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Dear Parents/Carers

Attendance

As you know we place a big importance on good attendance. Attending school regularly is vital so that children have access to all the learning they are entitled to and make good progress. It is very clear that, generally, children who don't attend well often start to fall behind in their learning and it then becomes very difficult to catch up with their peers. This is why we place such a high priority on good attendance. An attendance of 90% may sound 'ok', but it would effectively mean that a child is missing one day every two weeks, which when taken into account over the course of a whole primary education, will amount to a very significant amount of learning being missed! As a school we are usually able to authorise absences where we don't feel a pattern of non-attendance is developing and this is what would usually happen when a parent informs us that their child is ill - we accept the reasons given for their absence as we believe that most absence is due to unfortunate illness.

However, going forward we will automatically **unauthorise** any further absences of children whose overall attendance drops below 90% over the last 3 half terms unless parents can prove that absence has been genuine through presentation of doctor's notes or through consultation with our school nurse etc. This is because we are very concerned about the pattern of absence that is developing. Under the Hampshire Schools Code of Conduct, schools are likely to issue a Penalty Notice (£60 per child, per parent) after 10 or more

half day sessions (**five school days**) of unauthorised absence during any 100 possible school sessions which do not need to be consecutive.

The vast majority of children in our school have attendance rates of 90% or better and so for most parents this will not be something to be unduly concerned about. All holidays taken during term time, regardless of their duration, will be marked as unauthorised.

Our overall school attendance as last Friday was 97% well done! - let's keep working together to keep our children learning.

Supervision before and after school

Please ensure you supervise your children before 8:50am and after 3:30pm, the only exception being if they are booked into Breakfast or After School Club. They should not be left in the playground unattended. A child, without supervision, today had a nasty fall which could have been avoided.

Lights Camel Action!

Don't forget to book your tickets (2 per family) at the Office. Mrs Palumbo would like to clarify that children in Aristotle Street require a long skirt or trousers of ANY colour for the performance, not a long white skirt as previously announced!

Avalon Pilgrimage on Tuesday

Avalon Parents - please remember to take children straight to the Church on Tuesday in suitable clothing, including rain coats and walking boots with a packed lunch - see ParentMail email for full information. Don't



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forget your named trowels which will be used for a little maintenance on our precious Miz Maze.

Wisdom Wall

As part of our collective worship, we have been thinking about 'Wisdom'. Your child has come home this week with a blank 'brick', which we'd like you to fill in and return with a wise saying, or proverb. For instance, "Never judge a book by its cover". It should be a lovely conversation starter at home. Please join in with this new idea, and support by sending your child in with their brick, so we can build a 'Wisdom Wall'. Many thanks.

Clubs

As Mrs Foord will be accompanying Avalon on their pilgrimage, there will be NO circuits next Tuesday 4th.

Carol Service

We will be walking up to Breamore Church on Monday 17th December for our Carol Service at 10am. We would be very pleased if parents can join us walking up and back again to school. Please let the Office know if you can help.

CASA New Year Sports Camp

Our sports provider, CASA, are pleased to announce they will be running a 3 day sports camp from 2nd to 4th January 2019. Please see the attached flyer and book directly with them. The club runs 8:30 to 3:30 at a cost of £16 per day or £40 for the 3 days.

The Football Practise Report

I thought that it was very active and enjoyable even though I don't like football. My favourite part was when we did friendly

matches at the end. I made lots of new friends on my teams. I would like to say a well done and thank you to the girls from Burgate who have helped us through the hours and supported us through all of the games. Please do it again. Thank you - Yves.

FABS Christmas Raffle

Tickets are now on sale for the FABS Christmas Raffle! We have a bumper raffle this year with 15 different prizes up for grabs including a variety of hampers, gift packs, dinner vouchers, experiences and even something for your pets! The prize list can be seen on the FABS noticeboard at the Office. Tickets are just £1.00 each with all proceeds going towards our iPad appeal so grab your tickets now from the Office.

One Hundred Square

Christmas needs chocolate and we have a beautiful chocolate hamper waiting to be won through our One Hundred Square! The One Hundred Square is located on the FABS noticeboard outside the Office and each square is £1.00. Please pay at the Office and write your name in your chosen square. Once again, all funds raised will go towards purchasing new iPads for the School.

Diary Dates

Friday 30th November	FABS Wreath Workshop £15 7:30pm – please book at the office
Tuesday 4th December	Avalon pilgrimage to the Miz Maze
Tuesday 11th December	Grandparents Christmas performance 10am Evening performance – 6pm



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Wed 12 Dec	Avalon Bikeability Final Day – don't forget your spare clothes, bikes and helmets!
Wed 12 Dec	Christmas performance – 6pm
Friday 14th Dec	Rocksteady concert 9:10am FABS Christmas Fair 3:30pm
Monday 17th Dec	Carol service at St Mary's Breamore – all welcome to walk up to and back from the church for 10am service
Tues 18th December	Christmas lunch
Thurs 20th December	Christmas Party
Fri 21 Dec	Break up for Christmas – Join us for our last celebration assembly and sing along at 2.45pm.
Wed 2nd to Fri 4th Jan 2019	CASA Sports Camp at Breamore – see flyer for details.
Monday 7th January	Return to School

We try to stick to these dates, however please be aware that there may be occasions when changes are necessary.

Kind regards

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