



We have had a very busy November including Remembrance Day, Odd Socks Day and Children in Need. This is in addition to the engaging topics the children have been involved in. We do hope you have seen the topic leaflets on our website. These will give you a flavour of the learning currently taking place.

Please remember that while we are unable to have you inside and face to face contact is minimal, we still pride ourselves on being an open and welcoming school. We encourage you to contact us via the school office, the year group Gmail account or request a phone call from the class teacher. We will continue to do our best to answer any questions or provide support in whichever way we can.



Year R Phonics Webinar

This year as we are unable to invite you into the year R classrooms to show you how we teach phonics, we invite you to join us on Thursday 3rd December at 5pm via Zoom. The Reception teachers will explain how we teach phonics and share some videos of the children learning to illustrate this. Please complete the form which will be in your child's book bag or online and we will send you a link. We will ask you to join us with your camera and microphone off, so you may just listen! There will be an opportunity to ask questions using the chat function which we will answer at the end.



Christmas fun for all year R children at Rainbow after school Club

Why not make the most of this special opportunity to leave your year R child in the care of Mrs Bateman and Mrs Freemantle while you do some extra Christmas shopping or preparation!

From Monday 7th December we will be running some special Christmas sessions from 3 – 5.30pm. There will be a Christmas cooking session, Christmas Art and Craft session and Christmas party games. Due to Covid bubble restrictions this is limited to Year R children only.

Mon 7th December – Christmas cooking

Tues 8th December – Christmas art and craft

Wednesday 9th December – Christmas party games

Mon 14th December - Christmas art and craft

Tuesday 15th December – Christmas cooking

Wednesday 16th December – Christmas party games

We have 15 spaces on each day so book early by e mailing the office to secure your place! The usual session price of £10 applies.



Drop off request

Thank you for supporting us with our new pick up arrangements at the end of the day. Informal feedback suggests that the system has improved and importantly the children and teachers have more learning time.

We do have a couple of requests:

Please do not arrive too early and before 3pm if possible as the queue backs up onto Avenue Road! We have to wait until Pre-school have sent all their children home before we let our Infant parents in, so opening earlier is not an option for us.

Please keep moving! There are approx 180 parents picking up and we need to keep the one way system moving and the entrance/exit by the zebra crossing clear. We kindly request that once you have collected your child, that you continue to move around the school until you are off the school site. Please save snacks and chats until you are on the move!

Oakhaven Light Up a Life

Watch out for our contribution to Oakhaven Light Up a Life! We will let you know when our school features!



Christmas

As we head towards December thoughts are beginning to turn to Christmas and we are planning how to make this a special time in school for the children. Our Friends of School have some great ideas which they are busy putting into action and we will share these Christmas activities as much as we can via our website and twitter feed.

The children will have Christmas parties, Christmas lunch, Christmas activities and a special 'virtual visit'.

If your child wishes to send Christmas cards then these can be exchanged within the year group bubble only. There will be a post box in Year 1, Year 2 and Year R. We are still planning to do a nativity 'with a difference' and hoping to put together a video to share with you in the last week of term. We also hope to include our friends at Linden house and the other care homes where the Robins choir usually sing.

Christmas lunch is on Wednesday 16th December. Children can dress up in something Christmassy! (no fancy dress please)

Christmas jumper day- 11th December – wear your Christmas jumper (with non-school uniform).



Virtual Briefing

Mr Tywman (the head teacher of the Junior School) and I will be hosting a virtual Parents briefing on Tuesday 1st December. There is a choice of two times, either 11am or 5pm and we anticipate the session will last approx 30 minutes. The links to the meeting are below. Please submit any questions beforehand by emailing the school office and we will do our best to answer them.

11am <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81036995755>

5pm <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86704076152>

For those of you unable to attend, we will summarise the meeting and make this available in the following days.

Google classroom

All children will be encouraged to use Google classroom for a special Advent Reading activity during the month of December. We will have Christmas bedtime stories read by members of staff. Details to follow! Please ensure you keep your child's log on details somewhere safe and that you have been able to access Google classrooms. All home learning projects will be posted on this platform every half term. Please contact us if you need support to set up, navigate or access this learning.



Parking

We have received several complaints from the residents of Plantation Court about parents parking in their grounds at drop-off and pick-up times. Can we please remind you it's a private parking area. Advance warning: The slip road off Avenue Road leading to the football ground will be closed from 3rd December for 3 days.

Please find attached the Park and Stride ticket which is valid for parking in any NFDC car park near the Lylington Infant and Junior school site between 8.15-9.15am and 14.35-15.35 Monday to Friday (Term time only and valid until 18th December 2020).

Dates for Your Diary

Friday 11th December:

Christmas Jumper Day. All donations go to Save The Children.



Wednesday 16th December:

Christmas Lunch Day (A lunch will be ordered for every child in school, please encourage your child to have a school lunch on this special day. Thank you.

Sunshine Breakfast Club

We currently have places in our popular Sunshine breakfast club. This is for all year groups and is available from 7.45am until the start of school. Friendly, flexible and fun – no need to book, just turn up! Breakfast included! £4 a session.