



Golden Ticket Winners

Congratulations to the winners of our Golden Tickets: Muskaan, Belle, Sophia, Sophie and Elisha - an all-girl lunch today! They were selected for being charismatic and full of laughter; being kind and caring friend; and being polite and helpful.



Pantomime – Beauty and the Beast

Everyone enjoyed our pantomime last week - lots of audience participation and laughter!



DIARY DATES

Fri 7 th Dec	LS Dress rehearsal to KS1 visitors
Mon 10 th Dec	LS Dress rehearsal to the rest of the school
Tues 11 th Dec @ 9:30am	LS Christmas performance to parents
Tues 11 th Dec	Christmas card post box opens
Tues 11 th Dec	Christmas hamper raffle tickets go on sale
Wed 12 th Dec @ 6:00pm	LS Christmas performance to parents
Thur 13 th Dec	Year 6 Evacuee Day
Fri 14 th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day (Donations for 'Save the Children' welcomed)
Mon 17 th Dec @ 10:00am	Christmas Service at St Christopher's Church
Mon 17 th Dec @ 2:45pm	Parents' Forum All parents are invited
Tues 18 th Dec	LS visiting Southwood Infant School to watch their Christmas Performance
Tues 18 th Dec	Concorde Class Brass Concert for parents
Thur 20 th Dec	Christmas lunch Non-uniform day
Fri 21 st Dec	Christmas raffle drawn during assembly
Fri 21 st Dec	School closes for the Christmas holiday @ 1:30pm
Mon 7 th Jan	School opens for the Spring term
Thur 10 th Jan	PTA meeting – all are welcome
Wed 16 th Jan	Judo demonstration in assembly
Fri 25 th Jan	Year 6 Weighing and Measuring – School Nursing Service
Fri 25 th Jan	Fundraising Event Bring and Buy sale
Mon 28 th Jan	Young Voices Concert
Thur 7 th Feb	Year 5 & 6 Athletics Event Further details to follow
Tues 12 th Feb	Year 3 & 4 Archery Event Further details to follow
Fri 15 th Feb	Finish for half term holiday at 3:25pm

Time to Shine Day

The children looked amazing in their brightly coloured and fluorescent adornments last week. The focus of the day was to keep safe when on or near roads - especially during winter when it is dark earlier. Thank you to our JRSOs (Rupert, Hana, Sofia and Sam) for presenting assemblies to the whole school during the week.



Words of the Fortnight!

To encourage our children to use a wider range of vocabulary, we set a challenge for the children which we hope you will join in with at home too. Every two weeks, a new word is introduced in each class and the children get rewards for using them in their writing or in conversation. Our new words are:

Lower School

'Communication'

Noun - means the sending of or receiving information, such as telephone lines or computers

Year 5

'Astrology'

Noun - the study of the sun, moon and stars to predict the future

Year 6

'Audacious'

Adjective - very daring e.g. an audacious escape from the enemy!

How often can you use these words at home?

Badminton Event

On Thursday 22nd November, a group of children took part in a Badminton festival with eight other schools. The competition was good and there were many close games. We are pleased to announce that we reached the final stages of the festival and were victorious. We are now through to the next round to be played in Eastleigh in March. Well done to our fantastic players - Charlotte, Yugandhar and Oliver - and thank you for all of the parental support.

Shakespeare Festival

A huge well done to all of the talented actors and actresses who entertained the audience at Camberley Theatre with an amazing performance of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. They were, in my opinion, the stars of the evening! The children acted with confidence and maturity and it was obvious that they had really enjoyed their time in the spotlight. Thank you to Mrs Christian and Mrs Jenkin for directing the whole performance and for the parents who were able to come and watch in the evening.

The cast is seen here in a rehearsal getting used to being on the stage.



Winter PE Kits

We have quite a large number of children who do not have a warm enough PE kit inschool. Even during the winter months, all classes will have an outdoor games lesson each week. Please can you make sure that they have a suitable winter PE kit in school? This should include a plain, dark coloured sweatshirt (not school jumper) and tracksuit bottoms. Thank you.



Bring and Buy Sale

In the New Year, we will be holding a Bring and Buy Sale to raise money for school funds and enable you to clear your homes of unwanted items following the excitement of new items at Christmas!

If you are having a clear out over the next month, please hold on to any items which you feel could go into our sale. Further details will be sent home after the Christmas holiday.



Anti-bullying Week

Recently, we held our anti-bullying week where the children engaged in activities and assemblies to help them understand the differences between unkind behaviour, friendship problems and bullying.

At school, we use the following definition of bullying:

Several Times on Purpose

"Bullying is repeated behaviour which makes other people feel uncomfortable or threatened."

Bullying can take many forms:

- Physical: e.g. hitting, kicking, taking or hiding belongings.
- Verbal: e.g. name calling, teasing, insulting and racist remarks.
- Written: unkind notes, text messages and e-mails.
- Emotional: e.g. spreading rumours, excluding from groups, tormenting, staring.
- A combination of the above: e.g. extortion (forcing someone to give up money or belongings) or intimidation (making someone frightened because of threats).

At Cove Junior School, we work hard to support children in their friendships and will always act upon any concerns which children or parents report to us. It is very important therefore to encourage your child to tell us if they are having problems.

Christmas Hamper

Thank you to those parents who have donated an item to go into our Christmas Hamper Raffle. If you would be able to join the staff and donate an item to go in either an adult or child's hamper, the office would be very happy to receive your gifts.

Raffle tickets will then go on sale from Tuesday 11th December with the draw taking place during our final assembly of the year on Friday 21st December

Christmas Post Box

The Cove Junior Postal Service will commence on Tuesday 11th December. Please could we ask that children who are sending cards write the following information on the envelope:

~ Child's full name (first and last names)

~ Class name

Emergency Drills

Every term, we hold Fire Evacuation drills to check our procedures and to prepare children, staff and possible visitors to leave the building quickly and in a pre-planned and organised way in case there was a fire. Every time we have a practice, we hold different scenarios or have the drill at different times of the school day. Each drill is timed and evaluated and our Fire Evacuation Plan is updated to include any revisions that are needed.

In the event of danger outside the building, we have a Lockdown Procedure whereby everyone has to remain inside the building. We practised this with the staff and children recently and this has been revised to respond to observations.

As always, the safety and well-being of the children is of the utmost importance and this is why drills are held. Some children can find them unsettling - please let us know if your child has any worries and we can address these at school.