



NEWSLETTER

October 2018

Dear Parents,

This first half term seems to have flown and children are already making great strides in their learning. I am thrilled to hear from a number of Year 3 parents about how happy and settled their children are and I certainly see this from the children both in class and in the playground. . One of the most enjoyable parts of my job is seeing children who come with pride to show off the results of their learning, concentration and resilience. Having observed in every classroom over the last couple of weeks I can report to you that the quality and quantity of work children have already produced is fantastic.

School and British values along with E-safety was the focus of our first couple of weeks in school. This culminated in a House Day when the children worked together from across the school in their House Teams to produce a 'wall of values' that we created in assembly. This was also a time when voting took place for School Councillors and Eco-Warriors. We have since also voted on House Captains and I am pleased to say that every one of our children who are in these roles of responsibility are already showing great leadership skills with the school values at the heart of everything they do. Well done everyone – you are an asset to the school!



Lots of other exciting activities have been happening across the school: Year 6 visited Basingstoke town centre as part of their unit on 'Amazingstoke'; Year 3 took part in a Woodland Day which included exciting activities round the fire and in the allotments; Year 4 are having an outdoor 'Viking' day next week while Year 5 are building mythological beasts!

Just a reminder – it is INSET on Monday 29^h October. Therefore children will start back to school on TUESDAY 30th OCTOBER. Have a lovely half term.

Mrs C Martinez
Headteacher

Governor Update

There have been many changes to the school's governing body over the last few weeks. At the September governors' meeting, I was elected Chair of Governors and my colleague Lindsey Wickes (parent governor) was elected Vice Chair. We also welcomed a new parent governor, Mandi Martin, who will be focusing her activity on Special Educational Needs.

As a board of governors, our role is to monitor, support and evaluate the strategic direction of the school. I promise you we will do our very best to deliver this commitment.

Kathy Bowman, Chair of Governors



On 21st September children were invited to wear their jeans and bring a pound in for Genetic Disorders UK. We raised a total of **£285.60!** Thank you!

HARVEST

Thank you to everyone for bringing in contributions for our Harvest Festival. The Basingstoke foodbank are very grateful for the fantastic effort everyone made.



Apologies for our Facebook page which will be back up to date very soon!



Ground Force Day!

Our first Ground Force Day of the year will take place on **Saturday 17th November, 10am - 12.00pm**. This a time for tidying the grounds and planting some new spring bulbs ready for next year.

Please save the date and get your tools at the ready!

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.



Once again we are receiving phone calls from members of the community complaining about inconsiderate parking of cars in front of driveways. If you are able to park in the village hall or Chineham Arms car park and walk to school, this would help improve relationships with our neighbours and provide a safer route for your children.

Between the hours of 8.15-9.15am and 3.00-4.00pm there is no parking in the school car park.

The car park is only for use by staff, users of the community centre and blue badge holders only.

In addition there is no parking on the entrance road to the school at any time. Thank you for your co-operation.

Here are some of the key dates for your diary over the academic year. Please look on the website for the most up to date information.

DIARY DATES

October		December	
16 th	Year 3 Topic Outcome	10 th	Flu Vaccinations for Years 3 to 5
19 th	FFLS Cake Sale	10 th	Year 5 Topic Outcome
22 nd -26 th	Half Term	11 th	Year 6 Topic Outcome
29 th	Inset Day	12 th	Years 3 & 4 Christmas Lunch
		13 th	Years 5 & 6 Christmas Lunch
November		20 th	Christmas Jumper Day
5 th	Bonfire Meal	20 th	Carols in the Playground
8 th	FFLS Happy Bags		
9 th	Remembrance Assembly		
12 th -16 th	Anti-Bullying Week		
14 th	Parent's Evening		
15 th	Parent's Evening		
16 th	Children in Need		
24 th	FFLS Xmas Fayre		
December			
4 th	Lower School Dress Rehearsal		
5 th	Lower School Xmas Performance		
6 th	Lower School Xmas Performance		