



NEWSLETTER

January 2018

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year I hope you all had a well-earned rest whilst enjoying some all too short family time. Thank you to everyone who sent cards and Christmas gifts to me and my staff – it means a lot to us that so many families take the time to write wonderful messages and buy/make special gifts.

This term is always the shortest in the year but is the term where children really step up to challenge themselves in their learning and start to see the success that their hard work brings. Year 6 get to grips with what SATs has in store for them and they are pushed to achieve their very best. Earlier in the week parents were also invited to an information evening and copies of the presentation are available to those parents who would like these.

We welcome some new members of staff this term. Mrs Walton-Jones has joined the Year 3 team as Year Leader to replace Mrs Hathaway-Bell and Miss Ervine is our new Inclusion Manager. Mr Mongi is working in the Year 6 team in addition to teaching classes across the school during teachers' planning and preparation time.

Our greatest challenge going forward is a financial one. I am sure you are all aware that the issue of school funding is nationwide. However our school has found it extremely challenging to get out of the deficit budget brought about whilst in special measures four years ago and this is due in part to the decreasing budget share that the school receives each year as well as the difficulties the school has had over the years with recruiting staff. We have highly skilled staff that provide an amazing educational experience for our children and I am not willing to jeopardise this in any way. Therefore you know that we have started asking for you to contribute towards more of the experiences we provide for the children eg. DT project resources, today's pantomime and contributions towards the Christmas and end of year productions. It is likely that in future these costs will go up and further contributions are sought. I know that this may be a concern for families who have increasing financial pressures of their own but rest assured that these contributions continue to be voluntary but are essential for the school to continue to provide the very best education possible. All contributions made go directly to paying for the activities and the resources required for these to take place. We appreciate your understanding and for the contributions you continue to make.

Mrs C Martinez
Headteacher

PARKWISE PROMISE

Thank you to all our families who signed up to our Parkwise Promise. Please remember that parking is not available in the school car park during the school day. If dropping your child off at Breakfast Club please do not park in the disabled bays or directly in front of the main foot path as staff and children are entering school at that time. If there were to be an emergency, emergency vehicles would need to get through this area.

Shoe Reminder



This is the time of year when many children like to wear boots to school to keep their feet warm and dry. This is a sensible idea. However, please remember that children should have their school shoes with them so they can change in to them once inside school. School shoes are an important part of school uniform (not to mention that clean shoes keep the costs of cleaning carpets down!).

PE KITS!

Please remember all children should have their PE kits in on Monday and take them home on Friday. Earrings are not allowed during PE and therefore children must be either able to take them out themselves or leave them at home on PE days. Hair bands are also required for children with long hair. These are for Health and Safety reasons.

Governor Update

The Governing Body has had a busy start to the term, meeting with members of the senior leadership team and subject leaders. As part of ongoing improvements, the Governing Body conducted our own Self Evaluation where we discussed a number of additional ways we can support the school that we will introduce through the year. We welcomed 2 new members that joined us last term. Lindsey Wick has joined as a parent governor and Kathy Bowman as a Co-Opted Governor.



DIARY DATES

Jan		March	
19 th	Parent Workshop – E-Safety	26 th	Year 4 topic Outcome – 2.45pm
29 th -9 th Feb	No School Crossing Patrol Man	27 th	Year 3 topic Outcome – 2.45pm
Feb		28 th	Year 6 topic Outcome – 2.45pm
2 nd	FFLS Disco	28 th	Year 5 Swimming Lesson
9 th	Chinese New Year Lunch Menu	29 th	Year 5 topic Outcome – 2.45pm
12 th -16 th	Half Term	29 th	Last Day of term
19 th	Inset day	30 th - 13 th April	Easter Holiday
21 st	Year 5 Swimming Lesson	April	
26 th	Year 3 Butser Ancient Farm visit	16 th	Back to school
26 th	4RD QMC visit 9-12pm	May	
27 th	4BB QMC visit 9-12pm	7 th	Bank Holiday
27 th	4MC QMC visit 12-3pm	14 th – 18 th	SAT's week
28 th	Year 5 Swimming Lesson	28 th – 1 st June	Half Term
28 th	Parent Workshop - Reading	June	
March		4 th	Inset Day
2 nd	World Book day Celebrations	4 th – 8 th	Year 6 Calshot
6 th -12 th	School Book Fair – Travelling Books	11 th	Year 3 QMC visit
7 th	Year 5 Swimming Lesson	12 th	Year 3 QMC visit
13 th	Pupil Led learning Reviews 4pm -7pm	23 rd	Summer Fayre
14 th	Year 5 Swimming Lesson	25 th	Year 5 topic Outcome – 2.45pm
17 th	FFLS Easter Egg Hunt	26 th	Year 4 topic Outcome – 2.45pm
19 th	Parent Workshop - UNCRC	27 th	Year 3 topic Outcome – 2.45pm
21 st	Year 5 Swimming Lesson	July	
21 st	Yr4 Orchestra Unwrapped trip	20 th	Break up for Summer
23 rd	Sports Relief	23 rd	Inset day