

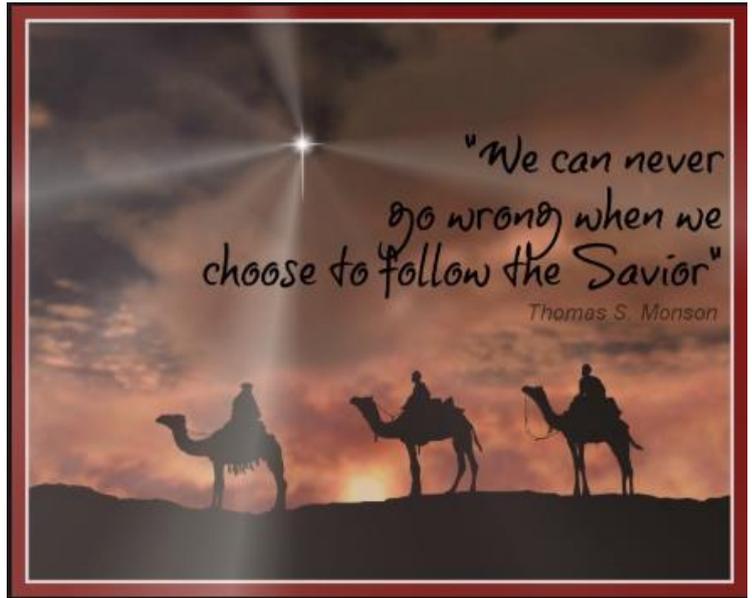


A message from Mrs Hordell

It was lovely to see so many children's smiling faces at our recent Year R and KS1 Nativity and KS2 Carol Concerts; the children performed beautifully and with great enthusiasm, helping our school community to place Jesus at the centre of our Christmas celebrations. Well done to the all of the children and also to the staff and volunteers who worked so hard to help the children prepare.

I would like to wish you all a very happy and blessed Christmas and look forward to seeing you all in the New Year on Tuesday 8th January.

Best wishes
Nicola Hordell



Love and hope in action – please support our food bank collection

Please remember that we have a box in our main reception area for donations to our local food bank (The Beacon Food Bank, Portsdown Community Church, Meridian Centre). There is a very high demand on the food bank, particularly at this time of the year, so all donations will be very gratefully received. Items needed include:

Coffee and Tea	Tinned Meat, tuna	Cooking Sauces
Pasta Sauces	Soup	Jam or Marmalade
Rice	Tinned Vegetables or Fruit	Meals in a tin
Sugar (500g)	Custard	Biscuits
Cereals	Rice Puddings	Bottles of Squash

Reminders and updates – please read carefully

- Please could I ask all parents to note the uniform requirements in relation to coats, hats and scarves as we are now experiencing much colder weather: **Hats, coats and bags** Winter hats, gloves and scarves must be plain navy, black or red only. A winter hat is available from Skoolkit (this is optional). Boys and girls wear a navy blue or black plain top coat. A school coat with a logo is available.
- Thank you and good luck to Mr Reed and Miss Rankin who have spent this term working with Mrs Cowdry in Year 2 as part of their teacher training course this year. I would like to wish Mrs Hatton well as she moves on to take up a post in her new school and also Mrs Boxall as she joins the NHS CAHMS team after Christmas. We will be welcoming Mrs Pryke to the office team in January; Mrs Pryke is very experienced and worked with us a few years ago to cover a period of staff absence. I am delighted that she was available to support us in the school office during the recruitment process for Mrs Boxall's role next half term.
- Our end of term Eucharist is taking place on **Friday 21st December at 2.15pm** in the school hall. Parents are welcome to join us for this very special service. It is likely that the Eucharist will end by 3.15pm and parents are welcome to collect their children early if they wish to at 3.15pm.
- Please remember that school bags can now be paid for on TUCASI and then collected in school. (School bags are not available in Skoolkit).
- Please remember that music fees for peripatetic lessons need to be paid before children can start their lessons again in January (online via TUCASI). Thank you.



Congratuatiions

Well done to the children who were rewarded this term with a special tea party. Each term a child is nominated from each class to attend the Headteacher's tea party because they have shown love to others. Well done Sofia (Yr R), Diego (Yr 1), Star (Yr 2), Tilly (Yr 3), Rosie (Yr 4), Isabella (Yr 5) and Liam (Yr 6).

Applications for Year R – September 2019 entry

If your child was born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015, they will be eligible to start school in the school year beginning September 2019. Applications can be submitted from 1st November 2018 via the Hampshire County Council website at www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions.

The closing date for applications is 15th January 2019 (midnight). Parents will be notified of a school place on 16th April 2019 (typically by email unless you have submitted a paper application instead of doing this online, in which case you will be informed by letter).

Please remember, if you would like to apply under the faith criteria (linked to church attendance), you must also complete a school 'supplementary information form' and return to the school by the deadline of 15th January 2019. These are available on our website and if you have difficulty downloading this form, please ask for a copy from the school office. Our admissions policy is also available on our website.

Keyboard play day

Hampshire music service invites you to our 'Play Day' to discover new music and meet other young keyboard players – **Sunday 27th January 2019, 9.30 – 3.30pm, at Horndean Technology College, PO8 9PQ.**

Young keyboard players, beginner to grade/stage 3, from across Hampshire will form a one-off ensemble. They will receive expert tuition, at just £7, from Hampshire Music Service tutors and perform in a 3pm concert to family and friends. To register, please call the music service on 023 80652037 or email music.service@hants.gov.uk



Diary dates

<u>December</u>	
Friday 21 st	am Y5/6 party 2.15pm Eucharist (at school)
Mon 24 th Dec - Fri 4 th Jan	Christmas holidays
<u>January</u>	
Monday 7 th	Inset day
Tuesday 8 th	Children return to school
Tuesday 15 th	Closing date for Year R admissions (Hampshire)
Thursday 24 th	Year 2 class worship – parents welcome (9.10am in the hall)
Thursday 31 th	Year 5 class worship – parents welcome (9.10am in the hall)
<u>February</u>	



Thursday 7 th	Year 6 class worship – parents welcome (9.10am in the hall)
Tuesday 12 th	Safer internet day and assembly/activities
Thursday 14 th February	Year 4 class worship – parents welcome (9.10am in the hall)
Friday 15 th	HSA Cake sale 3.30pm
Monday 18 th -22 nd	Half term
Monday 25 th	Inset day
March	
Wednesday 6 th	Curriculum open afternoon - worship and prayer stations 2.30pm – 4pm
Thursday 7 th	World book day activities
Tuesday 12 th	Parents evening 2.15pm - 5.45pm
Thursday 14 th	Parents evening 4pm – 7pm
Friday 15 th	Red nose day (activities tbc)
Thursday 21 st	Year 3 class worship – parents welcome (9.10am in the hall)
Friday 22 nd March	HSA Film Night
Thursday 28 th	Year 1 class worship – parents welcome (9.10am in the hall)
April	
Wednesday 3 rd	Reward tea party with Mrs Hordell
Thursday 4 th	HSA Easter Egg hunt
Friday 5 th	Eucharist (2.15pm at St Alban's Church)
Mon 8 th - Mon 22 nd	Easter Holidays & Bank holiday

Inset day reminders

Monday 7th January

Monday 24th June