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I hope that the start of term has gone well for you. We at school are delighted with the way in which the children have settled back into routine and the maturity with which they are going about their learning. Year R have made a brilliant start to their life at Appleshaw; Mrs Ridley and the Willow Class team are delighted!



World War 1 Commemoration

I have mentioned previously that we are taking part in an Andover Town project focussing on the 215 service personnel who are commemorated on the Andover War Memorial. The project involves us decorating a life-size figure that will be part of an installation at Vigo Park on November 10th. From 12pm on that day there will be the opportunity to wander the park to view the figures and then from 5pm a special event to mark 100 years since the end of WW1. During the two weeks after half term each class will be marking 100 years since WW1 in their own way and we are hoping to organise some visitors to school as well.

The Tempest

Oak Class have made a start on their production of 'The Tempest' by William Shakespeare. They had a great afternoon at The Lights last week and the excitement will be building gradually over the next few weeks in preparation for the performance on Tuesday 27th November. Mrs Dabill will be in touch soon about the arrangements for performance day and for obtaining tickets for the play.

Fundraising

Thank you so much for your fantastic support of our two recent fundraising events. The Macmillan/Abbie's Army/Brain Tumour Charity coffee morning raised over £400 as did the NSPCC sponsored event. By the time the last monies have come I don't think we will be far off £1000 raised for charity this half term which is a tremendous effort for our small school!



Parent Consultation Evenings

We will be holding our Parents' Evenings on the 4th and 5th December the purpose of which being to have a discussion about the progress and achievement of, and the provision for your child. In the previous week we will be holding pupil-led parent consultations which will give pupils the chance to share their work with you and illustrate the progress they have made over the term. Further details about these events will be distributed after half term. **In the meantime please remember that you don't have to wait until parents' evening to have a discussion about your child with their teacher. Please catch them at the end of the school day or make an appointment via the school office.**



Christmas

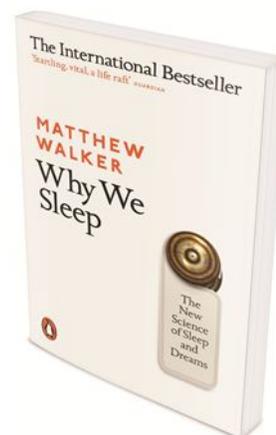
Although it is a while off we have put some dates in the diary for Christmas, including the dates of our Nativity Plays and our Carol Concert.

Date	Event	Time
4th December	Piano Concert for Mrs Lane's students	2:00pm
5th December	PTA Wreath Making Workshop for parents	7:30pm
11th December	Music Concert (Yrs 1, 2, 5 & 6)	9:15am
11th December	Oak Class Carol Singing at Millway House	2-3pm

12th/14th December	PTA Wrap-up	Lunchtime
13th December	Nativity Play	2:00pm
14th December	Nativity Play	9:30am
18th December	Listen2Me Concert (Years 1&2)	11:30am
19th December	Carol Service	6:00pm
20th/21st December	Christmas Jumper Days	All day
20th December	Christmas Lunch	Lunchtime
9th January 2019	Pantomime: Old King Cole	1:45pm

Sleep

How well is your child sleeping? We often notice tired children at school and whilst I would not want to preach about bedtimes for your child what I do know is that if your child is not having enough regular sleep then their capacity to learn is significantly reduced not only by their impaired functioning during the day due to general tiredness but also because the brain is not able to perform at its best at night. Sleep plays a critical function in brain maintenance and development (for example it teaches motor skills—during REM (rapid eye movement) sleep, your brain is actually replaying the physical skills you learned that day) and a lack of sleep hinders decision-making and makes it harder to do hard things; people who are sleep deprived are more likely to choose easy tasks compared to people with a good night's rest. If bedtime and sleep is an issue then it will be impacting your child's learning. Try to have a regular bedtime routine and limit screen time before bed. A bath followed by a good story in a calm atmosphere can work wonders for a good night of rest and will help them learn better at school the next day.



Open Day

This year we are holding our Open Day, which is principally for parents of children who will be starting school in September 2019 on Tuesday 6th November. Please come at 9:45am or 1:45pm for a brief introductory talk from myself and then a tour of the classrooms and school grounds. There will be plenty of opportunity to ask questions and find out as much as you can about our school.

School Grounds Day

I have pencilled in Saturday 3rd November as this term's School Grounds Day. Any help on the day would be much appreciated (no expertise needed although very much welcomed!). School will be open from 9am and the day will go ahead unless the weather looks torrential.

Classlist

The PTA have been exploring ways in which they can improve their means of communication. Over the past few months they have been trialling a piece of software called Classlist.

Classlist is an award winning app designed to make life much easier for school parents and Parent Teacher Associations (PTAs). Fully GDPR compliant, Classlist won Startup of the Year at BETT 2018 - the world's largest education technology event. Classlist has signed up over 2,000 UK schools.

Users can:

- Share parent contact details safely
- Post messages and PTA announcements
- Organise paid and unpaid events
- Fundraise and volunteer
- Parent classifieds for buy/sell/freecycle

Classlist is entirely free. All users are verified. Data is stored in highly secure UK data centres and never passed to third parties.

The PTA will be contacting parents in due course with further details in the hope that the majority of you will want to sign up and enjoy the benefits.

Andover Trees United (ATU)

We are part of a core group of schools who are working with ATU to help move their Great Growing Project forward over the next five years. As well as working directly with schools they have a number of community events organised for each season and you can access the dates and details of those at this link: <https://www.andovertrees.org.uk/events-calendar/>. For example you may be interested in the Lantern-Making Workshop on Saturday, October 27, 2018 from 12:30pm - 3:00pm (last entry 2:00pm) at The Lights Theatre. Booking essential. £10 per adult - accompanied children free.



Salisbury Cathedral

On Saturday 13th October from 2pm until 6:30pm Salisbury Cathedral is offering the chance to be a chorister for the day. Further information can be found here: <https://www.salisburycathedral.org.uk/events/be-chorister-day-0>

Salisbury Cathedral also run a Junior Choir. It's for children aged between 7 and 13 and runs on a Saturday morning from 11am-12pm. Follow the link for further information:

<https://www.salisburycathedral.org.uk/worship-music-cathedral-choirs/salisbury-cathedral-junior-choir>

Additional Diary Dates

11.10.18: Year 5 & 6 Indoor Athletics

18.10.18: Individual School Photos

22.10.18: Half Term

3.11.18: School Grounds Day

6.11.18: Open Day for prospective parents September 2019

3.12.18: Day Closure for Staff Training

21.12.18: Last day of the Autumn Term

7.1.19: Pupils return to school for the spring term



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