Newsletter 11 - 2 December 2016

Date	Activity	Date	Activity
14 Dec	Reception and KS1 - Christmas Concert – St Michael's Church –	20 Dec	End of Term 2 – 2pm finish
	2pm start		
15 Dec	KS2 Christmas Concert – St Michael's Church – 1.30pm start	4 Jan	Inset Day
16 Dec	FOGs Christmas Disco at St Michael's Church Hall	5 Jan	Term 3 Begins
16 Dec	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day		

Our Grangefield Elves were busy on Wednesday night making the school look very festive. Coupled with hearing the children practising their Christmas Carols, which sounds lovely, makes this a very special time of year!

Thank you to Mrs Phillips who has been acting Deputy Head for the first part of our school year. Now Mrs Migliaccio

takes over as Deputy Head until Mrs Gilroy returns from her maternity leave.

## **Staying Safe**

Speller Metcalf, our building contractors, gave an assembly to the children this week to talk about staying safe on the school site and around the building site whilst all the building work is going on. If your child would like to design a poster that represents safety, they were given an A3 template. These need to be back to school by Tuesday next week so they can be judged and the prize awarded. Good luck!



## **FoGS**

We would like to say a huge thank you to our FOGS who provided us with a wonderful Christmas Fair, raising lots of money for the school. Thank you if you attended and supported our fair. FoGS have also been busy organising the Christmas cards (which look great), the t-towels and bags. They have really done a tremendous job and they are quite a small team. Without their dedication our school wouldn't have all the extra special treats that enhance your children's life at school, such as Coomber listening centres and additional iPads.

# Well done to the last weeks Super Achievers who have each earned a certificate and 10 Owl Merits for their Owl Group

Reception	Elowen, Daniel, Michael and Lottie
Year 1	Ethan, Alfie, Lilly and Mikolaj
Year 2	Isabelle and Nicole
Year 3	Tia and Cameron
Year 4	Joe and Liam
Year 5	Callum and George
Year 6	Damian and Kaydon

There will be a list of the hamper winners on our notice board and the prizes are in the office so please do take a look at the notice board on your way to pick up your children and pop in if you have won a prize. Thank you.

#### Clubs

Please note that, apart from Choir, next week will be the last week that the clubs run this term.



#### Christmas Lunch – 16 December 2016

Just a reminder to please send back a completed lunch form if your child wishes to have a Christmas lunch. These forms should be in your eldest child's book bag. Also we will be supporting the Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day, so children can wear Christmas jumpers. £1 voluntary donation would be great.

#### **Norovirus Season**

We have been asked by Public Health England to alert you to the importance of trying to reduce the spread of norovirus. Here is some information:

Norovirus is generally a mild infection and people usually recover fully within 2-3 days. No specific treatment is needed, but it is important to keep hydrated by drinking fluids as tolerated.

Norovirus is highly infectious and spreads easily from person to person, especially in close knit communities such as schools. Therefore, we are asking for your help to prevent further illness within the school by following the advice in the checklist below:

- Staff and pupils/children who develop symptoms of diarrhoea and/or vomiting should stay away from school/nursery and other childcare settings such as childminders until they have been symptom free for at least 48 hours.
- Good hygiene is important to stop the spread of infection, especially hand washing, frequently and thoroughly with soap and water, particularly after using the toilet and before eating or handling food.
- Good hygiene in the home will also help prevent spread to other family members. If possible, separate toilets and towels should be used. Toilets, including seats and handles, as well as door handles, wash basins and other frequently touched surfaces should be cleaned and disinfected frequently.
- If symptoms do not resolve after 48 hours or if you are concerned please contact your GP by phone or contact the NHS non-emergency number 111.

### Community

- Please see details of the Cleeve School Christmas Concert. This is a
  lovely festive evening really showcasing the talented children who
  play instruments and are in the Choir at Cleeve. If your child is going
  up to Cleeve School in the summer, it would be good for them to see
  some of the extra-curricular activities that you can get involved in.
- Please see details of activities taking place for family friendly events at St Michael's Church this Christmas.

Have a great weekend. Mrs Lewis/Mrs Freeman



