



Newsletter

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15th February 2019

Science Week

The children have had an amazing time this week. The Year 1 and 2 children loved the visit to the Winchester Science Centre (even if the bus did nearly leave me behind!). I hope they have told you all about making the slime and how when you moved it around it was quite solid but if you left it still for a little while it changed into a liquid. I am sure they will have told you something about the planetarium and our journey around all the different planets in our solar system. They had great fun and learnt some facts even the adults did not know, such as the planet Uranus was originally called George!

Year R also went on a fantastic trip to see the new houses being built. They loved looking around the show homes, so did some of the staff. They also loved wearing the hard hats and the hi-vis vests as it made them look like real builders. The WBRC put on an amazing day, planning a range of activities for the children to do which also involved them closing the sales office for the day.

As well as all of the trips the children have been exploring all sorts of different scientific concepts in class. For those of you who could come in I hope that you enjoyed your afternoon with your child exploring the science concept each class was looking at.

E-Safety day was a lot of fun for the children but at the same time they started learning the very important message of how to keep themselves safe when using electronic devices online. We also explored how to follow the same standards of behaviour we have when in school as you do when you are online.

For more information on e-safety for children of all ages these websites are full of helpful advice.

<https://www.hamilton-trust.org.uk>

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk>

<https://www.internetmatters.org>

We think the week being focused completely on science is a great way to start inspiring the children to find out more about the world around them. They were asking some great questions, such as, 'Why are bubbles always round no matter what shape bubble wand you use?' and 'Why does an egg get sucked into a bottle when you put a flame inside the bottle?' Great questions, not easy answers to explain.

I hope you have seen the enjoyment in your child this week, we have certainly seen it in school. Have a lovely half term.

Matt Greenhalgh

Upcoming Events

15 February 2019

3.15pm End of term

25 February 2019

8.45am Start of term

28 February 2019

12-1pm Pasty Lunch

6pm FoBS meeting in Log Cabin

6 March 2019

4-7pm Parents Evening

7 March 2019

4-6pm Parents Evening

8 March 2019

World Book Day – see details below

15 March 2019

Red Nose Day – see details below

12-1pm Red Nose Day lunch

18 March 2019

9-10am Year R&1 Parents in to watch Writing

1-3pm Kangaroo Class local walk

19 March 2019

1-3pm Tiger Class local walk

21 March 2019

Year 2 Kew Gardens Trip

26 March 2019

2.45pm Zebra Class Assembly

Rucksacks and Book Bags

We are having a lot of children now bringing in big rucksacks into school instead of book bags. The classrooms do not have space to store them and we have had a number of incidents where staff and children have tripped over them.

We have therefore had to take the decision that we will no longer be letting children bring in rucksacks. If they have a specific need for a rucksack, such as going to a friends after school, then give it to your child's class teacher who will store it away safely. Thank you

Roadworks on Budds Lane

As many people will have seen there are now significant roadworks on Budds Lane. From what we have been told the roadworks are to replace the old MOD water pipes and will continue until 12th April, work on a cycle path will start on the 15th April and will run into June. We have also been told that the pavements will be widened and zebra crossings will be put in at a few different points along the road. We are not sure if these last two things will be happening in this round of works or if they will happen at a later date.

All of these developments are going to significantly improve safety for the children when travelling to and from school but we realise that in the short term it will be a big inconvenience.

The swimming pool car park is currently still open and we have been told it will remain open but some of that may depend on what work is happening. Currently turning into the car park and getting out is difficult but this has been reported by one parent already and by the school as well. If other parents wish to report any concerns to Hampshire road team this can be done through the Hampshire website and the transport and roads link.



Stars of the Week

8th February

Joey Dickson
Amy-Jo Wilson-
Buchanan
Raif Kahraman
Ali Babur
Christian
Wilkinson
Noah Kosinski

15th February

Alfie Jackson
Leo Gillespie
Alyssa Mead
George Ballard
Xavi Spears
Kaitlyn Kestle



Next Half Term

Red Nose Day and World Book Day

Next half term we have some more exciting things coming up. After the holiday we will be selling Red Noses from the school office. The price this year is £1.25. For Red Nose Day on the 15th March we will be having a special lunch and the children can come in non-school uniform for the day if they donate £1 to the charity.

For World Book Day which we will be celebrating on the 8th March we would like every child to dress up as a character from one of Julia Donaldson's books. There are a huge amount of choices, it does not have to be one of the main characters it could be a knight or a doctor from the Zog story, it could be one of the characters from the story Charlie Cooks Favourite Book. The choice is yours.

Attendance

Some parents have been asking what good attendance is and when as a school do we worry about a child's absence. Any attendance above 95% is considered good. Anything below 95% we monitor and talk to the parents if necessary. Any attendance in the 80-90% region is a cause for concern. Any attendance below 80% is a significant cause for concern.

We always look for 100% attendance as we know that children who have the highest attendance are the happiest and generally do the best at school. Children however do get ill and when they really are ill then the best place for them is at home. If a dose of Calpol will see them through the day, even if they are still a little under the weather, then sending them in is often the best thing. Staff are generally quite good at knowing when a child is too ill to be in school. If we are worried we will always ring you.

When booking holidays please remember that we cannot authorise them and parents will get fined if they go over 5 days. If parents take repeated holidays then they will find themselves in court. These are the guidelines every Hampshire school has to follow. We do not like fining parents and we do not get the money from those fines. The rules are given to schools by the Department for Education and Hampshire has come up with one consistent policy to ensure schools abide by those rules. As a school we will get into a lot of trouble for not applying those rules.