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6<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Dear Parents,

### **Christmas Production**

#### **Important Note**

We look forward to welcoming you to this year's production, "Lights, Camel, Action!", on Friday (dress rehearsal) and Tuesday to Thursday next week. In order to be fair to all members of the audience, we will be operating a queue system at the front entrance of the school on the days of the play. Kindly note that if you are assisting in classes you will not be able to save seats before the queue is admitted. The doors will be opened when the children have completed their early morning tasks around the school, shortly after 9am.

Entrance to all performances will be by **TICKET ONLY** - **please remember to bring your tickets with you**. Please ensure that any members of your family who will be taking photos or videoing, read the guidelines sent with the Christmas letter and remain in the dedicated "photography & video" area at all times. Thank you.

The gates from Southcote Park will be unlocked before and after the performance.

### **Christmas Production Collection**

This year, the School Council would like to raise funds for Ruth Albrecht's Rainbow School in Windhoek, Namibia (as we have done previously) and also for Disability Initiative. Further information about these organisations can be found below. They would like to ask parents to contribute to a collection at the end of each production and children will be stationed at the exits with containers if you wish to contribute. The funds raised will be split equally between both organisations.

#### **The Rainbow School, Namibia**

In 2015 we formed a relationship with Ruth Albrecht's Rainbow School in Windhoek Namibia following a visit by Mrs Porter during a trip to educational establishments in Namibia and Kenya. The Rainbow School is reliant on donations to cover school costs when parents lose their jobs or fall ill and face potentially huge medical bills. With the funds raised from previous collections they were able to purchase outdoor seating made from recycled plastic so the children can enjoy mealtimes outside (see picture). We continue to exchange letters and pictures so that our children can learn about daily life in another culture.



## Disability Initiative

Disability Initiative (DI) is a charity that specialises in the provision of services to adults with complex physical disabilities and acquired brain injury. They have a purpose built centre in Camberley next to the library.



They specialise in providing care and rehabilitation to individuals that helps them achieve their goals, no matter how large or small. This is accomplished through a variety of activities, accredited educational courses and therapies unique to DI.

## Christmas DVD

We are pleased to let you know that we have received enough orders to enable the filming of the play to go ahead on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December. You will be able to order a DVD up until mid-day on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December. All orders received by this date will be returned to school by Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December. Orders received after 8<sup>th</sup> December may not be processed until after Christmas.

## Reminders

- Christmas post boxes will be open from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December.
- The school Christmas lunch will be held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December.
- Class parties take place on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December. Please send the children to school in sensible "party" clothes.
- The Pied Piper Theatre Company will be visiting school on the morning of Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December to perform "Hare and Tortoise", kindly funded by the PTA.
- Term finishes at the earlier time of **2pm** on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December and re-opens for the Spring Term on **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018**.

## School Closure dates

As previously notified, school will be closed for staff training or polling on the following dates in 2018:

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2018  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018  
Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2018

## Registration for September 2018

Just a reminder that if you have a child who is five between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019 inclusive, or you have a child currently in Year 2, all admissions applications need to be received by Surrey County Council by **15<sup>th</sup> January 2018**. Applications received after the closing date without good reason will be treated as late and will not be considered until all on time applications have been processed. This may jeopardise the chance of parents being offered one of their preferred schools for their child. Surrey County Council admissions information leaflets are available from the school office and further information can be found on their website [www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions).

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "E. McClelland".

Mrs Ellen McClelland  
Headteacher

## Diary Dates

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| Friday              | 8 <sup>th</sup> December (midday)   | Last date for DVD orders   |
| Friday              | 8 <sup>th</sup> December  | 9.30am Christmas Play Dress Rehearsal - younger siblings are able to attend with their parents |
| Monday - Friday     | 11 <sup>th</sup> to 15 <sup>th</sup> December   | Christmas Post boxes open  |
| Tuesday - Thursday  | 12 <sup>th</sup> , 13 <sup>th</sup> & 14 <sup>th</sup> December (9.30 to approx. 10.30) | Christmas Play - adults only (siblings to Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> dress rehearsal only)         |
| Tuesday             | 19 <sup>th</sup> December   | School Christmas Lunch   |
| Wednesday           | 20 <sup>th</sup> December   | Class Parties – children can wear home clothes to school.                                      |
| Thursday            | 21 <sup>st</sup> December   | Pied Piper Theatre Company visiting (am)   |
| Thursday            | 21 <sup>st</sup> December   | End of Autumn Term at <b>2.00pm – please note early closure.</b>                               |
| Thursday            | 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2018  | Start of Spring Term   |
| Tuesday & Wednesday | 6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup> February 2018   | Parent Interviews – further details to follow  |
| Monday - Friday     | 12 <sup>th</sup> to 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2018                                      | Half Term  |
| <b>Monday</b>       | <b>19<sup>th</sup> February 2018</b>  | <b>Inset Day – school closed for staff training</b>  |
| Thursday            | 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2018   | End of Spring Term at <b>2pm – please note early closure</b>                                   |
| Monday              | 16 <sup>th</sup> April 2018   | Start of Summer Term   |
| Monday              | 7 <sup>th</sup> May 2018  | Bank Holiday – school closed   |
| Monday-Friday       | 28 <sup>th</sup> May to 1 <sup>st</sup> June  | Half Term  |
| <b>Monday</b>       | <b>4<sup>th</sup> June 2018</b>   | <b>Inset Day – school closed for staff training</b>  |
| <b>Friday</b>       | <b>29<sup>th</sup> June 2018</b>  | <b>Inset Day – school closed for staff training</b>  |
| Monday              | 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2018  | End of Summer Term at <b>2pm – please note early closure</b>                                   |