



# NEWSLETTER

## January 2017

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year and welcome back to a term when children are encouraged to challenge themselves to achieve new heights in their learning and Year 6 get to grips with what the SATs have in store for them in May. Earlier this week we held an information evening for Year 6 parents to ensure that parents and children are as prepared as possible for the new tests that are set to be even more challenging than in previous years.

Growth Mindset continues to be a key element in learning at Four Lanes; encouraging the children to embrace challenge, keep going and overcome obstacles. Alongside this are our 'Learning Powers' helping children to consider what Growth Mindset looks like in their learning and what will help them be successful and achieve their goals. Our Learning Powers are: **Concentration, resilience, responsibility, curiosity, risk taking, creativity, co-operation and enjoyment.** Please use these at home with your child when completing homework or when faced with other challenges in their everyday lives. We also ask that you try to model this yourselves by avoiding language such as '*clever*', '*useless*' or '*can't*' and replacing it with '*confident*', '*worked hard*' or '*can't do it YET!*'

Last term we raised a great deal of money for various causes: Jeans for Genes (£295), Children in Need (£2257), The Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal (£306.07) and FFLS Christmas Fayre (£1800). The Year 5 children also raised money at the end of term for our own weather station and I am pleased to inform you that our weather station is now ordered. Well done to all the children (and Year 5 parents' donations of biscuits!) and thank you to everyone for supporting this by purchasing drinks and biscuits on the day. The Year 5 team are very excited planning how this fantastic piece of equipment will be utilised in the children's learning over the term.

This term we plan to start the development of the grounds as both a teaching resource and for the whole community. Mr Millard has been leading this initiative and has already secured funding to start sourcing materials for vegetable beds. However, the first part of the plan is to clear up the grounds and tackle some of the many maintenance tasks that are continually needed through vandalism and wear and tear. If you are able to spend up to a couple of hours on the morning of **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February**, we invite you to join us for 'Ground Force Day' to kick-start the project. Please look out for further information coming soon!

Mrs C Martinez  
Headteacher



<p><b>Year 3</b> On a school trip 272 people visit a museum. There are 223 children and 16 teachers, the rest are parents. How many parents are there?</p> <div style="text-align: right;">  </div>	<p><b>Year 5</b> Flossipip goes on a fishing holiday. On Monday she catches twice as many fish than on the Tuesday which is 5 fish less than on the Wednesday. She caught 6 fish on Thursday which was half as much as on Wednesday and her final catches on Friday brought her up to a final total of 42 fish caught that week. How many fish did she catch on each day?</p>
<p><b>Year 4</b> Slipper Jim and Silver Sara buy second hand books from the market. Slipper Jim always buys from the '3 books for £2' table and Silver Sara always buys from the '£5 for 7 books' table. If Jim spent £3 more than Silver Sara, who bought 35 books? How many books did they buy together in total?</p>	<p><b>Year 6</b> Bingle eats 25% of the seeds that Mumble eats which is twice as much as Zongle which is 25% more than Timkin. If the total amount of seeds which the guinea pigs ate was 510g, how much did each guinea pig eat?</p>

## CLEANER REQUIRED!

We are seeking an enthusiastic and conscientious cleaner on a *casual contract*, who is flexible and hardworking, to join our friendly site-management team.

The successful candidate will work in partnership with our site manager and existing cleaners in order to provide the best possible learning environment for our children. Cleaning duties will ideally be carried out from 4.00pm to 6.00pm, Monday to Friday, although we can be flexible with these times to suit the right candidate if necessary. We are also able to offer greater flexibility in working hours during school holidays.

The ideal candidate will:

- take pride in their work and uphold the highest standards of hygiene and cleanliness;
- be a team-player;
- be reliable and flexible;
- be self-motivated, organised and able to work using their own initiative;
- be able to communicate effectively with children and adults;
- be practical and able to cope with the physical demands of the role.

We can:

- Offer a friendly, supportive team of cleaners to work alongside;
- provide appropriate training;
- Offer a varied role in a supportive environment with polite, respectful children.

If you would like further information, or would like to look around please contact Mrs Neilson in the school office.

Four Lanes Community Junior School and Hampshire County Council are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. We will ensure that all our recruitment and selection practices reflect this commitment. All successful candidates will be subject to Disclosure and Barring Service checks along with other relevant employment checks.



## DIARY DATES

Jan		March	
26 <sup>th</sup>	Yr3 Trip to Butser Ancient Farm	1 <sup>st</sup>	Yr5 Swimming lesson
<b>Feb</b>		2 <sup>nd</sup>	World Book day
1 <sup>st</sup>	Yr4 Trip to The Anvil – Orchestra Unwrapped	4 <sup>th</sup>	Choir performing at Mayors Charity Concert at The Anvil
8 <sup>th</sup>	Yr5 Swimming lesson	13 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup>	Book Fair
13 <sup>th</sup>	6R visit QMC 9-12pm	14 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Evening (Pupil Lead Learning Reviews) More info to follow 17.30-20.30
14 <sup>th</sup>	6Hvisit QMC 9-12pm 6SB visit QMC 12pm – 3pm	15 <sup>th</sup>	Yr5 Swimming lesson
15 <sup>th</sup>	Yr5 Swimming lesson	18 <sup>th</sup>	Basingstoke Music Festival
17 <sup>th</sup>	Break up for half term	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Yr5 Swimming lesson
20 <sup>th</sup> -24 <sup>th</sup>	Half Term	24 <sup>th</sup>	Red Nose Day
27 <sup>th</sup>	Inset day	29 <sup>th</sup>	Yr5 Swimming lesson