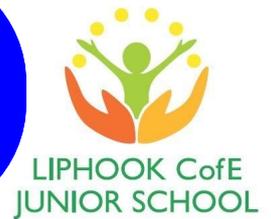




The Federation of Liphook Infant School and Liphook C.of.E Junior School NEWSLETTER



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Christmas Fair

Remember it is the Infant Christmas Fair this Sunday 2nd December from 12pm to 3pm. The Junior School '12 Stalls of Christmas' is next Friday 7th December at 3:30pm.

Please come along, bring family and friends, tell everyone about it and raise money for our children.

All students and parents are very welcome too!



Talking and Holding Hands



Lets try a mobile free time every day. Research is telling us all how we are all spending more and more time on our phones and tablets and at the same time trying to control the amount of time our children are using electronic devices. In order to be great role models we need to role model when we use our electronic devices and mobiles. More and more children are struggling with language. More families are walking to school which is great but are on their mobiles rather than talking with their children and holding their child's hand. Please can we ask that you try an experiment? How much time do you really spend on electronic devices and or mobiles when you are with your

child? If we want to help our children develop better social skills and language they can only do this if we all role model it. Please consider leaving your mobile in your bag or at home when you collect your child, this could really help when your child becomes a teenager as they will see how you have had to limit your usage too.

Infant Christmas Plays and the Junior School Christmas Service

We really hope you can come along and celebrate with us. We politely ask, that if it is possible, could you only bring younger children if they are quiet as sometimes the younger children make it really hard for the children performing to be heard. Ideally please find someone to look after them for this short time. Also remember we will organise for siblings from the Junior School to see their brothers' and sisters' dress rehearsal in the Infant School so you will not need to use one of your tickets for them.



Remember we do allow photographs and videos to be taken as long as we all continue to use these photos etc for our families and DO NOT put any photographs or video clips of any other children on any social media sites. This means we can keep memories and share photos for years to come but it does require EVERYONE to keep to our Federation agreement. Many thanks.

Ofsted and Arbor Reports

Following our fantastic Ofsted reports, we thought you would like to see our latest Arbor 'Ofsted Readiness Report' report which shows a detailed breakdown of our school statistics and results. These can be downloaded from our school websites, from the Key information, Ofsted tabs.

[Liphook Infant School Ofsted Page](#)

[Liphook C.of.E Junior School Ofsted Page](#)

Thank You Tea Party 20th December

We would like to invite EVERYONE across the federation, who has helped us this year, to a Christmas Mince Pie Tea Party on Thursday 20th December at 2.30p.m. It will be held in the Infant School Hall. I am putting this in the newsletter in case your invitation gets lost between school and home. It can happen! Please put this date in your diary and come along. We really want to say THANK YOU. Without all of you helping us in so many different ways, we wouldn't be the lovely school we are or be able to support the children the way we all do. Please try to come, this gives the children a chance to wait on you!



Christmas Lunch

We are looking for several parents to help us serve Christmas lunch to the children on Friday 21st December. If you are able to help can you please contact the Junior School Office. It's always fun during this lunchtime and with over 300 children to serve it's always a very busy lunch!



Amazing amount of money raised - Thank you!



LISFA have had a fantastic start to the year. Huge thanks to everyone who has helped us raise money, especially to the Dream Team and Mr Braham for putting on a fantastic School Quiz last week, with the winning team receiving wine kindly donated by the Co-op in Liphook. So

far we have raised £2000 and, along with funds from last year we have been able to:

- Spend over £4500 on new play equipment for the children including the new fort
- Spend over £1500 on new books for the school
- Buy a new screen for the hall
- Buy and wrap a book for every child to take home at Christmas
- Provide hot cocoa for the children during the book fair
- Provide crackers for the Christmas lunch

To make it easier to organise events and communicate with all parents, we

would love it if you could have a look at the new LISFA website www.pta-events.co.uk/LISFA



Friends of Liphook Junior School

FOLJS started this school year with the welcome disco, followed closely by the annual Dog and Duck - despite the weather, the turnout was fantastic raising over £600. We worked with our Year 6 Young Citizen volunteers to host the Carnival Fancy Dress competition, and after next week's '12 stalls of Christmas', we will be looking forward to our New Year disco and family Bingo evening.

Thank you to all members of LISFA and FOLJS and for all the support we receive from our parents

Letters, Latest News and Job Vacancies



Please check our websites regularly for the latest letters, job vacancies, news and calendar events. We are trying to get the right balance of keeping you well informed of all that is happening in our schools, without overloading your email or text in-boxes, so please check the websites to ensure you have the latest information. We are currently looking to recruit lunchtime supervisors and an IT technician/librarian.

Children's Screen Time and Keeping Children Safe

Many of our Federation parents have said that they are worried about the use of technology and peer pressure with children saying that 'my friends are allowed to play...' eg Fortnite or have their own mobile. Please can we ALL work together to safeguard our children. If we all give the same message about screen time is not good for you, Fortnite is not allowed to be played by children under the age of 12, you don't need a mobile as the school will call us etc. Then we are more likely to keep our children safe and at the same time educate them to be sensible with technology. We all know that when our children become teenagers it is even harder to control what they do, being strong and limiting use now will pay dividends later. To give you some facts -The BBC has reported on a survey of parents' views on their children's use of mobile technology—based on responses from parents across Europe with children aged 5 to 16, results of the survey include: on average, British children spend three hours a day online; 32% of parents surveyed worried how tablet and phone use may affect their child's mental health; 65% of parents surveyed let their children use gadgets alone in their bedroom. Cyber bullying is affecting children's well being and mental health. Children are more likely to be groomed if they play on line games. If we know this **we must collectively work together to help our children.**

