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Dear Parents and Carers,

December has arrived, marking the beginning of the season of Advent. The first door on the Advent Calendar has been opened, the wreaths have been dusted off and the tree has been decorated. It was a delight to see the looks of joy and excitement on the children's faces as they came into the hall this morning to find that the tree had been prepared and decorated. We would like to thank the BSA (Brighstone School Association) for arranging this and to the parents and staff that gave up their time on Thursday evening to start the preparations for the Christmas Fayre and to decorate the tree.

Next week sees the start of the Christmas Tree Festival, there is a carol service to open it at the Methodist Church at 3.30pm on Thursday 7th December, some of the children will be taking part in leading the singing for this. Mrs Jones has worked very hard with the choir learning the songs and it would be lovely to see as many of you there as possible to support them.

The following week we have our Christingle Service. This will be instead of a Eucharist and is to be in the church on Wednesday 13th December at 8.40am all parents, family and friends are welcome to join us. We will be making Christingles with the children during the **morning** on Tuesday 12th December and would like to invite parents to come in to help the children make their Christingle immediately after drop off in the morning from **8.30am** onwards. **Please note this is a change to the time we advertised last week.** We do hope that you will be able to come along.

There is a lot happening in school on 12th December, it is also the day of our school Christmas Lunch and a piano concert that is to be given by the pupils of Judith Harvey our piano teacher. We would like to invite the parents of all the children that have piano lessons with Judith to join us at 1.30pm on 12th December to enjoy their performance of Christmas music.

On Thursday we welcomed Nicky Metcalf into school to launch this year's Active Travel Project: 'Shift It Schools'. Over the coming weeks we will be encouraging the children to think about how they can be more active on their journeys to and from school. We are inviting the children to take part in designing the colours and graphics for a cycle helmet with a focus on the message: 'Be seen be safe'.

We look forward to seeing you at all of the events that are taking place over the coming weeks.
Best wishes, Mrs Fox

Golden Book

Apple	Toby ~ for working hard at phonics and reading and for his beautiful letter formation.
Willow	Sam R ~ for working really hard with his slider and his thaumascope.
Sycamore	Leo ~ for working really hard in Maths using his number bonds for 5.
Juniper	Ettienne ~ for working really hard with his Read, Write Inc. and for always paying attention in class.
Cherry	Darcey ~ always being really helpful and kind and making the classroom a better place.
Silver Birch	Hannah and Macy ~ for their excellent recital of the class story.
Oak	Frida ~ prosecuting attorney at trial and her enthusiastic involvement in various activities.

Role Model of the week ~ Olivia J for helping her friend by encouraging and praising her when she was upset

Collective Worship

Trust – Keeping Promises

Dear God,
You made a promise to all mankind:
A promise that you kept,
A promise that shows your love for all,
A promise that will never be broken.
We thank you for the promise of Jesus and
that we can trust in you.
Amen

Heather's Healthy Hearty Menu

Monday	Sausages/Quorn sausages with mash, cauliflower, peas and gravy followed by whole meal plum and vanilla crumble with custard.
Tuesday	Roast pork/Quorn with roast potatoes, cabbage, swede and gravy followed by carrot and courgette cake and custard.
Weds	Shepherd's pie with carrots, green beans and gravy OR sweet & sour vegetable noodles followed by apple and raisin flapjack.
Thurs	Chicken tikka with rice OR creamy vegetable pie with mash followed by dutch apple pie and custard.
Friday	Salmon fishcake with chips, beans and peas OR macaroni cheese with garlic bread followed by lemon drizzle cake.

Attendance %

Apple	100
Willow	97.92
Sycamore	97.53
Juniper	93.57
Cherry	99.44
Silver Birch	91.45
Oak	88.38
Whole School	95.32

Congratulations to Apple Class for their positive attendance this week!

Dates for your Diary

December

Thursday 7th	~ Christmas Tree Festival opening 3.30pm
Friday 8th	~ Development Day—School Closed
Saturday 9th	~ School Christmas Fair
Tues 12th	~ 8.30 am, come in to help make Christingles
Wednesday 13th	~ 8.40am Christingle Service, all welcome. ~ Phil The Bag collection
Tuesday 19th	~ 6.00pm School Nativity
Wednesday 20th	~ 1.15pm School Nativity

Raffle Prizes

As always, we will be holding a raffle at the Christmas Fair on Saturday 9th December.

We would be very grateful for donations of prizes for this. Would your workplace like to donate something? All prizes are advertised before the raffle so that people know what they could be winning. Any new unwanted gifts or Christmas themed items would be great. Donations can be anonymous or we can say "donated by". Please drop off any kind donations to the school office ASAP.

Many thanks, Melissa.

Phil The Bag

You can drop off your plastic bags of old textiles, shoes and bags etc on Tuesday 12th December from 2.45—7.30 p.m. or from Wednesday 13th December from 7.30 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. to our School Hall.

This will be the last Phil The Bag for the Isle of Wight.

BSA - Where the money goes!

Income and Expenditure (to nearest £) What we raised:

Christmas Cards	£34.00
Christmas Fair	£664.19
Wolverton Folk Fair	£574.58
Phil-the-Bag textile collections	£175.00
Round the Island Relay	£1864.33
Pumpkin Competition	£120.28
School disco	£183.54
Summer Sizzler	£1,043.90
Misc	£607.52
Total raised in 2016-17:	£5556.31

What we spent funds on:

Teachers/helper gifts	£313.42
Subsiding trips	£2,713.00
Contribution to school text service	£749.00
Y6 leavers tops/party	£364.00
Children's gifts/tree at Christmas	£214.85
Children's easter eggs	£31.40
Insurance (via PTA-UK)	£197.13
Christmas Fayre Banner	£108.00
Thank You Voucher	£25.00
Generator – school play	£229.38
Extension Lead	£63.96
Misc	£172.58
Costumes	£170.68
Total spent in 2016-2017	£5537.38

Brighstone Primary School Christmas Fair Saturday 9th December 1-4pm

- *Crafts and Gifts
- *Homemade Refreshments
- *Raffle
- *Santa's Grotto
- *Chocolate Tombola
- *Fun and games for children

**Free Entry
All Welcome**

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Golden Book — Outside Achievements

Toby ~ Swimming certificates
Charlotte ~ Swimming certificates
Jack L ~ Golden trophy for Athletics
Alanna ~ Coding certificates

Sickness/Absence

If your child is not well enough to attend school, please ensure you let the school know by telephone 01983 740285 or email: office@brighstoneprimary.org.uk by 8:55am on the first day of absence.

When your child is well enough to return to school, please provide a note or email explaining the absence. If we do not receive this within 3 days of your child returning to school, the absence will be marked as UNAUTHORISED.