



# Ocean wave

## November 2021



### Message from the Executive Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy term! Thank you to all of the parents who joined us for the parent consultations and for filling in the parent questionnaire. How lovely to read the many comments and feedback within the questionnaire – all 100% positive! In addition to this, parents/carers would overwhelmingly recommend us to other parents. Most importantly, it was wonderful to read that 100% of parents/carers trust us to keep all children safe.

I really do appreciate those parents who joined me for the Ocean Community Forum this week. Such fantastic ideas to help support the school. The minutes can be found by clicking on this link.

<http://ocean.academies.aspirationsacademies.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/6/2021/11/Parent-Forum-leaflet-2.pdf>

One fantastic idea was to promote Parent Ambassadors who would be available to speak to prospective parents about why they would recommend Ocean Academy and to share details about the excellent opportunities available for learning and beyond. I will be sending out further details about this next week, so please help support us to extend our fantastic reputation far and wide.

I look forward to welcoming parents and carers again in the spring term. Please look out for the date.

Christmas preparations are already upon us and there are a number of events happening in December that you should be aware of. Please take the time to support the CPTA in organising the Christmas fair – the more help there is, the better the event. We really do benefit from the funds raised. If you can help by running a stall for even a short period or can help setting up or clearing away, please contact the office.

This term, we are focusing on the learning skill of **RESPECT**. It is a value we hold dear here at Ocean and the children have been thinking about this through their own thoughts and deeds, through the context of remembrance and wearing the poppy and through our anti-bullying work. Respect within our whole school community is apparent and this comes from respect modelled in the home as well as in school.

We have been evaluating our reading provision and how we teach reading. As part of this we have purchased enough class reading books for every child to have their own copy of the focus text. We have also enriched the book choices for 'home readers'. Mrs Smith works tirelessly in our library to ensure it is an engaging place to be. Please keep reading daily with your child, the benefits of daily reading are well evidenced in providing better life chances and opportunities.

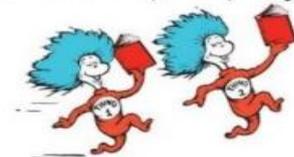
Stay safe and well.

Kindest regards

*J. Quarrie*

Mrs J Quarrie  
Executive Principal

The MORE  
that you read,  
the MORE things  
you will know.  
The MORE that you  
Learn,  
the MORE places you'll go.



## Christmas Lunch

The menu has now been uploaded onto school money for w/c 6th December 2021. Christmas lunch is available to order for Wednesday 8th December 2021 and the menu is attached for your reference. If you wish to place an order for 8th December this will need to be placed online no later than **10am on Monday 29th November 2021**. If you have already placed the lunch orders for w/c 6th December we have transferred any standard and vegetarian meals to the Christmas lunch option on the Wednesday, however, if you placed an order for the jacket potato on the Wednesday this has been removed as this option is not available for this day only. If you wish to choose an alternative item please login to your school money account and select another item. Please remember to update your basket before logging out otherwise your lunches will not be saved.

### **Christmas Lunch Menu from Star Cuisine** **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2021**



#### **Standard Main**

Roasted chicken  
Roast potatoes  
Seasonal vegetables  
Includes Sprouts and Parsnip.  
Sausage wrapped in Bacon & Gravy

#### **Vegetarian Main**

Festive bean, stuffing and Cranberry Cake.  
Roast potatoes  
Seasonal vegetables  
Includes Sprouts and Parsnip.  
Linda McCartney Sausage & Vegetarian Gravy

#### **Pudding**

Chocolate Fudge Brownie Dusted with icing sugar

Cost of lunch : £2.50 – please place your order online via schoolmoney.

## Christmas Fair

We are holding the Christmas Fair on Friday 10 December from 5.00-7.00pm for the first time in two years. We need the following help:

- Setting up
- Stall assistance
- Clearing up
- Refreshments



The CPTA team are very small and we would be grateful for your assistance even if it is for some of the fair. There are lots of exciting things planned – stalls and fun – please join us!

**INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS!!**

## Christmas Jumper day – 10 December 2021

On Friday 10 December 2021 children can wear Christmas jumpers on the top half of their uniforms. For the bottom half please can children wear normal uniform. Donations are requested as follows:

- Year 3 - cakes
- Year 4 - chocolates/sweets

- Year 5 – toiletries
- Year 6 – drinks

Thank you for your support!



### Year 3 Updates

The weeks are flying by since returning after half term and the children have been thoroughly engaged in their new topics. The children continue to show a growth mindset attitude in all that we do and are working hard to reach greater depth learning across all subjects.

In English, we have been reading 'The Twits' by Roald Dahl. The children have thoroughly enjoyed the book so far and we have been both disgusted and intrigued by the pranks Mr and Mrs Twit play on one another. In our writing sessions, we have been learning all about different sentence structures. From here, the children have been having a go at using simple, compound and complex sentences within their writing. The children have been working hard to identify different sentence structures within a passage, whilst also justifying their answers. We are really impressed with the progress the children have been making in their independent writing.

