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## Diary Dates: 2017 - Newsletter Issue 15

Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Term Begins
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> Jan	09.00 Lowry Class (Yr 1) Multi-skills @ Eversley Cricket Club (1) 09.00 Matisse Class (Yr 2) Hockey @ Eversley Cricket Club (1) 09.00 Picasso Class (Yr 3) Cricket @ Eversley Cricket Club (1)
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> Jan	INSET DAY
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> Jan	09.00 Lowry Class (Yr 1) Multi-skills @ Eversley Cricket Club (2) 09.00 Matisse Class (Yr 2) Hockey @ Eversley Cricket Club (2) 09.00 Picasso Class (Yr 3) Cricket @ Eversley Cricket Club (2)
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> Jan	09.00 Lowry Class (Yr 1) Multi-skills @ Eversley Cricket Club (3) 09.00 Matisse Class (Yr 2) Hockey @ Eversley Cricket Club (3) 09.00 Picasso Class (Yr 3) Cricket @ Eversley Cricket Club (3)
Wed 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan	18:00 KS1 SATS Evening
Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	09.00 Lowry Class (Yr 1) Multi-skills @ Eversley Cricket Club (4) 09.00 Matisse Class (Yr 2) Hockey @ Eversley Cricket Club (4) 09.00 Picasso Class (Yr 3) Cricket @ Eversley Cricket Club (4) 18:00 KS2 SATS Evening
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	09.00 Lowry Class (Yr 1) Multi-skills @ Eversley Cricket Club (5) 09.00 Matisse Class (Yr 2) Hockey @ Eversley Cricket Club (5) 09.00 Picasso Class (Yr 3) Cricket @ Eversley Cricket Club (5)
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	HALF TERM
Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> Mar	World Book Day

NB: Years 4 & 5 will be joining forces to present a spectacular Easter performance. To be held over two separate performances.

### INSET Days 2017 – 2018

Please see below details of the remaining 3 inset days confirmed by the educational consultants we are working with this year. Please note these don't fall where you would usually expect them.

Inset Day 3: Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Inset Day 4: Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Inset Day 5: Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2018

## Christmas lunch

Thank you to all those parents who gave up their time to help with the school's Christmas lunch this year. It was a great success and enjoyed by all. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

The Kitchen Staff

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Many thanks to those who have cleared their accounts.

May we kindly remind everyone to clear any outstanding balances over the Christmas break.

Dear Parents,

Well some of us have made it to the end of term. I can't believe how much these colds and bugs have hit some children and parents so hard. I really hope that all of you who are unwell start to feel yourself again soon.

This has been a challenging, long yet rewarding term. We started the school year welcoming new staff, families and children to CKS. Having held PLLR's over the last couple of weeks and my individual meetings with teachers, the children in all classes are making good progress and are well on their way to achieving the raised standards expected at the end of each year group.

This Christmas we saw a change to our usual performance week, with Year R and Year 2 taking responsibility for the Nativity Play and Year 6 having their own opportunity to reflect on Christmas. Year 3 focussed their event on Christmas Traditions and Year 1 the Christingle. All the children performed confidently and clearly enjoyed the opportunity. I am very grateful to the staff for all the time they have put in to give the children these memories.

On behalf of the all the staff, can I thank you for your continued support. The profession is under a great deal of scrutiny by the Government and press. Day by day schools and staff are expected to do more with less budget. It is hard very frustrating for us as professionals. We do try to go the extra mile at CKS and it is always comforting to know that you do support what we are doing and work with us!

This morning we had our Christmas Collective Worship, focusing on the true meaning of Christmas. Each class were given a Christmas object. They had to think how the object could help remind us of the true meaning. I have included some of the responses from the children....

**Da Vinci had a FIR TREE:** Fir Tree remains green all year round, showing the everlasting hope. The needles point up towards heaven helping us to remember our prayers always reach God

**Cassatt had a STAR.** The children told me that it shone the night baby Jesus was born and helped the Wise Men find him.

**Picasso had a CANDLE** to remind us that Jesus, God's Son, is the light of the world.

**Van Gogh had a WREATH.** We talked about the symbol of a circle and that the wreath reveals the endless nature of God's love. Nothing can stop God's amazing love.

**Gauguin had a CANDY CANE.** The children told me that this represents the shepherd's staff. The crook on the staff rescues sheep who have strayed from the flock and that God never gives up on people who wander from Him.

**Lowry had an ANGEL.** The children said the angel reminds them of good news. The angel said to the shepherds 'Glory to God in the highest! Peace and good will to everyone on earth!'"

**Matisse had a GIFT.** God deeply loves people, so He gave them His most precious gift—Jesus, His only Son. When the wise men arrived in Bethlehem, they bowed before the Child and presented gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. This is why we give gifts to others each Christmas.

As you make journeys to visit family and friends this Christmas I hope for peace and the time together building special memories.

On behalf of all the staff at CKS, may I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and Peaceful New year!

**“May the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the perseverance of the wise men, the obedience of Joseph and Mary, and the peace of the Christ child be yours this Christmas”.**