

# Cornerstone Chronicle

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Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term. This is always a busy and exciting time in school and we are sure that it will be the case at Cornerstone!

## Class Updates...

### **Year R Bumble Bees**



This half term we are planning activities and learning experiences based around the broad theme of 'Special days', this will include celebrations, festivals and Christmas activities including stories used in pantomimes. Obviously we are finding out more about the Christmas story as we build up to our nativity morning production of 'Not Now'. We have allocated parts and have had our first walk through. If your child has a specific speaking part, the words will be sent home. You should also have received a note about costumes, if you haven't let us know.

We are now learning the phase 3 sounds which include many digraphs (2 letters one sound) like ch, sh, th. Try to help your child with reading by working on the tricky words at home, perhaps considering activities on [letters-and-sounds.com](http://letters-and-sounds.com).

Our outside provision improves by the day and we are grateful for all donations of building materials. We are still keen to have more tyres to plant inside etc, so if you are changing a car tyre please bring it in. Next week we will be exploring the Cornerstone Copse with the children so they will all need to bring in wellies, to be kept at school, as soon as possible. Whilst we have bought some rain suits we only have 10. We want to use the copse weekly so please do send some wellies in to be kept at school, Lastly, if you haven't returned your Learning Journal and/or RDS please do so as soon as possible. Thank you

### **Year 1/2 Ladybirds**



Ladybirds have started the topic of Celebrations by learning about the Gunpowder Plot. We have learnt about Baptism and enjoyed taking part in the Baptism of Lennox Capriale. Thank you Rev. Philippa for helping us with our learning. We are looking forward to learning about more celebrations including a wedding and Christmas party. Here is a family photo as a reminder of the day.



Our outside area has improved by having the rubber crumb surface put down. The canopy has meant we can carry on our learning outside. Unfortunately the gazebo we had outside ended up on the roof so we will have to think again on that one!

We have been learning about alternative graphemes in Phase 5 of Letters and Sounds. Trying hard to look for spelling patterns and see which grapheme to use. We have looked at what makes a good sentence and have enjoyed being sentence doctors.

We are looking forward to seeing you all at the Advent Fair on Sat 30<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Children In Need**

Thank you for your support and help raising money for Children In Need. The total raised was £61.29

### **PTA**

The PTA Disco was a great success and the next event will be the Advent Fair on the 30<sup>th</sup> November 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. There are some fantastic raffle prizes so if you would like to buy any more tickets please contact the office. Don't forget to return your slip for Santa's Grotto together with £3 per child



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## Time Out Childcare

Great News!! We have been advised that the Breakfast and After School care should be starting on the 6<sup>th</sup> January 2014. If you would like to book a place please contact either Karen on 07718 910522 or email Jacqui at jacquigriscti@yahoo.co.uk

## Tree dressing



The first week of December is National Tree Dressing week, we are going in to the copse to 'dress' a tree to 'encourage the celebration of trees in the city and country, in the street, village green- anywhere in the public domain. It highlights our responsibility for looking after trees and reminds us of their enormous cultural and environmental importance.

We have had two Christmas trees donated which we would like to decorate for the Advent Fair. It would be lovely if every family could donate a bauble which their children could put on the tree. We have 4 baubles already to represent Mrs Ross's family. If you would like to donate a family bauble please stick a small label on it, so we know which family needs to hang it on the tree and place it in the box in the foyer.

## Uniform & PE Kit

Please could you ensure that all uniform and PE kit is clearly labelled. We have had problems, especially after clubs, with items going missing.

We do try our best to minimise getting uniform dirty during class activities. However if you could provide your child with a waterproof outfit, to keep in school, it would be a great help.

## Keeping hydrated



It is really important that you try to remember your child's water bottle, as it's much easier for children to hydrate themselves independently if they have on.

## Dates for your Diary



### November

- 27 Performing Arts Show at Sarisbury Infants
- 30 Advent Fair 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

### December

- 03 Prospective Parents Meeting Yr R 6.00 p.m.
- 06 Mrs Tuffield visiting re St. Nicholas Day
- 10 Prospective Parents Meeting Yr R 9.30 a.m.
- 11 After School Dance Club Show
- 12 Nativity Play 9.30 a.m.
- 17 Christmas Lunch
- 17 Carols in Whiteley Shopping Centre - TBC
- 19 Christmas Parties
- 20 End of Term 3.15pm

### January 2014

- 06 Start of Spring Term
- 31 Professional Day - children do not attend

### February 2014

- 14 School finishes 3.15 p.m. for half term holiday
- 24 Start of second half of Spring term
- 25 Parents Evening 3.30 - 5.00 p.m.
- 27 Parents Evening 4.00 - 6.00 p.m.

### March 2014

- 06 World Book Day
- 07 Dress Up Day - Character from a book
- Family Friday - Reading 2.30 p.m.
- 14 Professional Day - children do not attend
- 31 Spring Celebration Assembly 2.30 p.m.

### April 2014

- 04 Easter Fun Day
- 04 End of Term 3.15 p.m.
- 22 Start of Summer Term

### Forward Planning

- 7 May Class Photos
- 2 June Professional Day - children do not attend
- 3 June Start of Out and About Week
- 5 June Picnic Lunch & Sports Day 12.15 p.m.
- 14 July Professional Day - children do not attend

Thank you for your continued support.

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