



# NEWSLETTER

## June 2016

Dear Parents,

As we enter the last half term of the academic year we still have a great deal to look forward to. Next week is particularly busy with rehearsals continuing for the Basingstoke Primary School Music Festival; Sports Day on Friday and the Summer Fete on Saturday. The format of Sports Day this year will be a little different in a bid to ensure that all children participate as much as possible throughout the day. There is also an opportunity for parents to be involved too so come with your trainers at the ready! Please refer to the letter sent via parent mail earlier this week which informs you of the finer details of the day.

The battle for the repair of the paving slabs and improvement of drainage continues. I have had a meeting this week with county and I am hopeful that the works for both slabs and drainage will take place during the summer holidays. Thank you for your patience this year during the wet and rocky times!

This is also the time of year when we look ahead to children starting in new classes and in some cases, new schools. The teachers are currently working hard to ensure the smooth transition for all children and they will be talking to past teachers about each child (and future teachers in Year 6) so they have a really good knowledge of your child before September. This year we have organised additional transition times before the end of term so that children have a greater opportunity to get to know their new teacher and the expectations in the new year group. The first 'Move Up' will be on 1<sup>st</sup> July.

We will be saying goodbye to some of our members of staff at the end of term. Mrs Whiteford is relocating to sunny Devon so will no longer be Year 3 Leader and Mr Davies will also be leaving to pursue other interests. Their work here has been valued greatly and I wish them the best of luck for the future. We are recruiting for new members of staff and I will let you know when I have further information.

This term is always one of mixed emotions as Year 6 end their time with us. However, there is still a lot for them to look forward to with Calshot residential less than three weeks away. When they get back they will be straight in to rehearsals for the Upper School Production 'Shakespeare Rocks'. Look out on the diary dates for show times!

Can I please urge you to look at the dates at the end of this newsletter and regularly check your parentmail. It's such a busy time of year, activities and events can easily get missed!

Mrs C Martinez  
Headteacher

### **The Basingstoke and Dean KWIK Cricket Tournament**

Well done to our Year 6 boys who came third in the tournament last week. This was an amazing achievement as they had only a short time in which to practise and had not had the opportunity to play against other schools before. Unfortunately the girls' cricket was cancelled due to bad weather and is being re-scheduled.

### **Summer Fete PLEA!**

**Once again FFLS is struggling to find enough volunteers to help on the day. If you can spare any time to help the event be as successful as possible, please let FFLS know (there was a parentmail sent out earlier this week).**

### **Year 6 Ipad Project**

Year Six has been involved in an exciting project with Jonathan Rooke from the University of Winchester. They have been using iPads to prepare learning opportunities for children and teachers in other schools to learn about Refugees. The work was based around a book called "The Boat" by Andy Melrose who is a colleague of Mr Rooke. Everyone involved was astonished by the excellent quality of the children's learning and their empathy with people in the most difficult of situations. The items they made have gone to form part of an exhibition and website to accompany the book and formed part of a prestigious project which we hope will help children across the country to understand an issue all of us find hard to face.

## Sun Protection



This is the time of year when children are outside in the sunshine for a significant amount of time. Please ensure your child has sun cream applied before coming to school and provide them with a peaked hat to protect their heads and eyes from the sun. Peaked caps with the school logo can be bought from Skoolkit, (We do not allow sunglasses to be worn as they can cause problems in the playground!)



## DIARY DATES

JUNE		JULY	
21 <sup>st</sup>	BPSM Rehearsal Day	12 <sup>th</sup>	Yr4 Topic Outcome – 2.45pm
21 <sup>st</sup>	BPSM Concert at The Anvil - 7pm	13 <sup>th</sup>	Yr3 Topic Outcome – 2.30pm
22 <sup>nd</sup>	BPSM Concert at The Anvil - 7pm	13 <sup>th</sup> & 14 <sup>th</sup>	Parent meeting for reports 3.45- 5pm appointment times on request at school office.
24 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day – 9.30am start	15 <sup>th</sup>	FFLS Disco
25 <sup>th</sup>	FFLS Summer Fete 1pm – 4pm	18 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 5&6 performance – 2pm
28 <sup>th</sup>	Reserve Sports Day	18 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 5&6 performance – 6.30pm
30 <sup>th</sup>	Yr5 Trip to British Museum - London	19 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 5&6 performance – 6.30pm
<b>JULY</b>		20 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of term
4 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>	Yr6 Calshot Residential Trip		
6 <sup>th</sup>	Yr3 Trip to Portsmouth Historic Dockyard		
6 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Drop in with Mrs Docherty appointments from 8.40am -9.40am	<b>SEPT</b>	
11 <sup>th</sup>	Reports sent home	5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup>	INSET DAY
11 <sup>th</sup>	Yr5 Topic Outcome 2.45pm	7 <sup>th</sup>	First day of term

