



THE OWL



December 2015

Autumn Term

Diary Dates

December

- 14th: Scrooge Production & GEN8 Assembly
- 16th Early Years Performance & Christmas Lunch
- 17th Non uniform day – Party day
- 18th - Celebration Assembly (9.15am)
- Carol Service at Reed Church (1.15pm)
- End of Term (2pm)

January 2016

- 4th School Closed – INSET Day
- 5th Term starts
- 13th FORS welcome breakfast (8am)
- 15th Reception & Middle School application deadline
- 21st Mighty Roast Dinner

End of term

Celebration Assembly on Friday 18th December will be at 9.15am followed by mulled wine and mince pies for parents and carers. Term ends at 2pm, where children are to be collected from St Mary's Church, Reed. They do not need to bring book bags to school on the last day. We hope to send everything home by Thursday 17th December. It would be helpful if you could send in a plastic carrier bag with your child's name on for any additional cards or gifts to come home. Please continue to read to and with your child and encourage them to read from a wide range of material in the holiday.



Christmas lunch and parties

Christmas lunch for those who normally have a school lunch is on Wednesday. Parties for all our children will take place on Thursday with Early Years having games in the morning and Years 1-4 in the afternoon. Nursery children who are staying for the party lunch should be collected at 1pm. All children may come to school in party clothes on Thursday but please make sure that they are warm enough to go outside to play and have appropriate footwear.



Staffing

Mrs Lawn will be starting her maternity leave on Wednesday 16th December. We wish her well with the birth of her new baby.

Miss Fryer will continue to teach the Infant Class.

Adverse Weather

Closure of the school is always a last resort and any decision will be taken after an assessment of risk and any guidance given by the local authority. If it is possible to give advance warning, you will be contacted by ParentMail or letter. Out of school hours, parents should check the HCC website (www.hertsdirect.org) or there is a link on our website under Parents – Useful Links, the school's Facebook page and listen for updates on local radio. Please do not telephone the radio stations directly as they cannot manage a large volume of calls from parents.



School admissions

Parents wishing to take up a Reception place for their child here must apply by 15th January regardless of whether they are already accessing our Nursery. Please make sure you complete the online application in good time. Similarly, parents of children in Year 4 need to apply for a place at their chosen Middle School by the same date.

Swimming

Swimming will resume on **Wednesday 13th January** for children in Years 1-4.

Used Stamps



Just a reminder for all those extra Christmas stamps; there is a box in the entrance for used stamps in aid of the MS society. Please cut or tear them from the envelope leaving about a 1 cm border.

Poppy Appeal

We collected a total of £21.20 which went against the district total of £4234.32. Thank you for your contributions.



Baq2School

We collected 260kg of textiles and we have received a cheque for £104.

Christmas Productions Collection

Thank you for all your donations from both the main school and Early Years productions, we have raised more than £200 for the Salvation Army and will be collecting in aid of 'Save the Children' at the Church on Friday.

Mighty Roast Dinner Day

Hertfordshire Catering Ltd are celebrating the Nations favourite traditional meal on Thursday 21st January 2016 by providing us with a Mighty Roast Dinner. Details of which will be publicised on the kitchen door at the beginning of the spring term.

And finally...

The staff and governors would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your ongoing support of the school throughout this year. We wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas holiday and look forward to welcoming the children back on **Tuesday 5th January 2015**.

