



#### **HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE**

I was delighted to receive a very special phone call from our local MP's Hindhead Office a few weeks ago, to announce that one of our pupils has won the competition to design his Christmas Card.

We are thrilled that out of a number of local schools, one of pupils has won! Here is the winning design from Evelyn Huisamen.

Today we will be welcoming the MP Gregory Stafford, where he will officially sign the card which gets sent to His Majesty The King.

#### **CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

Next Wednesday children will be having Christmas lunch in school (if they would like to). On this day there will only be the option for Christmas lunch or a vegetarian Christmas lunch. There will be no jacket potatoes. Please sign up via Scopay in the usual way if your child would like lunch on this day. The menu for this day is attached.

#### **COOL MILK**

If you are interested in your child having milk at breaktime at school please visit [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com). Every child over the age of 5 is entitled to milk at a subsidised cost of around £20 per term. Visit the Cool Milk website and register your child and their milk will be sent direct to us. Children in receipt of benefits-based free school meals are eligible for free school milk. Please speak to the School Office for more information.

#### **GARDENING CLUB AND ECO COUNCIL BAKE SALE**

On Monday 16th December Gardening Club and the Eco Council will be running a bake sale to raise money for Eco projects at school. Therefore please bring some change if you would like to purchase a Monday after school treat!

We would welcome any donations of cakes, biscuits etc from all parents and children in order to help the bake sale be a huge success! Please drop these off to the School Office or bring them to the playground at 3.10pm.

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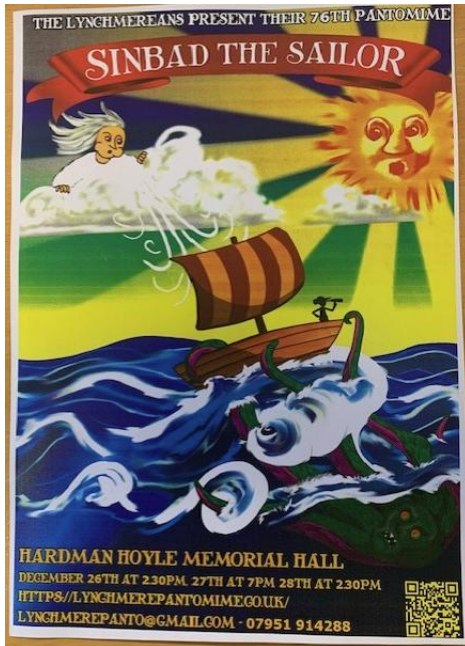
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### **SINBAD THE SAILOR**

The Lynchmereans present their 76<sup>th</sup> pantomime 'Sinbad the Sailor'

Running on 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> December! It's set to be amazing! For more information visit. [www.lynchmerepantomime.co.uk](http://www.lynchmerepantomime.co.uk) and tickets only cost £5!

### **CHRISTMAS FAIR**

Thank you to everyone who attended and supported the Christmas Fair last Friday, it was a brilliant event and the PTFA have now raised an incredible **£4,500** from the Fair, Disco and parent sponsorship this term. Thank you to everyone who was involved – it was a wonderful team effort by the PTFA and everyone had so much fun!

### **POPPY APPEAL**

Shottermill Junior School raised an incredible **£489.79** for the Poppy Appeal. This is an incredible amount and we would like to thank everyone for their generosity. This amount will go towards supporting the work of the Royal British Legion and those who have served their country.

### **END OF TERM**

Just a reminder to parents that school finishes for the Christmas break at **1.30pm on Thursday 19th December**. Please ensure your child brings everything home with them on this day – coats, jumpers, water bottles, lunchboxes etc. If your child has mislaid anything this term please do come and look in our lost property boxes which are by the Office. Anything not claimed will be donated to our local charity shop Vintage so feel free to take anything that is unnamed.

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**KEY DATES FOR 2024-2025**

December	
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Bake Sale: 3.10pm
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas lunch
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Jack and the Beanstalk performance to all the children
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Term: 1.30pm finish
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Inset Day
January	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Start of the Spring Term
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Young Voices
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	Inset Day
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 3 Greek Day

*Penalty Notices - Just to remind parents/carers that if you take your child out of school without authority, you will be liable to receive a penalty notice. Currently the amount payable is £80.00 per parent/carer per child if paid within 21 days. Thereafter the amount increases to £160.00 if paid between 21 and 28 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court. Please note that penalty notices are issued per parent/carer per child so a family of two parents and two children will receive four penalty notices. Please note if you have received a penalty notice fine since 19<sup>th</sup> August 2024 the second penalty notice will be a flat fee of £160.00 – there is no reduction in fee regardless of how quickly payment is received. If you incur two penalty notices within three years you will NOT receive a third penalty notice – Surrey County Council will have no option but to consider a prosecution, per parent/carer per child, in the Magistrates Court under s 444 Education Act 1996. Our full Attendance Policy is available to view on our website.*

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