

Dear Parent/Carer

### **School Council**

Our Infants and Juniors School Council's met last week to finalise the voting for this year's three charities the schools will be supporting and raising awareness for.

Autumn Term - Children in Need

Spring Term - Medical Aid

Summer Term - LinkAble

### **Children in Need takes place on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November.**

This non uniform day the children may come into school wearing something yellow and or Pudsey Bear related.

The School Councils will be conducting further voting within their classes for activities, to be carried out during the day, to support this year's Children in Need theme "Challenge Yourself to 25."

[Jane Pope is fundraising for BBC Children in Need](#)

Thank you

Mrs Pope and The Junior and Infant School Councils

### **Reminder - Odd Sock Day on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November**

Just a reminder that as part of Anti-Bullying week, it is Odd Sock day on Monday. Please send your child into school in odd socks. Odd Socks Day is celebrated as part of Anti-Bullying Week and encourages people to wear mismatched socks to promote individuality and raise awareness against bullying.

### **Celebrating the Next Generation of Inspiring Teachers**

We were thrilled to see four new teachers who trained with us last year celebrated at a special graduation ceremony held at Guildford Cathedral on Friday 24th October. The event recognised the hard work and passion of trainees from South Farnham SCITT, who have now achieved their Qualified Teacher Status and started teaching in schools across our community.

It was a truly inspiring occasion, reminding us just how important great teachers are in shaping young lives.

If you or someone you know has ever thought about becoming a teacher, South Farnham SCITT offers excellent local training. You can find out more by speaking to us or contacting the SCITT team directly – just call 01252 717408 or emailing [scitt@sfet.org.uk](mailto:scitt@sfet.org.uk).

### **A Message from St Johns**

St Johns Squirrels (boys and girls age 4-5), Beavers (age 6-7), Cubs (age 8-10) and Scouts (age 10-14) meet on Thursday evenings at St Johns Church, GU21 7QN. The Beavers and Cubs have several fun and rewarding volunteer roles they desperately need to fill! Do you know anyone locally who could become a regular helper or, even better, an assistant leader? Please get in touch a.s.a.p.  
via [1ststjohnsbeavers@gmail.com](mailto:1ststjohnsbeavers@gmail.com) or [1ststjohnscubs@gmail.com](mailto:1ststjohnscubs@gmail.com)

### **Family Corner has just relaunched, and it's better than ever!**

We've been asked to share with our families the relaunched Family Corner website. Please visit [familycorner.co.uk](http://familycorner.co.uk) to start exploring.

This free website is the family arm of the Early Years Alliance where parents and carers can find free expert articles, activity ideas and online learning sessions. They'll find tons of information on key areas of child development such as learning through play, communication, behaviour, health, nutrition and wellbeing. They've just refreshed the website to make sure that parents and carers can find the right information at the right time. You'll be able to filter articles by topic and by how old their child is. They've also created a new "For You" section where they can collate articles by interest and make sure that every time they log in, articles that are relevant to them are right there.

### **HSA Updates! Your Christmas Fair Countdown is On!**

A huge thank you to all our wonderful children for taking part in our first HSA Non-Uniform Day and to all our families for your generous donations towards the Christmas

Fair. The excitement is building, and we have one more special opportunity to boost our fair's fantastic stalls:

Our second Christmas Fair Non-Uniform Day is just around the corner, taking place on Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> December. Your generous contributions make all the difference. Here's what each year group can bring to help fill our stalls:

- **Infants:** £1 donation and a "Jolly Jar" – packed with small trinkets, sweets, or treats! (Check your class WhatsApp groups for full instructions and ideas!)
- **Juniors:**
  - **Year 3:** Small toys (new or gently used, perfect for our lucky dip or children's stalls!)
  - **Year 4:** Tombola Prizes (bottles, chocolates, toiletries – anything that makes a great prize!)
  - **Year 5:** Cakes & Biscuits (homemade or shop-bought, for our delicious refreshment stall!)
  - **Year 6:** Cans of Soft Drink (lemonade, cola, fruit drinks – to keep everyone refreshed!)

### **The Main Event: Our Annual Christmas Fair!**

Mark your calendars! The Christmas Fair itself will sparkle to life from **12pm - 3pm on Saturday, December 6th**. Prepare for festive cheer, fantastic stalls, and memories in the making!

### **We Need YOU! Volunteers Make the Magic Happen!**

A fair like ours can't happen without our amazing community! Our dedicated Class Reps have been working tirelessly, but we still have essential volunteer slots to fill for our class stalls. Please, if you haven't yet signed up, reach out to your **Class Rep today** to see how you can lend a hand. Just an hour of your time can keep a stall buzzing and make a huge difference to the fair's success! **Without enough volunteers, some stalls will regrettably have to close.**

### **Meet Father Christmas! 🧑🏻‍🎅 ✨**

Our special Grotto is always a highlight, and Father Christmas himself will be joining us! This magical experience is incredibly popular, so **pre-booking is absolutely**

**essential** to secure your child's slot. Don't let them miss out on a festive chat and a special gift!

Tickets for the Grotto vanish at 11pm sharp on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November!

### **Win Big in Our Online Christmas Raffle!**

Our spectacular online raffle is back and better than ever, overflowing with incredible prizes! From local treats to family experiences, there's something for everyone. We're continuously adding new surprises, so keep an eye on the prize page and grab your tickets for a chance to win!

### **Pre-Purchase Fair Tokens (Back by Popular Demand!)**

Make spending super easy for your little elves on the day! Our popular pre-purchased tokens are back. Each token is worth 50p and can be used at any HSA stall (children's games, refreshments, etc.). Of course, we'll also accept QR code payments and cash on the day.

**Ready to get involved? Secure your Grotto visit, snag your raffle tickets, and pre-order your tokens ALL in one place! Visit: [www.pta-events.co.uk/hopa](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/hopa)**

Kind Regards

The Hermitage Schools