept busy and, as usual, our children were very well behaved. Earlier this week you should have received a Christmas Memo to let you know what is happening in school during the Advent period. A copy is available on our website (under the tabs Parents – Letters)

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please remember that trainers are not part of our school uniform. We kindly ask that you support us by sending your child in wearing sensible black shoes, no trainers, no heels, no boots.

FREE NASAL FLU VACCINE (Years R – 4)

Nasal flu vaccines will be offered in school on 28th November. A letter will be coming home in the next few days with a questionnaire and consent form.

LEGO THERAPY

We are starting a Lego therapy group after Christmas. If anyone has any unwanted Lego sets that they would be willing to donate to our school please see Mrs O'Brien.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

If you wish for your child to attend the First Holy Communion programme this year, you are invited to attend the initial mass and gathering on Sunday 26th November in Corpus Christi Church at 11:00 am. You will be able to meet Fr Claro and the catechist team. Application forms will be available on this day.

LITERACY IN A BOX

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, our school council are running a raffle to raise funds for 'Literacy in a Box'. We are very excited to announce that we have secured some very exciting prizes: 2 tickets to Playzone, 5 tickets for Bowlplex, 2 VIP tickets to Vue Cinema, 1 main and 2 starters free at Pizza Express and a selection of items from Lush. Our School Council will be out selling raffle tickets for £2 a strip and ask that if you have any unwanted gifts that would be suitable for a raffle; they would welcome your donations. Thank you for your support.

What Learning is Happening Next Week?

YEAR R

Next week we will be starting a new story 'Can't you Sleep Little Bear?' We will be learning the story and finding out how to help little bear who is afraid of the dark. In order to do this we will be improving our fine motor skills and scissor control by making lanterns. In maths we will be investigating height and learning how to order bears from shortest to tallest. We are nearly at the end of our phase 2 phonics so we will be looking at double consonants and the ends of words **SS**, **LL** and **FF** and revising the key words we have already sent home



YEAR 1/2

In computing next week the children will be completing their alien collecting games which they are making on the computer– their aliens will be collecting digital underpants! They will then need to write clear instructions for their games. As of next week spelling homework will be going home more consistently to ensure we are consolidating the spelling skills they have been learning in school. When homework is sent out it will be available on the website. The spelling curriculum is already online in Curriculum - English so

that parents can effectively support their children. The first spelling home work should come home at the end of next week and then fortnightly afterward.

YEAR 3/4

Next week we will be going on our school trip to the Mary Rose Museum. A reminder that Mrs Miles' class is Monday, Mrs Fletcher's is Tuesday and Mrs Bennett and Mrs Blowes' is on the Wednesday. Children will need a waterproof coat and a packed lunch in a named plastic bag. The children will spend the day at the museum learning more about life on board the ship and why it sunk.

In English, the children will be focusing on including inverted commas (speech marks) in their stories that they have planned inspired by George's Marvellous Medicine.

YEAR 5/6

Next week in reading children will continue to work on their inference skills as we move onto chapter 4 of our class book Goodnight Mister Tom. In writing children will be planning and writing a narrative based on Portsmouth during the Blitz.

In maths we will be converting between mixed numbers and improper fractions and then moving on to adding and subtracting fractions. Year 5 children will be sitting tests in reading and maths.

PORTSMOUTH FRIENDS OF BAMENDA CHRISTMAS EVENT: St Joseph's Parish Hall

On 10 December, at St. Joseph's, from 3 to 5 pm, there will be a Christmas event of music and singing provided by the Portsmouth Pluckers, a ukulele group and the Corpus Christi School Choir and also some fun. Mince pies and mulled wine will be served with soft drinks available. The cost will be £5 per adult; children over 14 will be £3 and under 14's will be free. Tickets will be on sale from the school office. These will be limited so buy early. Money raised will go to supporting orphaned and disabled children in Bamenda.

Best Class Attendance week commencing 6th November 2017

Mrs Packer 100%

Golden Book Entries

James (Yr 6 SG)	For working really hard to improve his handwriting
Nancy (Yr 3 AM)	For working independently to solve a range of maths problems
Fiona, Leona and David (Yr 2 CP)	For using addition and subtraction facts to solve problems
Zofia (Yr 2 LJ)	For detailed description of what happened to the toys in space!
Nicolas (Yr 2 LJ)	For a great piece of writing that used conjunctions. Well done!
Elizabeth (Ladybirds)	For an amazing painting of a huge brown bear!

Diary Dates – Please see website for further details

Mon 20 th Tues 21 st and Wed 22 nd Nov	Yr 3/4 trip to Mary Rose Museum
Thursday 23 rd Nov	Yr 2 LJ Assembly
Tuesday 28 th Nov	School Nurses – Nasal Flu Vaccine Yr R-4 (with permission)
Wednesday 29 th Nov	Non-uniform day in aid of Literacy in a Box
Friday 1 st Dec 2.30 p.m.	Blessing of the Advent Wreaths followed by Celebration Assembly

Thank you,

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