



# NEWSLETTER

January 2019

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. Next Thursday, Year 6 parents are also invited to an information evening and copies of the presentation will be available to those parents who would like these.

We welcome some new members of staff this term. Mrs Bridge has now started her maternity leave and Miss Hayes (not to be confused with Miss Hay, our music teacher) has taken over her class responsibilities. We also welcome Mrs Wheeler as our new LSA joining the Year 5 team and Mrs Adamiec is splitting her time between Year 4 and Year 5. We are still recruiting to add to our LSA team and we will be soon recruiting further staff ready for September when we will welcome an additional Year 3 class, making a total of four classes in that year group.

This term we are considering the Ofsted action points and in particular, building greater relationships with parents. I am particularly keen to hear from parents who may be interested in taking on the role of parent representative for their class in order to increase successful communication between the teacher, class and parents. I hope this will help parents feel they have a greater voice and access to better understanding of policy and practice at class level. I will be holding a parent forum coffee morning to explore this further with parents in February.

It's Panto Time! Only this week we were given the opportunity to have a production of 'Snow White' at a vastly reduced cost that we felt we just couldn't refuse! This will be held in the school hall on 31<sup>st</sup> January and will only cost £1 per child. You will receive a letter today giving further details.

Mrs C Martinez  
Headteacher

## Governor Update

This week, members of the Governing Body joined with the infant school governors to take part in training on strategic leadership, provided by the local authority. This was very informative and was a good lead in to the training that we have booked later this term on 'Developing Outstanding Governance' - our future goal. We are still looking for new governors to join our team. We are particularly interested in governors from the wider community so if you know any neighbours or friends who may be interested, please invite them to get in touch with Cathy Bowman, Chair of Governors at [chair.governors@fourlanes-jun.hants.sch.uk](mailto:chair.governors@fourlanes-jun.hants.sch.uk).

## 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. If staff see children with other items, they will be asked to put them back in bags. Please support us with our healthy eating policy. Alternatively they can purchase something from the snack trolley.

## 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!).*

### PARKING

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. Please also be considerate when parking in the local area and do not obstruct driveways.

### 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.

### Christmas Jumper Day

We raised a **total of £160** in aid of Save the Children. It was lovely to be able to contribute to improving the lives of children whilst enjoying festive fun – there were some great designs modelled this year!



### DIARY DATES

Jan			Other Notable Dates
16 <sup>th</sup>	Artist visiting year 6 (Kezia Hoffman)		
17 <sup>th</sup>	SATs meeting for year 6 parents		
23 <sup>rd</sup>	National Handwriting day		
23 – 25	Year 4 Minstead residential trip (group 1)		
30 <sup>th</sup>	Author visiting year 6 (Peter Bunzl)		
31 <sup>st</sup>	M&M Production Snow White		
<b>Feb</b>			
4 - 6	Year 4 Minstead residential trip (group 2)		
8 <sup>th</sup>	School Disco		
15 <sup>th</sup>	FFLS cake sale		
18 – 22	Half Term		
25 <sup>th</sup>	Inset Day		