



# NEWSLETTER

## November 2017

Dear Parents,

Firstly a huge thank you to everyone who came on Saturday to help create our 'Golden Mile' track around the field, regardless of the fact it was a drizzly November morning. I am particularly grateful to those people who were so determined to complete it that they returned again on Sunday! As I write this there are two classes outside using it and through the week classes have enjoyed this new facility. We are hoping this will have a huge impact on the amount of physical activity our children do in a week, encouraging happy and healthy children. Once spring comes they will be able to enjoy all the daffodils that were also planted between the track and the footpath.

You may have seen some of our children on BBC South Today on Wednesday evening. Our Year 6 have been looking at the story of 'The Boat' and considering a range of responses to the thought-provoking theme of refugees. The children filmed made us extremely proud with their considerable insight and empathy to this topical subject – the film crew were certainly impressed!

Last half term we said goodbye to Mrs Oliver, our Year 3 LSA and ELSA and Mrs Sutton, one of our Year 6 LSAs. We were very sorry to see them go but welcome Mrs Wray to the Year 3 team. We are currently recruiting for the Year 6 position.

It may seem too far away to contemplate but last week the sounds of Christmas carols could already be heard as children begin to practise for Christmas assemblies and the annual 'Carols on the playground'. The lower school are preparing for their Christmas production of 'Stable Manners' – look out for further information coming out soon. Next week you will also receive your letter regarding Christmas Dinner Day.

We have many events coming up over the next few weeks so please look at the diary dates at the bottom of this newsletter and keep an eye on parentmail. The office will often send out reminders of upcoming events but we do rely on parents reading them! Parents' Evening is next week but please remember that if you are unable to make these times, you are very welcome to make an alternative time that is mutually convenient for you and the class teacher. However, please also remember you do not need to wait until the next parents evening to speak to the teacher. Staff welcome the opportunity to talk to parents about any aspects of school parents would like to discuss as we believe it is a key aspect of supporting our children.

I look forward to seeing you all next week and at some of the future events this term.

Mrs C Martinez  
Headteacher

### Break Time Snacks

**Children are welcome to bring in a snack to have at break time but this must only be FRESH FRUIT or VEGETABLES. Alternatively they can purchase something from the snack trolley.**



Don't forget 'non school uniform day' next Friday! Children can come dressed in their own clothes for a donation of £1. They can also take part in the Golden Mile pyjama run and be sponsored. Forms available on Parentmail or from the school office.

We are also collecting the old round pound.

(Letters have already gone out for this event)

Once again we remind parents that our children are too young to be on social media sites.

Research carried out by the NSPCC found that **1 in 5 11 and 12 year olds with a networking site profile experience something that upsets them everyday or almost every day.** Parents

have a responsibility to protect their children and ensure the minimum age restrictions are adhered to. If we are aware that children are accessing inappropriate sites we will take steps to remove the children from them.



### DIARY DATES

November		December	
15 <sup>th</sup>	3HB Trip to Chineham Library	21 <sup>st</sup>	Carols in the Playground – 1.15pm
15 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Evening	21 <sup>st</sup>	Christmas Jumper Day
16 <sup>th</sup>	3OB Trip to Chineham Library	22 <sup>nd</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Last day of term
16 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Evening	<b>January</b>	
17 <sup>th</sup>	Children in Need	4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Back to School
17 <sup>th</sup>	3ST Trip to Chineham Library	10 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 SAT's Evening 6pm
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Yr 5 Planetarium visit	<b>February</b>	
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Yr 3 Road Safety Trip	2 <sup>nd</sup>	FFLS School Disco
25 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Fayre 2pm – 4pm	12 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup>	Half Term
27 <sup>th</sup> – 1 <sup>st</sup>	Yr 5 Bikeability	19 <sup>th</sup>	Inset day
30 <sup>th</sup>	Yr3 and Yr4 Flu vaccines	<b>March</b>	
<b>December</b>		6 <sup>th</sup> -13 <sup>th</sup>	School Book Fair
5 <sup>th</sup>	Lower School Performance 2pm & 6pm	13 <sup>th</sup>	Pupil Led Learning Review
6 <sup>th</sup>	Lower School Performance 6pm	17 <sup>th</sup>	FFLS Easter Egg Hunt
11 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Topic Outcome 2.45pm	26 <sup>th</sup>	Yr4 Topic Outcome 2.45pm
12 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Topic Outcome 2.45pm	27 <sup>th</sup>	Yr3 Topic Outcome 2.45pm
13 <sup>th</sup>	Yr3 and Yr4 Christmas lunch	28 <sup>th</sup>	Yr6 Topic Outcome 2.45pm
14 <sup>th</sup>	Yr5 and Yr6 Christmas lunch	29 <sup>th</sup>	Yr5 Topic Outcome 2.45pm