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*Independent Learners for Life*

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Dear Parents and Carers



Last week, Year 6 went to Hindleap for their residential week and I must start by saying thank you to the Year 6 children and to Miss Chalk, Mrs Clarke, Mrs Wickham, Mr Moore, Mrs Gaye, Mrs Morgan and her partner Roger, Mr Plunkett, Mrs Cooper and Mr Arnold who went with the children. The children were very well behaved, polite and very supportive of one another. We were so pleased that, but not really too surprised, that the instructors at Hindleap Warren commented on how well our children behaved during the week. It was a wonderful week of personal challenges, new experiences, excitement, fun and enjoyment. It was tiring and non-stop for everyone, but I know we see a different side to your children when they are away on a residential and



I'm sure they see us in a different light too (especially at 6.00am in the morning or earlier)! I hope they have talked constantly this weekend about their experiences. I especially want to thank all the staff who go as without them these residential could not even be contemplated. Staff are constantly on call 24 hours a day and they leave their families and children behind to go. I'm sure you will all extend your thanks to the staff as well.



Mr Moore writes:

The Year 6s had a fantastic time at Hindleap, their behaviour was superb and they pushed themselves to achieve things they never thought possible. From climbing to the top of a tower and leaping into the unknown; showing Robin Hood how it should be done on the archery range; flying through Ashdown Forest on a zip wire; going through underground tunnels with the absence of light; licking an ancient tree (yes, you did read that correctly!)... the list goes on.

Rev. Jamie Lavery has emailed to say:

'Elim Crawley Carpark will be closed on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November at both the morning drop off and afternoon pickup as we are hosting a Christians Against Poverty regional conference and we will need all our car parking spaces to be available on the day'. Thank you for your consideration.



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Evie Louis Jean Wood has arrived! I am sure you will all join us in sending congratulations to Miss Cooper and Mr Wood on the birth of their gorgeous baby girl who arrived on Thursday. All are doing well.

### Leaf certificates



Well done to all the children who received a Leaf Certificate. The leaves are displayed on our tree in the hall. There were no leaves for Year 6 this week as they were at Hindleap and Heron class were at Forest school so Heron Class will find out who was awarded their leaf today. I will mention their name next week in the newsletter.

A special well done to our Year 1 children, Don Abdoulaye in Squirrel Class and Leah Potter in Hedgehog Class, Year 2 celebrated Luke Herbert in Fox Class and Jerron Edwards in Badger Class, Year 3 celebrated Joel Aideyan in Robin Class and Madison Carter in Chaffinch Class, Year 4 celebrated Grace Muller in Swallow Class and Mia Gibbs in Swift Class and Year 5 celebrated Timothy Stacey in Kingfisher Class.

### 250 House points



We are giving out stickers for children who receive 250 House Points and a mention in the newsletter from this term. Well done to these children who have already worked incredibly hard to accumulate 250 house points already! Keep it up for the 500 House Point certificate.

Ellen Dempster, William Walker, Tayan Mutagaya, Max Spurgeon, Paul Nixon, Mikey Kirkman, Charlie Booth, Finn O'Driscoll, Shay Timlin and Madison Carter in Chaffinch Class, Joel Aideyan and Jack Chase in Robin Class, Dhilan Patel, Megan Verbeeten and Grace Lovell in Heron Class and Josh Roadley, Abby Pudney and Ellie Spurgeon in Owl Class.

### School disco



Don't forget that the school disco is this Thursday.

15:45 - 17:45: Years 1-3  
18.00 – 19.00: Years 4-6

Many thanks to the PTA for organising this event. Tickets, £2.50, are on sale before school from the library.

### NCT meetings for parents



During November we will be holding a meeting for Year 2 parents/carers and a meeting for Year 6 parents/carers to provide information about the National Curriculum Tests (NCTs) that happen at the end of Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. There will be an opportunity to look at past papers, view the dates and timetable and ask questions. The Year 2 meeting will be on Tuesday 15th November and the Year 6 meeting will be on Tuesday 22nd November. Both meetings begin at 6:00pm and will last approximately 1 hour.

### Christmas lunch and Christmas Jumper day



We will be enjoying Christmas lunch on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December. All children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 are entitled to a free Christmas lunch. If you would like a lunch and your child is in Year 3, 4 5 and 6 please go to Chartwells online ordering system. You will have to order, online, no later than Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2016.

We will also be asking if you would like to join in with 'Save the Children Wear a Christmas Jumper Day. Our suggested donation to wear a jumper is £1. This was very popular last year and I'm sure it will be again!



### Christmas Tree



Our Christmas tree is being delivered on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November. RB Commercial Heating Contractors are very kindly donating our tree. We are very grateful to them.

Last year the children made homemade decoration to decorate the tree and it looked lovely. This year we are going to have a theme- 'The Twelve Days of Christmas'. Each class will have part of the well-known carol as their theme. Please make your decorations at home and if you would like the decoration returned please put a name on the back. I am sure this year the tree will look amazing again. Please don't think you have to make the correct number, just 1 drummer drumming or even a drum will be

wonderful.

