

Weekly Newsletter 17th November 2017 Everyone is working hard in school as we approach the Christmas period. We have had several visitors in to school this week all of whom commented on the excellent learning attitude of the children. They are enthusiastic and engaged in their lessons which is very pleasing to see and this has been commented on by visiting professionals.

**Kent Police visit** We had a visit from the new youth engagement officer this week. PCSO Mark Bull took an assembly with the children and talked about his role in the community and local policing. He also answered questions from the children. Mark will be making himself known in our local communities by visiting youth clubs and other areas where young people congregate. **The School playground** Following a meeting of the school council it has been decided to ‘zone’ the playground as from Monday. Children enjoy doing a range of activities during playtime and lunchtime with such limited space some games have been affecting the ability of others to enjoy particular activities. We are very proud that the children have taken the initiative on this matter. We will have three zones in which the focus of play will be different. There will be a sport and ball game zone, an activity zone where children can play such things as speed stacking and a quiet zone where they can sit quietly, colour or engage in simple craft activities. Teaching assistants have been very enthusiastic and are researching creative ways to engage the children in each zone. **Flu Vaccinations** Please can you return you flu vaccination slips to the office if you have not already done so? **Thursday Arts and Craft club** This coming Thursday 23rd November the club will be cancelled. As our friends from Beechgrove have such strong American connections they are celebrating Thanksgiving. Club will resume again the following week. **Awards this week**  Academic awards this week go to; Year R – Isla, Year 1 – Poppy, Year 2 – Ethan, Year 3 – Aleyna, Year 4 – Amber, Year 5 - Paige and Year 6 – Eve. Values awards; Responsibility this week goes to Alexia.

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| **Dates for the diary** | | |
| **Month** | **Date** | **Event** |
| November | 15th | Forest school – Year 1 |
| 21st | Snowdon Colliery choir assembly |
| 23rd | Forest school year 3 |
| 29th | Pantomime trip |
| December | 15th | Christmas Fayre 2pm in school |
| 19th | Nativity 2pm in church Drinks and mince pies from 1.30pm |
| 20th | Christingle 2pm in church |