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Grass Roots

Our after school club provider 'Grass Roots' had a visit from Ofsted recently. We are pleased to say that the inspection went very well and their provision was rated as good. We congratulate Val and her team.



Request for leave during term time

All requests to take your child out of school during term time must be made, well in advance, using one of our forms available from the school office. We will only authorise leave in exceptional circumstances. Holidays, even to visit family abroad, will not be considered exceptional.

Surveys

Soon we will provide you with some feedback on the outcomes from our recent parent's survey. We plan on publishing this on our website. Communication between home and school is a theme we want to explore further. Our governing body is supporting, and challenging, the school to think about ways in which we can strengthen communication. We will be conducting another survey specifically about communication in the summer term, so we can gauge impact of some of our innovations across this year.

Dear Parents/Carers,

Decoration morning EYFS/KS1

The infant school held its annual Christmas decoration morning yesterday. It was a lovely event. Thank you to all of you that came along and lent a hand. You will be able to see the decorations adorning the Infant Hall and Christmas tree in the coming weeks. To see more photos follow this link:

www.southharingayschools.co.uk/2017/12/08/christmas-decorations/



Christmas

Children can start to bring in Christmas cards, if they wish to, from next Monday. All cards should be posted in the special letter boxes found in both halls. The envelope should be clearly labelled with name and class of the recipient. Teachers will be sending home class lists, of first names only today.

As much as we appreciate the gesture, we ask that you do not buy teachers, or support staff, Christmas gifts. It ends up putting pressure on children and families to follow suit, even when they may not be able to afford it. Teachers love a handmade card or lovely Christmas poem the best!

Library books

We have recently had several library books returned to school in a damaged state. Please ensure that your child treats books respectfully, and that books are returned to school in the same condition in which they are taken home. Please keep books out of reach of younger siblings, unless they are being supervised. If a library book has been damaged at home, please let your child's teacher know, as we will be asking for a contribution so that we can replace it.



Spelling

Key Stage 1 teachers are now sending spelling lists home weekly from the 'High frequency word list'. Please ensure that your child practises spellings for 5-10 minutes, ideally, every day. They will be having a weekly spelling test so that teachers can assess which words need consolidation. The spelling test is fairly low key and we do not want children to feel anxious about it. We will try and provide opportunities for children to practise spellings in class throughout the week.

Key stage 1 Christmas concert

We will be holding our KS1 concert during the last week of term (see dates on the reverse of this letter) This year we are going to trial holding the concert in the Junior School Hall. As you know the Infant Hall is very compact and it is difficult to seat both children and audience comfortably. The Junior Hall is more spacious and can accommodate a larger audience and allow for all of the children to remain in the hall for the entire concert. We hope that this will improve the experience for everybody. Our Reception Nativity will be held in the Infant Hall as usual.

