

COMPTON ALL SAINTS' C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

25th November 2016

Hello everyone, I hope you are all well.

The term is moving very quickly and mentioning Christmas no longer seems out of place. We shall be very happy to see Falcons class return to school this afternoon from their residential at Beaulieu. Though there are some advantages to their absence (more room on the playground, one sitting for lunch so more playtime for everyone) we do miss them. The singing isn't quite as loud in assemblies, the library is quiet and some of the younger children miss their older playground friends. They have had a super time away, though, making the sort of memories that last a lifetime. A huge thank you to Miss Hewitt, Mrs Walters and Mrs Walkinshaw for devoting five days of 24/7 to make it happen.



Ladybirds Class

This week the children have been doing lots of science-based activities from the poem 'All Join In' by Quentin Blake. This is a poem about weather and the children have been watching the rain run down surfaces, investigating puddles and mixing chalk colours with them. The Year 1s have been practising their number bonds to ten and Year Rs their sight recognition of the words 'I', 'to' and 'go'. Another very important activity this week has been learning to use the new sellotape dispensers properly!



Hedgehogs Class

Weather has also been a key feature of lessons in Hedgehogs class this week. The children have been writing weather reports and acting them out in the 'studio' in their classroom. Mrs Sollom came in to help them with this too, sharing her 'top tips' for good TV presenting with the class. As part of the weather topic, the children have also been comparing weather in different places, including in St Petersburg in Russia – something one of their class members knew lots about! In addition, they have been exploring shape in Maths and, of course, rehearsing the Nativity.



Foxes Class

Do have a look at the class page for Foxes on the school website – it contains lots of photos and information about what all the children have been up to. Amongst lots of other things, the children have been finding out as much information as they can about electricity through practical experimentation. They have also been working on writing instructions, practising multiplication and division and considering the relationship between pictures and maps of different cities.



Falcons Class

Children in Falcons class have been feeding and mucking out farm animals, conducting river studies, orienteering, pond dipping and visiting Beaulieu Motor Museum. I can vouch for the fact that they were all having a great time, having joined them for breakfast and a morning in the woods on Wednesday.



Compton School's Amazing Fundraising:-

Children In Need 2017

Our non-school uniform Day raised £140.

We had a fun filled spotty day and were entertained by an amazing line up of children during the talent show.

Thank you to everyone who supported this great cause.



Compton School Association Autumn Events Round-up

- Cake Sales have raised £485 – Thank you so much for bringing in your yummy cakes to be sold and for buying them too!
- The very popular Film Night raised £317 (the running of which was made easy by the fabulous behaviour of all your children).
- Bag2School – please see below
- The Quiz Night was great fun and so brilliantly supported. It raised approximately £950 including the sale of LEGO bricks for the “Buy a Brick” fund.

So far you have helped raise **£2,103** which is just amazing.

The CSA couldn't raise these funds without your constant support, so a huge “Thank you” to you all.



Bag2School Collection

We had a great response, collecting a total of 878kg. Thank you to everyone who had a good clear out!

Money raised for the CSA was £351.20 (£100 more than last time!)

Thanks go to Mrs Shaw for her excellent organisation of this event.

The next collection has been booked for 5th May 2017

School Website and app – www.comptonallsaints.co.uk

Please remember our school website is the first point of call for information about the school. We hope you find it helpful and easy to use. Please do let us know if you think of a feature that we could include or a way of making the site more user-friendly.

The school app is available to download free of charge from iTunes or Google sites.



Head Lice – They Are Still Here!!!!!!

Head lice have become an increasing problem in school. Please can **all families** check their children's (and their own!) hair **every week**. If lice are found it is recommended that you treat the whole family and repeat the medication after 7 days .

Regular wet combing as part of routine hair washing is the best way to prevent the problem recurring. Tea tree conditioner is an effective deterrent as they do not like the smell of tea tree oil!



Fantastic Mr Fox – Theatre Visit



On Friday 2nd December the whole school will be attending the theatre production of 'Fantastic Mr Fox.' We will be leaving Compton by 9.15am and returning around lunch time. The school kitchen will be offering school packed lunches on this day, but no hot meals. We ask that you book this in advance by returning the slip already sent home . Children are also welcome to bring in their own packed lunch.

CSA Christmas Fayre – Sunday 11th December

The annual CSA Christmas Fayre is on Sunday 11th December from 1-4pm.

There will be craft stalls, gifts, local food producers, games and a raffle.

Come along and support this festive family event.



Christingle Service in All Saints' Church

Don't forget that this lovely child-focussed service takes place at 4pm on the 11th December – a perfect way to round off your afternoon at the Christmas Fayre.

Earlier this month, a representative of the Children's Society gave a presentation in assembly and children were sent home with a small cardboard tube to fill with change. During the service they will have an opportunity to process with a Christingle through the church. It's a very special service and it would be lovely to see you there.

Nativity Dress Rehearsal, Tuesday 13th December & Nativity Service, Wednesday 14th December



This year's Nativity is titled "Star Gazers"

Our dress rehearsal is in Compton church starting at 2pm. We would like to extend an invitation to anyone with pre-school children, grandparents, family friends or parents who are unable to attend the service on Wednesday. **We ask that pre-school children only attend the dress rehearsal so that our KS1 children are not distracted during the actual service.** Please also remember that filming the nativity is not allowed, though parents can take photos at the end.

Whole School Christmas Lunch & Jumpers for Joe – Thursday 15th December

This fun event is where all the children enjoy a Christmas lunch together served by the staff. There is Music, singing and lots of Christmas cheer. Last year we supported a local charity called The Joe Glover Trust which was set up in memory of an 8 year old boy who died from Non Hodgkin's lymphoma and supports other children with cancer in Hampshire. "Jumpers for Joe" invites pupils to wear a Christmas themed jumper/top and donate a suggested amount of £1. This proved extremely popular so we are running it again this year. Thank you for your support.



Very best wishes

Allison Driver



Some Key dates for Autumn Term II & Spring Term

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| • Year 2 – Forest School | Monday 28 th November |
| • Open Morning (for YR 2017) | Wednesday 30 th November – 9.30 – 11.30am |
| • Year 3 to 6 Team – X- Country at Kings’ School | Thursday 1 st December 1pm – 2.45pm |
| • Whole School - Fantastic Mr Fox trip | Friday 2 nd December (all Morning) |
| • Celebration Assembly | Friday 2 nd December – 3pm – 3.30pm |
| • CSA Film Night | Friday 2 nd December – details to follow |
| • Foxes Class last swimming session | Monday 5 th December |
| • Parents Information Evening - ‘Life without Levels - Part 2’ | Thursday 8 th December – 7pm – details to follow. |
| • Celebration Assembly | Friday 9 th December |
| • CSA Christmas Fayre | Sunday 11 th December – details to follow |
| • Year 4 – Forest School | Monday 12 th December |
| • School Choir - Carols at Brambridge | Tuesday 13 th December – 11am |
| • Nativity Dress rehearsal | Tuesday 13 th December – 2pm |
| • Nativity | Wednesday 14 th December – 2pm |
| • Whole school Christmas lunch | Thursday 15 th December |
| • Last day of Autumn term II | Friday 16 th December – School closes at 1.15pm |
| • INSET Day | Tuesday 3 rd January 2017 |
| • First Day of Spring I term | Wednesday 4 th January 2017 |

INSET Days 2017: Tuesday 3rd Jan, Friday 27th Jan, Friday 23rd June, Monday 26th June