



NEWSLETTER

March 2016

Dear Parents,

As we complete the Spring Term this week many of you have joined us for our curriculum outcome afternoons. The children have worked remarkably hard over the term and I am sure you will have seen the progress they are making as a result. If you came to Parents' Evening you should also have received our 'Non-negotiable' list the children have for their writing. This is a list of common features in writing that every child should be using within the year group in order to be working at Age Related Expectation (ARE). If you don't have a copy of these please ask your child's teacher.



This week has also been busy for our musicians. The choir took part in the Basingstoke Music Festival on Saturday and came joint second place. We were all very proud, particularly as they were the smallest group there! Last night both school choirs took part in a musical evening at Christ Church alongside many children who learn instruments. Our pupils display great talents and it was a delight to see them display these talents at such an event. My thanks go to the Christ Church team who hosted the event and most importantly to Jill Jones who is not only a talented music teacher but also a fantastic organiser who gave up much of her time to make it all happen.

The children really enjoyed Sports Relief last Friday. They walked or jogged a mile around the school grounds and raised a total of **£242**. Thank you to everyone who supported this worthy cause.

Lastly I wanted to inform you that Mr Dodge; our long standing caretaker has retired this term. I am pleased to welcome Guy Blagbrough as our new joint Site Manager with the infant school. We are pleased to be working more closely with the infant school and both schools feel it will be very beneficial to have one person overseeing the whole site. We are also looking to recruit a joint caretaker and have an advert on Hantsweb.

All that is left for me to say is have a lovely Easter, enjoy some relaxing time and remember **school starts again on 12th April**. 11th April is an INSET day.

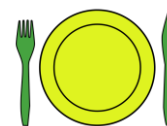
Mrs C Martinez
Headteacher

Our Choir at the Basingstoke Music Festival



School Dinner Money

From April 12th HC3S are increasing the cost of dinner money by 10p. The cost of a school dinner will now rise to £2.10.



REMINDER

Please can you ensure your child has a named water bottle in school they can use throughout the day. They are available from Skoolkit with our logo for £2.99.

PE KIT

There appears to be a growing number of children without the correct PE kit in school. Please be advised that children need shorts for indoor PE and trainers may only be worn outside. The following kit list is shown in the prospectus:

- *Short sleeved plain *blue sports T-shirts*
- *Navy tracksuit bottoms (not leggings) with * blue hooded sweatshirt tops for colder weather – OUTSIDE ONLY*
- *Sports shorts in navy blue*
- *Trainers may be worn for outside PE work only*

* You will find that when buying new PE tee-shirts and hoodies, these are now blue, which although will be a different shade, will match with the rest of our blue uniform. Red hoodies/tee shirts are still allowed until such a time as you would usually replace them.

All jewellery must be removed for PE for health and safety reasons. This includes earrings. Tape is not allowed as an alternative. Children must be able to remove the earrings themselves or take them out before coming to school.

Summer Fete – 25th June

Please note the change of time this year for our Summer Fete. **It will be open from 1-4pm** (not 2-5pm as in previous years)



BALL COURT

Once again I would like to clarify the use of the ball court after school.

After school children must go home and change before using the ball court as members of the community. This is to ensure that all children have returned home and parents know the whereabouts of their children. It also ensures that secondary school children do not enter before our children are safely off the premises. It is difficult for staff to ascertain which parents are supervising their children and so to avoid any confusion **THE BALL COURT IS NOT TO BE USED STRAIGHT AFTER SCHOOL**. There is a rota for classes to use the ball court at break times.

DIARY DATES



APRIL		JUNE	Other Notable Dates
11 th	INSET DAY	6 th	INSET DAY
12 th	Back to school	7 th	Class, team and leavers photos
13 th	Parent Drop in with Mrs Docherty	8 th	Parent Drop in with Mrs Docherty
MAY		14 th	BPSM Choir Rehearsal Day
2 nd	BANK HOLIDAY	15 th /16 th	The Vyne Coffee Morning Yr4 & Yr5
4 th	Parent Drop in with Mrs Docherty	16 th	Think Safe – Yr6
9 th -13 th	SAT's Week	16 th	Year 2 New Parents meeting
16 th – 20 th	Walk to school week	17 th	Dress down day - FFLS
19 th	Year 4 Trip to Ufton Court	17 th	BPSM Orchestra Rehearsal Day
23 rd & 24 th	Year 3 Trip to QMC - Electricity	24 th	Sports Day