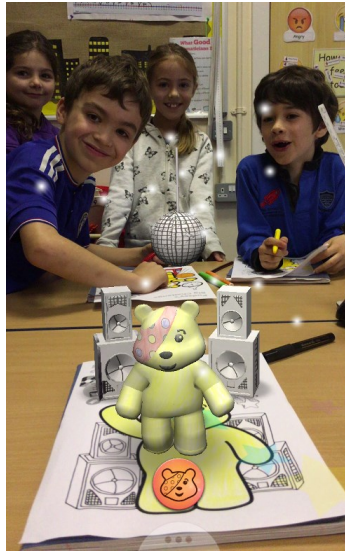


Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who donated money for **Children in Need** and the **Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal** last Friday. We raised an amazing £189 ! A special thank you goes to the **School Council** who did a fantastic job of organizing “*Hit the Spot*” for each class. You have made a positive difference. *Kim Wilcox, Headteacher*



Stars of the Week

- YR— Ruaridh Melrose & Sam Robinson
- Y1— Leo Haworth & Ciara Browne
- Y2— Beatrice Anderson & Talia Mongey
- Y3— Sophie Hartley-Nadhar & Ted Coyle
- Y4— River Legge-Elliott
- Y6— Lydia Calais & Nathan Richardson

Sports Ambassadors Training Day

On 29th November the Sports Ambassadors (**Alex, Charlie, Zoe and Georgina**) went to Burgate school to

have a training day. In the morning we played lots of fun games and even were included in a Year7 PE lesson! We played a few games such as Badminton and Basketball. After lunch, we decided on a few main ideas for the year. Our main targets are **to bring more people to sport** and **to continue the Olympic Legacy**. We had a great time and have lots of fun ideas for the whole year! *By the Sports Ambassadors*

Letters this week

- Infant Nativity Cotumes
- Christmas Dinner menu
- Fordingbridge Christmas trail
- School Christmas Service Arrangements



Year 5 & 6 Sportshall Athletics

On 24th November eight children from years 5 and 6 went to an athletics tournament at Ringwood Leisure centre. We did running and lots of jumping and throwing. We did very well and won some of the running races and at the end came 7th. All of us would do it again and had lots of fun. Thank you to **Mrs Sherwood, Mrs Downing and Mrs Hansen** for taking us. The children who participated in this event were: **Georgina Downing, Charlie Patton, Zoe Hansen, Fergus Bouskell, Tilly Phillips, Romalie Berjaoui, Jamie Sulman and Ilya Ihnatenko.** *By Georgina Downing*



Colder weather is here! Emergency Closure Procedures

In the event of snow we will always endeavour to keep the school open but if we do have to close then we will communicate this to parents in the following ways:

- Put on the **front page of our own website:** <http://www.westerndownland.hants.sch.uk>
- Inform **HCC who will display on their website and inform local radio stations** BBC Radio Solent, Heart South Coast, The Breeze, The Coast, The Park FM, Wave 105 and Spire FM. (<http://www.hants.gov.uk/education/schoolclosures>).
- Send an **email to all parents on our distribution list.**

Further details, including protocol for any interruption to the bus service, will be sent out next week.



Keeping Safe On-Line

Children are using technology and exploring the online world from a younger age. **Thinkuknow** are developing a new resource to help build young children's resilience online and give them the skills to explore all the digital world has to offer safely.

Our school uses the **Thinkuknow** education programme to help your child learn about staying safe online. Please complete this survey to have your say about what you would like to see in their next resource for 4 to 7 year olds. <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/parentsscarers4-7s> There is a link on our school website if you would like to learn more about how to keep your child safe using technology.



Reminders



Flu Immunisations on **Monday 4th Dec** for years R to 4.

Choir singing at Salisbury Christmas Market on **Tues 5th Dec**

Y2 singing at Damerham Tea & Chat **Weds 6th Dec**



News from the Friends of Western Downland

Next meeting dates: **11th Jan** @ The Churchill Arms, **1st Mar** @ The Compasses and **10th May** @ The Churchill. All meetings start at 7pm. All Welcome !

Please remember to use the Amazon Easy Fundraising link on our school website if ordering any presents from Amazon, as the school gets funding from this!



Autumn Term 2017

Mon 4 th December	Flu Immunizations – Infant site and Years 3 & 4
Tues 5 th December	Choir at Salisbury Christmas Market 2pm
Weds 6 th December	Year 2 sing at Tea & Chat 2.15pm
Thurs 7 th December	Y1/2 Gymnastics @ New Milton
Sun 10 th December	Choir @ Damerham Ecumenical Christmas Service 3pm
Tues 12 th December	Y5/6 Handball @ Totton
Wed 13 th December	School Christmas Services (afternoon & evening)
Fri 15 th December	School Christmas Dinner & School Christmas Jumper Day
Fri 15 th & Sat 16 th December	The Peculiar Panto Players—“Toot and Come In” @ the Victoria Rooms, Fordingbridge
Weds 19 th December	Rainbow Class trip to Salisbury Playhouse
Fri 22 nd Dec – Weds 3 rd Jan	Christmas Holiday

Spring Term 2018

Thurs 4 th January	Return to school
Mon 12 th - Fri 16 th February	Half-Term
Mon 19 th February	INSET DAY
Fri 30 th March— Fri 13 th April	Easter Holiday

Summer Term 2018

Mon 16 th April	Return to School
Mon 16 th - Weds 18 th April	Year 5 Tile Barn Residential
Mon 14 th - Fri 18 th May	KS2 (Year 6) SATs
Fri 25 th May	INSET DAY
Mon 28 th May - Fri 1 st June	Half Term
Mon 4 th - Fri 8 th June	Year 6 Wales Residential
Mon 23 rd July	INSET DAY