Upham CE (Aided) Primary School

Friday 20 November



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Dates for your Diary:

Wed 25 Nov – Deadline to order Xmas cards
Fri 27 Nov – Dress Down Day for FUS Christmas Fair – bring a donation for a stall
Sat 5 Dec – FUS Christmas Fair 2-4pm
Wed 9 Dec – Hedgehogs Listen2Me concert
Wed 16 Dec – Christmas Productions Day
Approximate timings tbc:
- Dormice 9.30am
- Squirrels 11am
- Hedgehogs 2.15pm
- Badgers 6.30pm

Fri 18 Dec – 2pm Christmas Carol Service at Blessed Mary Church
21/12 – 1/1 Christmas Holidays
Mon 4th Jan - INSET Closure Day

INSET Days left for 26/27
- **Mon 4 Jan**
- **Mon 22 Feb**

Communications this week:

- ***Fri** – Codes to order FUS Xmas cards deadline **25th Nov***





Photo: Odd Socks and memory ribbons as part of Anti-Bullying Week

It has been anti-bullying week this week which has been a theme across collective worship. It's really important children understand that the key to stopping any bullying is to talk about it and share so that's been a key message. It's also important for children to recognise what it is … and isn't. Children often experience conflict as part of disagreeing with friends and children can do acts of unkindness in reaction or mean things because they are experiencing strong emotions. These are not OK and need to be addressed but bullying is more targeted, sustained and based on power imbalance. We also gave children a quiet moment to reflect about these messages today – using the symbolism of tying a ribbon around a cord as a memory (picture above).



Squirrels Being Historians

Children in squirrels class enjoyed an exciting history lesson this week. They had a discovery box where they took artefacts out, unwrapped them and had to work out what they were. They were all toys from the past, some relatively recent whilst others were much older and Victorian. This gave them lots of reflection moments; a key spirituality thinking skill, where they thought about similarities to their own experiences but all differences.



FUS Onesie Day Next Friday

FUS will be holding a dress down day next Friday (27th) in order to collect resources for the Christmas Fair. We thought children might like to wear onesies, since it's getting colder it's nice to feel cosy. I emphasise, please don't rush out to buy a onesie if your child doesn't have one – any comfy clothes (even PJs) will be fine – just might be nice to wear if they have one.

FUS would appreciate a donation if your child would like to participate. Any item for the following stalls will be gratefully received:

- *Donations for the chocolate stall – packets / boxes of chocolates etc.*
- *Drinks tombola – alcoholic or soft drink bottles*
- *Toy tombola – donations of good quality, clean, toys and soft toys*
- *Presents for Parents – at the fair there is a stall where children can buy a gift for a parent – unwanted or duplicate gifts would be perfect*

There's a few spaces for stalls at the Christmas Fair – if you or family are interested in selling things, ask FUS for details or we can put you in touch.

Sports News

We haven't had sport news much this term, this is due to some changes at a sports organisational level this term. But the normal range of opportunities is now starting up again. This week, boys and girls from Years 4, 5 and 6 took part in a target games festival with lots of activities involving throwing and aiming skills. It was a tournament so there were no places but competitive at an individual level – trying to beat your score.

The children all had fun and enjoyed the afternoon's activities. Thanks to Mrs Leech for taking them and also to parents and families for transporting them.

Reminder to Book FUS Christmas Fair Events via Arbor

FUS Christmas Fair events/ tickets can be booked/paid for through Arbor:

- *Santa's Grotto*
- *Raffle tickets*
- *Guess the number of sweets in the jar competition*
- *Name and win the teddy competition*