



# Newsletter

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4<sup>th</sup> November 2020

## Changes to reading

As a school we have decided to make some changes to the reading children do at home. We have invested money in new books which we hope will help the children more and will help you as parents support your children better when they read with you.

The books that we send home will now more closely align with the reading books the children use in school. They will also match the colours we use in school. So in the future if a child is reading a purple school book they will also be taking home a purple reading book.

The books at the early levels will now be what we call phonetically decodable. That means that the majority of words the children come across in the books will have sounds that the children already know. The new books will also have instructions at the front of the book explaining to parents which words you need to talk to your child about before starting the book as well as strategies for breaking longer words down. This is exactly what the children do in school and will support their in school learning well.

To make these changes we will not be sending home any books the week of the **9<sup>th</sup> November**, children can use Bug Club this week. By Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November we hope that all children will have a new book with a new colour band. The new colours do not link to the old colours at all so do not worry that your child has been moved back.

We will be sending home some colour bookmarks to help you and your child remember their new colour.

If you have any questions about this please do speak to your child's class teacher.

## Upcoming Events

### **11 November 2020**

4-6.10pm Parents Evening

### **12 November 2020**

4-7pm Parents Evening

### **13 November 2020**

Children In Need – Wear as many different colours as you can

### **20 November 2020**

Flu Immunisation in School

### **27 November 2020**

Inset Day

### **11 December 2020**

10am Year 1 – Live Performance

### **16 December 2020**

10am Year R – Live Performance

### **17 December 2020**

10am Year 2 – Live Performance

### **18 December 2020**

Christmas Jumper Day

12-1pm Christmas Dinner

End of Term

### **21 December 2020 – 3 January 2021**

Christmas Holidays

### **4 January 2021**

Inset Day

### **5 January 2021**

8.40am Start of Term

## **Wearing masks at the start and the end of the school day**

With the new national lockdown starting from tomorrow we have been reviewing all our procedures in school. We are confident that what we are doing remains in line with government policy and supports our children's physical and mental health well.

Many schools are starting to ask parents to wear masks at the start and end of the school day, some are even insisting. Current government guidelines do not insist parents wear face masks but we do believe it is a very sensible approach to take. There are few situations where so many people gather and mix together other than at school drop off and pick up.

We are, therefore, **strongly recommending all parents wear masks when coming into school and waiting on the school playground**, children do not need to wear masks. This is as well as good social distancing.

**Children in Need**  
**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November**  
**Dress up in as many colours as you can**

For Children In Need this year we are going to be focusing on our feelings. This will all be linked to children's mental health. We will be looking at feelings and how they can be represented by colours.

To help with this and because it will be a lot of fun, we are asking children to come dressed up in as many colours as they can. Be as creative as you like!

All we ask is for a minimum donation of £2 to give towards Children In Need, if you would like to donate more then please do.

Please send the money in on the morning of Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you

**Birdworld**

As a school we have one free family ticket to Birdworld to give out every day.

To get the family ticket all you need to do is pop into the school office or give us a ring.

We will need to know the day you would like, the number of adults and children you will be taking and an email address you would like the tickets sent to.

As long as no one else has already booked that day the tickets are yours.

**National Lockdown and Support**

During this national lockdown please look after yourselves and your families.

If you need the schools help in any way, please do email or ring. We will do everything we can to help you.

The Bordon Foodbank is open, if needed, every Tuesday between 12-3pm and Wednesday between 9am-4pm. It is located in the Forest Centre next to St Marks Church and can be contacted on 07966 522911.

**Cold weather and extra clothes**

One of the measures we have in place at the moment is ensuring we have good ventilation in all classrooms. This means that we need to keep the windows and doors open.

As the weather turns colder we are recommending that children come into school with a few extra layers.

You may wish to consider putting vests on your child or sending them into school with a fleece they can put on over their jumper.

We do have some navy hooded tops with the school logo on, that are nice and warm. We have them for outdoor PE but children can wear them in class if they are cold. These can be purchased from the school office for £12.50 for size 26" or £13.00 for sizes 28" or 30".