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Creating a Love of Learning

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Dear Parents,

Book Look – 3.30pm Wednesday 18th December - apologies, this was not on the calendar. This is an opportunity for parents to come in to class to see some of their children's books. This is for parents of Greys, Highmoor and Springwood children.

Christingle – 6.30pm Thursday 19th December at the Church – Please could each child bring to school on Monday a large orange to make their Christingle for the service on Thursday evening. On Thursday, please could all children arrive at the Church at 6.15pm for the service to start at 6.30pm in school uniform. The service will last approximately 50 minutes. There will be a collection plate on the font for The Children's Society.

Clubs have now finished for the term with the exception of breakfast club which is on as usual next week. Please can we ask that you book your child into the January clubs asap so that we know numbers for the term. Thank you.

Springwood trip to Reading Museum – Wednesday 18th December. Springwood Class will require a packed lunch and wear school uniform on Wednesday for their trip to Reading Museum. Please log into Spider to make your contribution for this trip.

The KS1 Christmas Play on Tuesday was a great success. The children performed 'Christmas with the Aliens' and did themselves proud. Well done to all involved in putting on such a great show. Thanks to FOPS too for supplying the Christmassy refreshments throughout.

Year 3/5/6 Cross Country – despite the cold, damp and grey weather, the children were undeterred. This is a huge event with 9 other schools taking part. Our teams did really well with our Year 5/6 girls coming 3rd in their category. Well done to all the children who took part.

Christmas Lunch

The children enjoyed a fabulous Christmas lunch on Wednesday plus a visit from Santa! Huge thanks to Sally and to the brilliant team of mums who put it all together!

After the lunch, Springwood and Highmoor children walked to Peppard War Memorial Hall to sing carols for the Peppard WI. Every year the WI send a special request for our children to go along and entertain the ladies and of course, we are very happy to oblige!

Highmoor Class trip to Blue Coat School – Highmoor Class visited Reading Blue Coat School's excellent Geology Department yesterday. The children were treated to a wonderful morning taking part in a superb carousel of activities in the Geology department lab, led by Mrs Rancombe. This was a great way for them to get hands on in a real science lab, use and extend their knowledge of this term's Rocks, Fossils and Soils topic. They were then treated to an exceptional lunch! We are extremely grateful to everyone at RBCS for their time and enthusiasm. Special thanks to Hannah Rancombe.

Carolling in Church Lane – they were almost done when the power went out! They did 2 houses in the dark but that was actually quite magical as residents came to the door with candles and we sang Hope of Heaven. The faces on some of the residents (especially the elderly) were priceless and the children did brilliantly. Between the 2 groups of children they raised £242 in an hour and spread lots of Christmas cheer. Thank you to all who helped and came along.

Dates of note for your diary:

Wednesday 18th December – Springwood to Reading Museum.

Wednesday 18th December – 3.30pm Book Look

Thursday 19th December – 6.30pm Christingle Service in Church

Monday 14th July - Summer Production at The Kenton Theatre

Term dates 2024/2025:

Monday 4th November – Friday 20th December

Tuesday 7th January – Friday 14th February

Monday 24th February – Friday 4th April

Tuesday 22nd April – Friday 23rd May

Tuesday 3rd June – Friday 18th July

Voluntary contributions – support our school!

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Your donations go towards improving the experience and education of all the children and throughout the year FOPS work alongside the school to fund learning subscriptions and school trips as well as additional class and school resources.

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