In maths, we have moved onto addition and subtraction. The children have been adding 3-digit and 1-digit numbers, using the method of mental partitioning to help bridge through ten. We have now moved on to the formal written methods of addition and subtraction with both no regrouping and regrouping. We shall continue to practise the formal written methods for addition and subtraction to support the method moving from our short term to our long term memory.

In science, we have started our new topic on forces and magnets. We have been learning all about what forces are and understanding the difference between balanced and unbalanced forces. We know that balanced forces are when two forces are of the same strength and unbalanced forces are when one force is stronger than the other, causing an object to stop/start moving, change direction or speed. The children have really wowed us with the knowledge they have retained so far and their enthusiasm for our learning!



#### The Year 3 Team

### Year 4 Updates

It has been a busy few weeks in Year 4! In English, we have started our writing to entertain unit, focusing on the text 'The Lost Thing'. We have been learning how to use fronted adverbials and different sentence structures for effect. More recently, Year 4 got involved in a live Virtual Author Talk with Jacqueline Wilson. We learned all about how she wrote her latest book, the importance of reading as well as how Jacqueline Wilson works alongside illustrators when creating her books.



In maths, we have been learning to compare and order 4 digit numbers, round numbers to the nearest 1000 and count in 25s. The children have been working hard to include lots of mathematical vocabulary in their reasoning answers.

In science, we have been learning about simple series circuits. The children have enjoyed working in pairs to explore complete and incomplete circuits. We cannot wait to carry out more scientific experiments during this topic. In PSHE, we have had further visits from AFC Bournemouth who have run workshops linked to Anti-Bullying and Road Safety.

Keep up the excellent learning attitude, Year 4!

## Year 4 Team

### Year 5 Updates

Year 5 have made a great start to the new half term and we continue to be impressed with their worth ethic and the work they are producing.

We have spent some time editing and improving our independent writes from last half term, so they are even better now than they were when you got to see them at parents evening! We have now moved onto our new English topic, focused around the class book for this half term, 'Cosmic'. We are all hugely enjoying this book and cannot wait to hear the next part each day! Over this half term, we are focusing on the areas we have identified as likely to benefit most from some focused work at this point, so we are concentrating on use of fronted adverbials, expanded noun phrases and accurate speech punctuation.

The first two weeks of half term in maths were focused around all things data, including exploring use of bar charts, line graphs, pictograms and tables. Work has then progressed on to written method of multiplication and applying them to problem scenarios. We have been really impressed with how the children's arithmetic skills are developing each day too!

The children are enjoying our new topic, "Rocket man". We started with an 'Astronaut afternoon', exploring skills you need to be a successful astronaut such as teamwork, dexterity and reaction times. We have also carried out various different experiments exploring the concepts of gravity and friction, as well as using Newton meters to explore the difference and links between mass and weight.

We have also been fortunate enough to be visited by AFC Bournemouth during our PSHE lesson to explore Road Safety!



## Year 5 Team

### Year 6 Updates

It has been another successful month in Year 6. Pupils' attitudes and behaviour continue to be exemplary, providing them the perfect environment for what we do best here at Ocean - learn!

We are progressing through our class reader - 'A Monster Calls' - and enjoying every chapter of it. The book deals with some important and difficult themes in a delicate, informative and entertaining way. Conor's mother is undergoing treatment for cancer. The story chronicles Conor's everyday life as he struggles to cope with his mother's illness. It has supported our writing where we have been studying descriptive writing techniques: similes, metaphors, powerful adjectives, oxymorons and pathetic fallacies.

Pupils have enjoyed learning about earthquakes in their geography lessons. They have learned about destructive, constructive and transform tectonic plate boundaries, what they are and their effects. They have also learned that seismologists measure earthquakes using a seismograph, identify its magnitude and rate it on the moment magnitude scale. With this knowledge, we conducted field work in the form of a risk assessment of Ocean Academy. We imagined that we live somewhere

that could suffer a magnitude 8 earthquake, considered the potential impact on the school and decided what we should do to mitigate against risk to pupils and staff. Year 6 enjoyed Tim's visit from Wessex Water. We conducted an investigation into the PH levels of three water samples just as the scientists who work for Wessex Water do to check that our drinking water is safe. Tim taught us all about how our water is treated and the immense work that goes into delivering it to our home. It gave us pause for thought when we considered how fortunate we are to benefit from the brilliant infrastructure and innovation that allows us access to seemingly unlimited drinking water at the turn of a tap. In contrast to this deep and meaningful discussion, the highlight of the visit for many pupils was probably the plastic poo that Tim used as part of his water treatment demonstration.