Decorations can be brought in from Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you.

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| Reception | Butterfly and Ladybird | Stars                    |
| Year 1    | Hedgehog               | Partridge in a Pear Tree |
|           | Squirrel               | Two Turtle Doves         |
| Year 2    | Fox                    | Three French Hens        |
|           | Badger                 | Four Calling Birds       |
| Year 3    | Robin                  | Five Golden Rings        |
|           | Chaffinch              | Geese a Laying           |
| Year 4    | Swift                  | Swans a Swimming         |
|           | Swallow                | Maids a Milking          |
| Year 5    | Heron                  | Ladies Dancing           |
|           | Kingfisher             | Lords a Leaping          |
| Year 6    | Owl                    | Pipers Piping            |
|           | Woodpecker             | Drummers Drumming        |

### Diary Dates

I will try to give you as much notice as possible about forthcoming events at school. We will try not to change dates and times, but sometimes we do need to due to circumstances beyond our control.

Please keep checking these dates and times as I will update them every week. New dates added are in bold.

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| Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> November          | 9.30am Reception visit from 'The Story Museum'  |
| <b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November</b>   | <b>3.30pm Chaffinch class Structured Conversations in Mrs Hine's office</b>   |
| <b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November</b> | <b>Year 1 Super Hero Day</b><br>9.15am Prospective Reception 2016-17 (current Nursery children) parents tour of school                    |
| Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> November       | 4.45-5.45pm Years 1,2 and 3 School Disco<br>6.00-7.00pm Years 4, 5 and 6 School Disco<br>Tickets, £2.50, will be on sale from the library |
| <b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November</b>   | 9.15am Prospective Reception 2017-18 parents tour of school<br><b>1.00pm Year 3/4 Badminton competition</b>                               |
| Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November        | 6.00pm Year 2 National Curriculum Test meeting for parents  |
| Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> November       | 9.15am Woodpecker Class worship. Parents are very welcome to attend.  |
| Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> November         | Children in Need Day. Details to follow.  |
| Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November        | 6.00pm Year 6 National Curriculum Test meeting for parents  |
| Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> November       | 9.15am Owl Class worship. Parents are very welcome to attend.   |
| Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> November       | 10.00-2.00 pm St Margaret's Church Advent Fair  |
| Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> November         | Non uniform day in return for a donation to the PTA Christmas Hamper. More details nearer the time  |
| Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> November      | 8.50 am High Ashurst meeting for parents in Year 4  |
| Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> December        | 9.15am Year 5 Eucharist service<br>7.00-9.00pm PTA Christmas Shopping evening   |
| Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December         | 2.30pm Year 1 and 2 Nativity Performance to parents<br>After School Santa's Grotto. More details nearer the time.                         |
| Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December       | 2.30pm Year 1 and 2 Nativity Performance to parents   |
| Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December          | 9.30 Reception Nativity Performance to parents  |
| Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December       | 9.45am Year 3 & 4 Carol Service at Church<br>10.30am Year 5 & 6 Carol Service at Church<br>Parents very welcome in Church.                |
| <b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b>   | <b>Christmas Lunch</b>  |

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|  | <b>Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children. Suggested donation £1</b><br>Last day of Autumn term |
| Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2017                 | Inset Day 3   |
| Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January                    | First day of Spring term  |
| Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> January                    | 9.15am Swallow Class worship. Parents are very welcome to attend.                                   |
| Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> January                      | Closing date for applications for Reception 2016-17   |
| Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> January                      | Swimming starts for Year 4, Swallow Class, for 10 weeks   |
| Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February                    | 9.15am Year 4 Eucharist service   |
| Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> February                    | 9.15am Kingfisher Class worship. Parents are very welcome to attend.                                |
| Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> February                   | 9.15am Swift Class worship. Parents are very welcome to attend.                                     |
| Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February                     | Inset day 4   |
| Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> –Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb | Half term   |
| Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> March                       | 9.15am Chaffinch Class worship. Parents are very welcome to attend.                                 |
| Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> March                      | 9.15am Heron Class worship. Parents are very welcome to attend.                                     |
| Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March                      | 9.15am Year 3 Eucharist service   |
| Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> April                         | Last day of Spring term   |
| Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> April                        | First day of Summer term  |
| Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> April                      | 9.15am Year 2 Eucharist service   |
| Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> May                         | 9.15am Badger Class worship. Parents are very welcome to attend.                                    |
| Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> May                        | 9.15am Fox Class worship. Parents are very welcome to attend.                                       |
| Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> -2 <sup>nd</sup> June        | Half term   |
| Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June                        | Sports day  |
| Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June                       | 9.15am Hedgehog Class worship. Parents are very welcome to attend.                                  |
| Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June                        | Reserve Sports day  |
| Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> June                       | 9.15am Squirrel Class worship. Parents are very welcome to attend.                                  |
| Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June                         | Inset day 5   |
| Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July                        | 9.15am Ladybird Class worship. Parents are very welcome to attend.                                  |
| Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July                       | 9.15am Butterfly Class worship. Parents are very welcome to attend.                                 |
| Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July                       | 9.15am Year 1 Eucharist service   |
| Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July                        | Last day of Summer term   |

Thank you for your support.

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