Well-being Champions

Six children in Year 5 have been trained to become Well-Being Champions . They will be taking assemblies and talking to classes about feelings, emotions and sharing top tips on looking after your own well being. They are taking their first assembly before Christmas which has the theme 'don't judge a book by its cover'. This is, as it suggests, getting to know someone before you judge them, don't judge people on what they look like or what they wear, what games they play etc. If you would like to see the Well-Being Champions assembly presentation that they have created, we will be putting it on line after the assembly on the Junior School Website - [Children's Page](#)

Well-being

Well-being, behaviour and mental health

Need some tricks? We are launching a programme in the new year for our children from Year R through to Year 6. It will help you to help your child's behaviour and well being. It is so important that we work together—that is we teach you 'tricks' , the children will learn strategies and together we will improve behaviour, well being, self control and aim to have happy families.

Please join us on our launch on Friday 11th January 9am to 10am or Tuesday 15th January 8pm to 9pm where you will find out all about it, be able to ask questions and leave with some new tricks!



Eagle FM Christmas Toy Appeal

You may well have seen the Christmas Toy Appeal posters around school recently.

We know that Christmas is an expensive time of year and try to be as mindful as we can about what we ask you to contribute towards over this period. With this in mind, we are supporting the Eagle FM Christmas Toy Appeal on an entirely voluntary basis. If you are able and wish to contribute a toy to the appeal, that would be very warmly welcomed. However, please do not feel pressured to do so.

Easyfundraising

If you are doing any Christmas shopping online at all, please can we ask you to go through Easyfundraising first? It is quick, easy and there is no cost to you - the websites simply pay back a percentage of any purchases to the school on your behalf.

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/lispa

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/foljs

Food Bank Collection

Thank you for the donations so far. We have started a Food Bank in both the Infant School and the Junior School. If you have any extra cans of food, pasta, unperishable food, toiletries or if you can spare the odd extra purchase please drop them into us so that we can distribute them amongst our families in our Federation. If you are a family that is struggling please do not hold back - come and see us. We know most people, but circumstances change so please don't be shy - let us know if we can help.



Go-Karting Tickets Up for Grabs!

Maths No Problem are looking for a new character for their books. All the children are invited to create a character and the winning 6 entries will be given 2 go karting tickets which need to be used by April 2019. These tickets were kindly donated to us by one of our lovely parents. Good luck to everyone who enters. There is a box at the reception of each school. Please make sure your child puts their name and class on the reverse of their entry.



Good Luck!

GUARDIAN SUPPORT GROUP

Are you a Guardian who has a Special Guardianship Order?

Would you like to meet other Guardians in a safe and supportive space?

Come along to meet other guardians and offer advice and encouragement at this friendly support group, refreshments provided. Everyone is welcome, so if you would like to come along, want more information or would like to be added to our mailing list, please contact Sarah or Jenny.

WEDNESDAY

9.30am – 11.30 am on 12 December 2018

THE COMMUNITY ROOM

LIPHOOK INFANT SCHOOL, AVENUE CLOSE, LIPHOOK GU30 7QE

Sarah de Marcos (Parent Support Advisor) on 07525 482042 or Email: sdemarcos@bohunt.hants.sch.uk

Jenny Howard (Family Support Worker) on 07525 235245 Virginia.howard@hants.gov.uk



The Federation of Liphook Infant School and Liphook C.of.E Junior School DIARY DATES



December 2018

- Sunday 2nd LISFA Christmas Fayre 12pm - 2:30pm
- Wednesday 5th Year 4 Swimming
Year 3 Recorder Concert 9:15am - 9:45am
4 Oak to lead collective worship 3:00pm
- Friday 7th FOLJS 12 Stalls of Christmas 3:30pm - 5:00pm
- Tuesday 11th Year R Christmas Performance 9:15am (Yellow Class and half of Red Class)
Open Box Theatre Performance 1:45pm-3:00pm
- Wednesday 12th Year R Christmas Performance 9:15am (Blue Class and half of Red Class)
Year 1 Christmas Performance 2:00pm (Gold Class and half of Copper Class)
- Thursday 13th Year 2 Christmas Performance 9:15am (Purple Class and half of Green Class)
Year 1 Christmas Performance 2:00pm (Silver Class and half of Copper Class)
Junior School iRock Concert 3:00pm
- Friday 14th Year 2 Christmas Performance 9:15am (Orange Class and half of Green Class)
- Monday 17th Orange Class Ukulele Concert 9:15am
- Tuesday 18th Infant School iRock Concert 2:30pm
- Thursday 20th Liphook Junior School Christmas Service Years 3 & 5 9:30am—10:30am
Years 4 & 6 11:00am—12 noon
Volunteers Thank You Tea Party - Infant School Hall 2:30pm
- Friday 21st Christmas Lunch
Infant School Finish 1:10pm - Junior School Finish 1:15pm

January 2019

- Monday 7th INSET Day
- Tuesday 8th Back to School

TERM DATES AND INSET DATES

Autumn Term	5th September to 21st December (Infant School finish at 1.10pm and Junior School 1.15pm on 21st Dec)
October half term	22nd October to 26th October
Christmas holidays	24th December to 4th January
February half term	18th February to 22nd February
Easter holiday	8th April to 19th April
May half term	27th May to 31st May
INSET DAYS	7th January 2019 and 3rd June