**Year 6 Team**

### School Office reminders

Please can parents check they are up to date with payments for the trips that are running next year. If you have any questions or have a problem accessing School Money, please let us know.



As always, please remember to update your data if you change your phone or move house – it is important we hold the correct data. Thanks for your support as ever!

### Golden Book Winners



**Congratulations to all the winners!**

<u>Year 3</u>	<u>Sharks</u>	<u>Seahorses</u>	<u>Dolphins</u>
5 Nov 21	Poliana/Ruzgar	Jewel/Bella	Tommy/Alana
12 Nov 21	Alyssa/Eva	Nour/Elijah	Henry/Scarlett
19 Nov 21	Milan/Belle	Isaac/Alice	Rosalie/Holly
<u>Year 4</u>	<u>Penguins</u>	<u>Turtles</u>	
5 Nov 21	Joshuah/Zachary	Milly/Elise	
12 Nov 21	Snow/Rosie	Evan/Rachel	
19 Nov 21	Jacob/Tyler	Shai/Charlotte	
<u>Year 5</u>	<u>Orcas</u>	<u>Seals</u>	<u>Piranhas</u>
5 Nov 21	Evelyn/Theo	Maja/Hollie	Lana/Zara

12 Nov 21	Lara/Zak	Marcus/Charlie	Dexter/Tia
19 Nov 21	Selin/Evie	Olivier/Lucy	Oliver/James
<b><u>Year 6</u></b>	<b><u>Barracudas</u></b>	<b><u>Swordfish</u></b>	<b><u>Stingrays</u></b>
5 Nov 21	Erika/Liron	William/Blake	Dylan/Sasha
12 Nov 21	Leo/Henry	Lexie/Rafael	Connor/Marshall
19 Nov 21	Damian/Zach	Millie/Tom	Mia/Deetya

### Library focus – Mrs Smith

The library has been a hive of activity this term, having opened up swiftly for borrowing at the start of the new term. New for this year, is our Author Spotlight display, which includes some information about a specific author alongside a selection of their books to borrow. So far, we have found out more about Roald Dahl to coincide with Roald Dahl Day and Michael Rosen to celebrate National Poetry Day. Our most recent spotlight is on Enid Blyton, who spent many holidays in Dorset and based the settings of her books on some of our most famous local attractions, such as Corfe Castle and Brownsea Island. There will also be some topical displays throughout the year – we started with a 'Freaky Fiction' Hallowe'en display and we currently have a Remembrance Day theme. Next stop, Christmas!!

The Library User League is back up and running and it was fantastic to see such engagement in the library during the first half term. Well done to Dolphins, Seahorses, Sharks, Orcas and Penguins – 100% of those classes borrowed a book. The other classes were not too far behind though and 96% of the whole school borrowed a book from the library.

It has been lovely to welcome back librarians to assist in the library. The children had to apply for the job, sending in some very persuasive letters! It is great to see how many enthusiastic readers we have in school. The librarians are encouraged to take a leading role in their class library visits. They help to keep the library in order, putting the books back and keeping the shelves neat and tidy.

Congratulations to:

Year 3: Layla, Eva, Alyssa, Alice, Amelia, Amy

Year 4: River, Miley, Rosie, Jake

Year 5: Izzie, Tia, Larissa

Year 6: Millie, Kayla, Daria, Lara



### Anti-Bullying

Well done everyone who proudly wore their 'odd socks' as one of the many activities that happened across the Academy to remind us all of the importance of zero tolerance towards bullying. As a GOLD school for anti-bullying, we continue to strive to eradicate bullying in its many forms.

## Attendance

<u>Year</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Attendance %</u>
Year 3	Dolphins	96.70
	Seahorses	98.38
	Sharks	95.40
Year 4	Penguins	96.09
	Turtles	95.65
Year 5	Orcas	96.49
	Seals	96.10
	Piranhas	95.85
Year 6	Barracudas	94.24
	Stingrays	96.40
	Swordfish	92.71

The whole school attendance is 95.74%. Thank you for supporting us at the school with attendance. Congratulations Seahorses – you top the leader board!!



## Children in Need



Thank you for your kind donations to Children in Need. The children have enjoyed dressing up and a total of £290 has been raised – thank you!

## Diary Dates - CPTA

5-10<sup>th</sup> December: Elfridges open

10th December: Christmas Jumper Day - donations to be brought in for the Christmas fair

Year 6 - any drinks

Year 5 - toiletries

Year 4 - chocolates / sweets

Year 3 - cakes

10th December: Christmas fair in school 5 - 7.30pm

24/25 January 2022: Bring in unwanted Christmas gifts to sell

26th Jan - CPTA will sell the gifts after school

14th Feb: Cake sale after school. Children bring cakes in to be sold after school. Pupils can wear red or pink top (school uniform bottom half) as a mufti for bringing in cakes.

