



# NEWSLETTER

Term 2, Week 7 2018

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## This Week...

We have had such a busy week in school!

On Monday, all the children enjoyed the Pantomime (Jack and the Beanstalk), generously paid for by The Friends. Later in the week, Key Stage 1 performed a lovely Nativity to parents and Reception children enjoyed 'Stay and Play' sessions with parents. The choir have been out in the community spreading Christmas cheer with their singing at Elstree Nursing Home and the 'Coffee Pot'. Thank you to Mrs White for co-ordinating.

On Thursday, we said farewell and good luck to Mrs Ledingham who is embarking on new adventures after dedicating 11 years to supporting the children of St John's Meads - not only through financial management but also through her work alongside The Friends, running cooking and maths clubs and teaching the children to swim!

Today, Year 6 performed 'Twas the Night Before Christmas' (the Mexican version!) to the school in assembly. We then congratulated a number of children for achievements outside of school: Louisa (Yr4) has attended a six week after school Arts Council Award scheme at the Towner Art Gallery inspired by their current exhibition, The Everyday and Extraordinary.



Sophia (Y4) has won gold in her first CACL gymnastics competition. She also won a trophy for being the strongest gymnast! Austin (Y4) was awarded his community impact badge for his understanding and demonstration of how to be kind to our environment which included swapping his old plastic woggle for a new one made of natural material. He was also awarded his astronomer badge for his involvement in an evening trip to Herstmonceux science observatory. Dawson (Y1) has been awarded a Man of the Match medal at football training with LPA Academy for his excellent football skills.

Christmas is almost here!

*Katherin Weeks*

## Term Dates and Coming Events

### DECEMBER

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup>** Christmas Lunch – Please order the lunch in advance by Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec using [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com) and choose the main meal or vegetarian option (no jacket potato option).

Wear your Christmas jumpers with your school uniform and bring £1 donation in aid of **Save the Children**

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>** 9.30am Reception Class Christmas Singing  
**6.00pm Christmas Carol Service at St John's Church**

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>** Last day of Term 2  
**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>** 10am Nativity at St John's Church

### January 2019

#### Term 3

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup>** INSET DAY (Staff training)

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup>** School Open for children

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup>** Closing date: YR Admission 2019

<http://www.meads.e-sussex.sch.uk/term-dates/>

## Faith in the Family

The excitement in school is building as we hear stories about the first Christmas, take part in Nativities and prepare for Carol services. It reminds me of what the angel told the shepherds "I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people." (Luke 2:10) As we immerse ourselves in the joy of the season, spend some time thinking and praying for those who find no joy in Christmas.

*Kim Leach*



## Rainbow Awards

Reception – Tabitha Cornwall  
Year 1 – Rocco Movafagh  
Year 2 – Alyssa Jourdain  
Year 3 – Benjamin Hatton  
Year 4 – Paige Sharman  
Year 5 – Minty Cooke  
Year 6 – Samuel Wolfe





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## Christmas Lunch

Please order Monday's Christmas lunch in advance by Sunday 16th Dec using [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com) and choose the main meal or vegetarian option (please disregard the jacket potato option).

On Parent Pay you will be shown the standard Monday Week 2 options as not all schools in the county are having Christmas lunches on the same day. If you would like Roast Turkey please choose Main Meal Pizza, if you would like Quorn Fillet please choose Vegetarian option Biryani.

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**Main Meal** - Roast Turkey, Stuffing, Cocktail Sausage and Gravy with Roast Potatoes, Peas and Carrots

**Vegetarian Meal** - Quorn Fillet, Stuffing, Gravy with Roast Potatoes, Peas and Carrots

**Desert** - Chocolate Dipped Shortbread or Fruit Salad



## Pantomime pictures – Jack and the Beanstalk



## Friends

We are delighted to announce the final amount raised at our Christmas Fayre was **£2,145.91!**

We would like to sincerely thank everyone for their generous contributions, help and support to make this event successful. We very much look forward to seeing these raised funds benefit our children and school. We would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! *The Friends*