



NEWSLETTER

February 2017

Dear Parents,

With only a week to go until half term, there is a lot to update you on in regards to what is happening in and around school.

Thank you very much to everyone who returned their parent questionnaires. I am delighted to report that over 90% of parents positively agreed or strongly agreed in response to every question. An overwhelming majority of parents felt their child is happy at school and that they are well looked after and feel safe. 99% of parents feel involved in their child's learning and their child is well taught. There has been a significant improvement in parents' satisfaction with our communication since our last survey on 2014, with 95% of parents now feeling the school communicates the information they need. One or two parents even feel we communicate too much! However, we are never complacent as there are always improvements that can be made to improve our children's experiences and therefore year teams and the Senior Leadership Team, along with the governors, are currently considering our next steps of progress both as individual year groups and as a whole school community. We will keep you informed as we continue to define and improve our provision and practice.

Following on from my last newsletter there has been lots of work going on behind the scenes, developing our 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. I am also pleased to report that 'Incredible Edible' North Hampshire Team have agreed to plant a small orchard for us at the top of the field and we are presently talking to Veolia to try and acquire quality compost. Furthermore, we have submitted an application to the parish council for video camera bird boxes and if any parents work for DHL, we would love to hear from you in regards to supporting us with another grant application.

Nigel Taylor, our School Crossing Patrol Officer, will sadly be leaving us at the end of half term in order to take on a site nearer to home. He has ensured the safety of our children crossing the road, for many years and we wish him well as he takes on a new site. Unfortunately this means that **THERE WILL BE NO SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL OFFICER FROM 27TH FEBRUARY** until a new one is recruited. If you are interested in the position, please see the advert on parentmail. In the meantime please be extra vigilant and ensure your child adheres to road safety rules, especially if they walk to school without adult supervision.

New Date for Ground Force Day!

This will now take place on 25th March
10.00am -12.00pm to clear up the
grounds and tackle some of the
many maintenance tasks that are
continually needed through
vandalism and wear and tear.
Please save the date and get your
tools at the ready!

I also ask that you support us in ensuring the safety of our children through the carpark. There are a number of children and adults that cut through the main car park rather than walking on the footpaths. There are a number of staff members that leave at the end of the school day and there have been several 'near misses' when parents and children have stepped out on the bend. As adults we urge you to act as an example to all the children by taking a few extra seconds to walk on the designated pathways.

Parking is always a contentious issue around school entrances. We are working closely with the infant school and our local PCSO on a number of initiatives to stop people parking inconsiderately and to discourage drivers from acting in a manner that puts our children at risk and causes distress to local residents.

Lastly, I would like to welcome Mrs Ellis, who is the latest addition to our learning support team. Many of you will already know her through her extensive work at the church and also through the great deal of support she has provided to the school in the past as a volunteer. We are however, saying goodbye to Mrs Venturino in Year 5 and Mrs Buchanan in Year 3. We wish them both well as they move to pastures new.

Mrs C Martinez
Headteacher



<p>Year 3 Brendan takes photos of 600 flowers. If half of his photos are red flowers and 100 of them are yellow flowers, the rest are multi-coloured. How many multi-coloured flower photos did he take?</p>	<p>Year 5 Percy Duckwing peels potatoes. He peels 20% of them with his left hand, 0.3 of them with his right hand and two fifths of them with an electronic peeler. He still has 200 potatoes left to peel. Work out how many potatoes he peeled in each way.</p>
<p>Year 4 April Baker bakes Aprils all her life. If $\frac{3}{10}$ of them are twirly and six tenths of them are sparkly and the last 30 of them are squishy; What fraction is squishy? How many Aprils did she bake altogether?</p>	<p>Year 6 Dolores No-shoes is training for the triathlon. She runs $\frac{3}{4}$ of a km, then she cycles for 6 times that distance and finally she runs for 25% of the combined total so far. But this is only 0.8 of her training schedule; how far does she still have left to cover?</p>

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 tracksuit bottoms for outside. Trainers may also 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

* 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.

School Meal Charges

Please be advised that school meal will be increasing to £2.15 per day effective from 1st April 2017.



DIARY DATES



Feb		March	
13 th	6R visiting QMC	2 nd	World Book Day – info to follow
14 th	6H visiting QMC am /6SB visiting QMC pm	4 th	School Choir performing at The Anvil for Mayor's Charity Concert.
15 th	Yr5 Swimming Lesson	6 th	Yr4 Trip to Festival Place
15 th	School Choir rehearsal at Costello for the Mayor's Charity Concert – 5pm.	7 th – 13 th	Book Fair
20 th -24 th	Half Term	8 th	Yr5 Swimming Lesson
27 th	Inset Day	9 th	Parent Drop in with Mrs Docherty
March		14 th	Pupil Led Review Evening (Parents' Evening) 4pm-7pm
1st	Yr5 Swimming Lesson	15 th	Yr5 Swimming Lesson
	School Choir rehearsal at Costello for the Mayor's Charity Concert – 5pm.	18 th	Basingstoke Music Festival – School Choir