1st March: Pancake toss on the field - 50p a go. The furthest pancake tosses wins a prize!

25th March: Mufti day - bring in Easter eggs for Bunny Bingo ( in school!)

1st April: Bunny Bingo - in school 5-7pm

25th April: Art week. Pupils bring in their art work all week and CPTA will sell it after school on

Friday 29th April

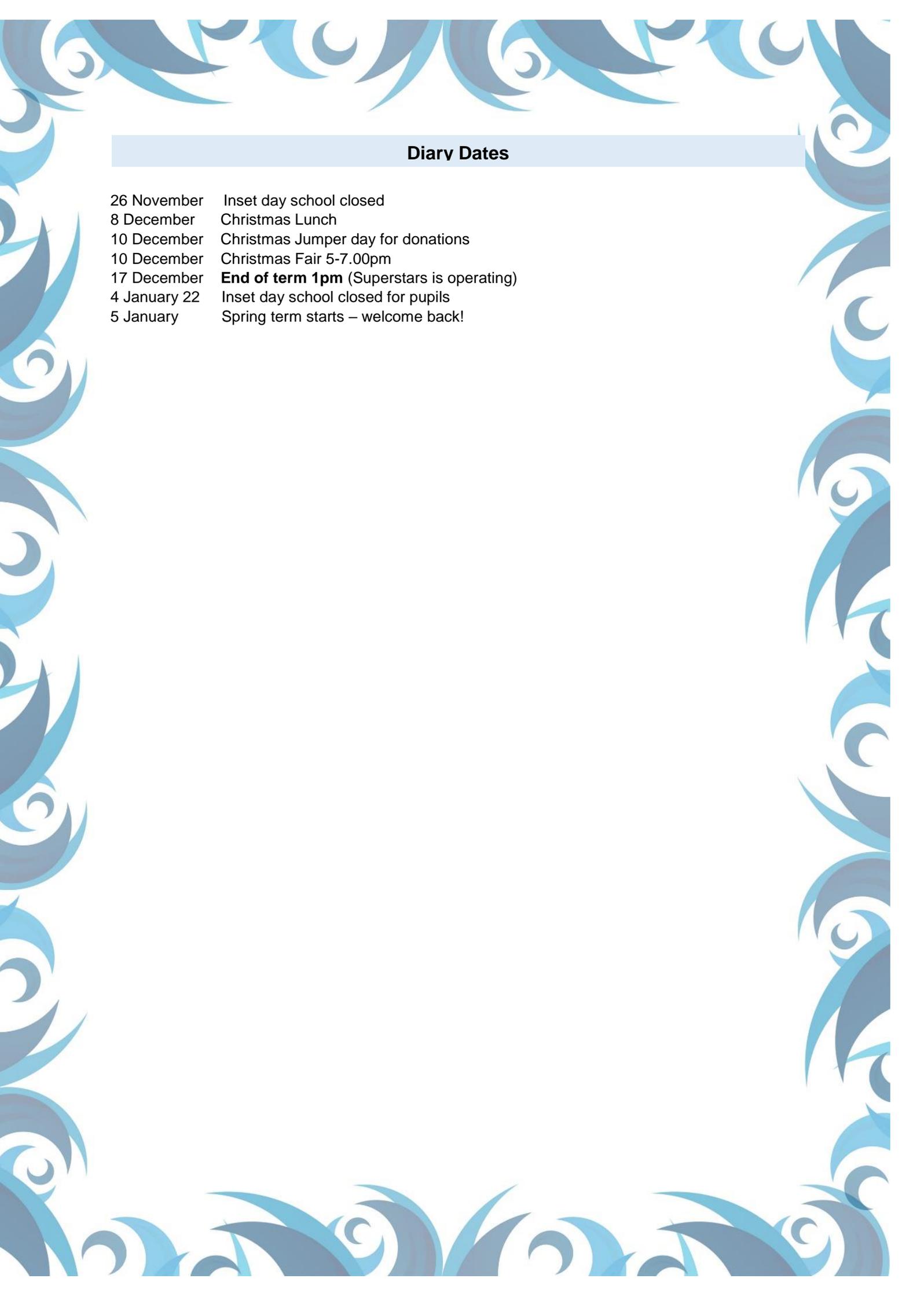
13th May: Adults only quiz night, doors open (in school) at 6.30pm for a 7pm start.

8th July: Mufti day for the summer fair

18th June: Leavers picnic on the school field (time TBC)

16th July: Summer fair





## Diary Dates

26 November	Inset day school closed
8 December	Christmas Lunch
10 December	Christmas Jumper day for donations
10 December	Christmas Fair 5-7.00pm
17 December	<b>End of term 1pm</b> (Superstars is operating)
4 January 22	Inset day school closed for pupils
5 January	Spring term starts – welcome back!