



# NEWSLETTER

October 2016

Dear Parents,

October half term is almost upon us and the recent change in weather reminds us that summer is well and truly over and winter is on its way. Please can you ensure children have their coats everyday as not only are they outside at morning break and lunchtime but they are also spending considerably more time outside during lessons.



One of our main improvement areas over this year is to increase our use of the outside learning environment to enhance learning across the curriculum. I have included a number of pictures here that I used in our recent Prospective Parents' Evening showing just how much fun children have been having, learning outside the classroom.



Our other improvement areas for this year include: "To ensure all children make outstanding progress at the end of KS2" and "For all children to embody the key values to become responsible, caring and confident citizens". Alongside this we are continuing to use Growth Mindset, enabling the children to believe they can make outstanding progress with effort, concentration and resilience. Mrs Sale held a parents' information morning last week to give more insight about the approach. It was well received and we plan to publish the power-point on the website soon.



I am very proud to see so many children wanting to take on different responsibilities in school. We had a record number of Year 6's wanting to be House Captains. They wrote and presented very high quality speeches and the rest of the school found it difficult to choose the right people for the job as there were so many! We have also had School Council and Eco-Committee Elections and Play-leader Interviews with many applicants to choose from. How fantastic to see our children wanting to do so much for their school! Next half term they will start the hard work.

Just a reminder – it is INSET on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October. Therefore the last day for the children is this Thursday. Have a lovely half term.

Mrs C Martinez  
Headteacher



On 23<sup>rd</sup> September children were invited to wear their jeans and bring a pound in for Genetic Disorders UK.

We raised a total of **£295!**  
Thank you!

## Thank you Everyone!

Thank you to all our children who came back to school last Thursday evening to show prospective parents around the school. They were fantastic ambassadors, speaking enthusiastically about their school, answering questions, and taking part in a range of activities. The prospective parents were very impressed with their 'tour guides' and the range of activities that were show-cased.

## HARVEST



Thank you to everyone for bringing in contributions for our Harvest Festival. Mrs Ellis, from Christchurch came to talk to the children and take the contributions to the Camrose Centre, in Basingstoke.

## PARK AND STRIDE

Thank you to all the children and parents who took part in Walktober initiative this morning. The My Journey Team along with Mrs Martinez and several members of staff, walked with the children from The Chineham Village Hall to school where they were met by Basil the Bird. All children who took part were given a badge. The children then took part in an assembly where we were presented with our Bronze National Travel Award.



## DIARY DATES

October		November	
21 <sup>st</sup>	Inset day	17 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Evening 5.30pm-8.00pm
24 <sup>th</sup> -28 <sup>th</sup>	Half Term	18 <sup>th</sup>	Children in Need – details to follow
31 <sup>st</sup>	Back to School	26 <sup>th</sup>	FFLS Christmas Fair
November		28 <sup>th</sup> -1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Year 5 Bikeability
1 <sup>st</sup>	QMC visit – 4AD & 4D	December	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bonfire Themed Lunch – must be pre-ordered	6 <sup>th</sup>	Lower school matinee performance - 2pm
4 <sup>th</sup>	QMC visit – 4G	6 <sup>th</sup>	Lower school performance 6pm
9 <sup>th</sup>	Author visiting Year 6	7 <sup>th</sup>	Lower school performance 6pm
10 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 visiting Chineham Library	12 <sup>th</sup>	Yr3 & Yr6 Topic Outcome – 2.45pm
10 <sup>th</sup>	Planetarium visiting Year 5	13 <sup>th</sup>	Yr4 & Yr5 Topic Outcome – 2.45pm
14 <sup>th</sup> -18 <sup>th</sup>	Anti Bulling week	14 <sup>th</sup>	Yr3 & Yr4 Christmas Lunch
16 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Flu vaccinations	15 <sup>th</sup>	Yr5 & Yr6 Christmas Lunch
16 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Evening 4pm-6.30pm	16 <sup>th</sup>	Carols in the playground – 1.15pm