



NEWSLETTER

February 2019

Dear Parents,

Despite this half term being only six weeks, we have packed lots in! Year 4 children experienced a fantastic time at Minstead; displaying growth mindset attitudes towards new experiences and challenges including just a little homesickness! It is noticeable how they have grown up that little bit more and shown a little more independence which will stand them in good stead for the rest of the year.

The other year groups have also been busy with Year 6 having had a visit from both an artist and author; Year 5 have made river models and their own water cycle and Year 3 have been learning new geographical skills linked to their learning on 'Explorers'. Everyone has also completed this term's tests and teachers are now analysing results and looking ahead to the learning that will take place next half term. We are all now looking forward to a well-earned rest next week to recharge their batteries and get rid of any lingering colds and bugs that have plagued us this half term.

We are saying farewell to Mrs Tibbatts who has been working in the office over the last few months. I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her time here and wish her well for the future.

Next half term we will continue our drive to find new ways we can increase our engagement with parents. We are particularly looking at ways that we can increase parental voice and bridge everyday communication between parents and teachers. Therefore, we would welcome hearing from any parent who would be interested in becoming a Year Group or Class Representative – a role that would be ideal for parents who have a little spare time in their day/week and who would be willing to work closely with us for the benefit of all parents – sharing information, answering questions and being a sounding board for others. An invitation will be sent out shortly to invite any interested parent (or Grandparent) to a coffee morning on 27th March, to consider what this role may entail and whether there will be sufficient volunteers to take on the challenge!

On 6th March, Mrs Sale will be leading an information evening regarding mental health and wellbeing of our children. In this climate we are aware that there are many causes of stress for our children from social media, friendships, family life and SATs. The evening will touch on just some of the issues and ways we can support our children to navigate through life's events and challenges in a positive, healthy way.

Have a lovely half term and remember that Monday 25th February will be INSET so children start back on Tuesday 26th February.

Mrs C Martinez
Headteacher

Governor Update

Dear Parents

Well the busy term has come to an end at quite a pace. Last week I accompanied 35 children and two teachers from year 4 to Minstead which is a marvellous activity centre in the New Forest. The children were occupied constantly for the two and a half days we were away and they were so excited and very tired! It was a great opportunity for them to show how independent and responsible they are. They are now experts at recycling, teamwork, compost making, retrieving wellies from chalk mud and many other things. They are also great table setters and table clearers – tasks which they all enjoyed!

We are still seeking new governors to join our team – so if you know of anyone who may be interested please do ask them to contact the school office.

Mrs Bowman, Chair of Governors

Ground Force Day!

This term our Ground Force Day will take place on **Saturday 23th March 9.30am -12.00pm** . This will give us an opportunity to clear and tidy the grounds before Spring is sprung!

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

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 at all times, regardless of whether children are doing PE. These are for Health and Safety reasons.



DIARY DATES

FEB		APRIL	
25 th	INSET Day	1 st	Year 6 Outcome Afternoon
26 th	First Day of term	2 nd	Year 5 Outcome Afternoon
26 th	4SM and 4BB QMC Trip	3 rd	Year 4 Outcome Afternoon
28 th	4RS QMC Trip	4 th	Year 3 Outcome Afternoon
		5 th	End Of Term
MARCH		8 th – 22 nd	Easter Holidays
4 th	Year 5 Swimming starts for 5 weeks	23 rd	New term begins
6 th	6.30pm Mental Health Workshop with Mrs Sale	25 th	6pm Calshot Parents Meeting
7 th	World Book Day		
8 th	House Day	May	
12 th	Book Fair for one week	6 th	Bank Holiday
15 th	Red Nose Day	13 th -16 th	SATs week – Y6
27 th	Parent Forum Coffee Morning	20 th	Walk to School Week
		27 th	Spring Half Term
27 th	4pm-7pm Pupil Led Learning Reviews		
30 th	FFLS Easter Egg Hunt		