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### **Sports News**

#### **New Forest Netball League**

On Tuesday 8 November, our netball team played their first match in the league against Ashley Junior School. Although Ashley won 4-0, after the four goals were scored our team played excellently in defence and didn't let any more goals into the net. As well as playing the league game, the rest of our netballers played a friendly match to improve their skills. A huge well done to all involved - you played fantastically and showed great teamwork! Special thanks also to Priestlands students Niamh Barratt and Bethany Cooper for umpiring the friendly match and coaching the team.

**Team: Emily Cooper, Eryn Barratt, Jacob Varney, Evie Woodford, Tiana Light, Elise Wilson, Claudia and Natalia Rofes, Mhairi Wilson, Eva Todd, Freya Grindrod, Chloe Dean and Rose Gocher**

#### **Stars of the Week**

This week our stars of the week are Jacob Keeping, Lola Wood, Benjamin Meli and Luke May. Please look out for them wearing their purple 'PJS Super Star' sweat shirts and congratulate them if you see them around school. Please watch this space; we will let you know in each newsletter who have been chosen as Stars of the Week.

#### **New Forest Basics Bank**

The New Forest Basics Bank would like us to pass on their thanks and appreciation to everyone who donated a food parcel for the Harvest Festival. With your kindness, they are able to help individuals and families who, at any given time, are going through a very difficult period and need a helping hand.

### **Art Workshop**

Last Monday an art workshop, funded by the Family Link Project, was held in school. The workshop was led by artist Emma Denning and the children, helped by their parents, made some wonderful clay owls. They decided on colour and texture of the owls using old pieces of card, bubble wrap and various other materials; they looked amazing! Here are some comments from parents and children: 'It was a wonderful afternoon; myself and my son thoroughly enjoyed it', 'Great afternoon and a great opportunity for one to one time if you have other children', 'Me and my mum really enjoyed making my owl'.

#### **Class 2 Cake Sale**

This will be taking place this Friday, 11 November. The PTA ask that children, from that class, bring cakes into school on the Friday morning to sell to parents and children after school that day.

#### **Dinner Money**

As you are aware, dinner money should be paid each Monday in advance. If dinner money is outstanding at the end of the week, then we would ask that you provide sandwiches for your child until the debt is cleared.

#### **Lower School Nativity**

Please note this will take place on **Thursday 8 December** and not Thursday 15 December as mentioned in the last newsletter. Performances will take place at 1.30 pm and 6.00 pm. A letter will follow in due course for you to purchase tickets.

### Children in Need and Anti-Bullying Day

Next week, Monday 14 November - Friday 18 November, is anti-bullying week. Children in Need is also in the same week. To recognise and support this we will be running a number of events. On Tuesday 15 November, we will be holding a cross country event. Each class will be developing their teamwork, improving their communication and working together. On Friday 18 November the children will complete anti-bullying work in the morning; particularly focusing on e-safety and cyber bullying. To support the anti-bullying campaign, we would like to invite the children to come into school on that day wearing something blue. Please make sure that your child has suitable footwear and clothes for lunch and breaktime outside.

We will also be collecting throughout the week for Children in Need so, if possible, we would like children to bring in a £1 donation and any spare change to go on our giant Pudsey head.

### School Christmas Lunch

#### Tuesday 13 December

Our PJS Christmas lunch will be held on Tuesday 13 December. Your child will receive the menu this week which needs to be completed and returned to the school office as soon as possible. Please note that if you are in receipt of Free School Meals, a form still needs to be completed and returned.

### Messy Church

Messy Church happens on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the church centre in Pennington. The next one is Wednesday 16 November. We start straight after school at 3.20 pm with craft activities based on a bible story or theme. We then have a short act of worship discussing the theme of the session and end up with a cooked meal all for an optional donation. The session ends about 5.15 pm. Children must be accompanied by an adult who are expected to supervise their children. For further information call Sandy 01590 675506.

### Pennington Junior School - Vacancy

#### Senior Administrative Assistant

We are seeking a friendly, professional and caring Senior Administrative Assistant to join our Team starting as soon as possible. The successful candidate should be educated to GCSE level, have a minimum of a year's experience in an office or school office setting and have excellent IT skills. Hours of work: 32 hours per week, 40 weeks per year, term time only (8.15 am to 3.30 pm Monday to Friday). For further information and an application pack please contact the school office on 01590 672104 or email at [adminoffice@pennington-jun.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@pennington-jun.hants.sch.uk).

**Closing date: Friday 18 November**

**Interview date: Thursday 24 November**

### Homework

Please see below for a reminder of homework set by each year group. We know that children really benefit from regular practise and re-enforcement of the skills they learn in school. Please make sure homework is completed and handed in on time.

#### Years 3 and 4:

Reading	minimum of 10 minutes per day
Maths	set on Tuesday (hand in following Monday)
Spellings	set on Friday (test following Wednesday)

#### Years 5 and 6:

Reading	minimum of 10 minutes per day
English/ Maths	set on Friday (hand in following Tuesday)
Spellings	set on Friday (test following Friday)

Please look out for a leaflet in due course with details of how to support your child with their spellings.

## PTA News

### Disco Success!

Thank you very much to all the members of the PTA who helped to make the 'Scary' disco such a roaring success last week. The hall decorations were amazing, the creepy cakes were delicious and the children had a wonderful time in their scary costumes. The disco raised £515 which will go towards equipment for the children. Well done to everyone for making it such a great success!

### PTA Reps

The PTA are responsible for putting on many of our wonderful events and raising valuable funds for the school. Often much of this work falls to a small number of dedicated and hardworking parents. We know that many more of you would be willing to help out on the odd occasion and so we will be trying a new way of getting more of you involved.

This term we will be choosing a parent representative from each class who will act as a link between the class and the school to liaise with parents, recruiting the help that is needed for different events. This means that the help can be spread out across the class and you can offer help as and when you feel able to. If you are interested in finding out more about this role, please pop into the school office and we can give you more details.

The PTA will be holding their Christmas Fair on **Friday 9 December**. If you are able to help in any way with stalls etc, please contact the school office.

The PTA has requested that **Friday 2 December** is a non-uniform day. In order to generate raffle prizes, the PTA will be putting a box in each class for children to fill with luxury items, these could include: boxed chocolates, savoury/sweet biscuits, jams and chutneys, Christmas crackers, bottles of wine, teas and coffees etc.

## Dates for your Diary:

Friday 11 November	Class 2 Cake Sale
Friday 18 November	Children in Need and Anti-Bullying Day
Friday 2 December	Non-School Uniform
Thursday 8 December	Years 3/4 Nativity
Friday 9 December	Christmas Fair
Tuesday 13 December	Christmas Lunch
Friday 16 December	Break for Christmas
Tuesday 3 January	Return to school

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Sue Saxby

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