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Dear Families

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas ...

Our Reception and Key Stage 1 children have been rehearsing all week for our Nativity play – Prickly Hay. From my office, I have heard some beautiful singing and amazing acting. The children are really embracing their parts.

On behalf of the school, I would like to thank Tates of Sussex Garden Centre and Jon Brunton who have kindly donated a Christmas tree and stand, which has now been decorated and is standing proudly in our school hall.

Best wishes

Jane Sharrock



## ROWAN CLASS ASSEMBLY

On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December, at 2:45pm, Rowan Class will be presenting a Class Assembly. We would like to invite you to join us to hear some of the fantastic work that has been written by the children and to find out about the brilliant things we have been doing in class. We will be sharing learning from English, History, Science and RE. We hope that you can join us!

## LIGHT UP THE SQUARE – SUNDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER



Our school choir and boys’ vocal group will be singing carols on Sunday at Pond Green, Findon and we hope you can join us at this lovely community event. The children will be singing at 5.35pm, so please arrive at 5.25pm so we are ready to start on time. Children do not need to wear school uniform and please wrap up warmly. We will bring lyric sheets but if you have song words, try to remember to bring them so that we have plenty of copies.

## PANTOMINE

Dick Whittington and his cat will be paying us a visit next Friday - oh no he isn't - oh yes, he is!! We hope the children will enjoy an afternoon of Christmas fun and frolics, which has very generously been paid for by the Findon Village Store.



## ANGMERING ‘SANTA’ RUNS!

We are offering the opportunity for all children in KS1 and KS2 to take part in the local schools’ ‘Santa’ Cross Country events. These will be held at The Angmering School, Station Road, Angmering on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> December at 3.45 pm for children in Rowan, Holly and Oak and on Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> December for Year 1 and Year 2. **Children are encouraged to wear Santa themed clothes, suitable for running, on this occasion!**

## LOCALITY NETBALL MATCHES

What fantastic play from our netball team, who have not lost any of their matches so far this season. The team went over to the Angmering School yesterday afternoon, and the girls played two matches, and won both of them. The first match was against Georgian Gardens, and they won 4-0. The second match was against East Preston, and they won 9-0. The girls were absolutely magnificent in both attack and defence. A huge THANK YOU to all the parents who braved the cold, to cheer the girls on.



## RECENT CORRESPONDENCE

- KS1 and KS2 Santa Run
- Party Lunch donation
- Parent helpers
- Christmas services – see attached Christmas Card

## DATES FOR 2023/2024

Over the weeks, we will add **new dates/events in red**, so please make sure that you regularly check this list and update your diaries.

Sun 3 December	Findon Light Up the Square – 5.25pm
Tues 5 December	Ash and Willow Christmas Nativity (2pm)
Wed 6 December	Chartwells Christmas lunch
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Thurs 7 December	PTA Elfridges event
Fri 8 December	Panto for whole school (at school)
Tues 12 December	Walking Nativity – Choir will be singing
Wed 13 December	Christmas Service (time and venue to be confirmed)
	Rowan Class Assembly (2.45pm)
Thurs 14 December	YEAR 3 – Music concert for parents in the school hall (1.10pm)
Fri 15 December	School Christmas party lunch – non-uniform day, (Chartwells lunch not available)
Sun 17 December	Nine Lessons and Carols at St John the Baptist Church (4pm)
Tues 2 January 2024	INSET day
Wed 3 January	Back to school
Wed 10 January	PTA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AT SCHOOL (6pm)
Sat 18 May	<b>SUMMER REVELS</b>