



Newsletter

11th January 2013

Welcome Back

A very happy new year to everyone, I hope the break was enjoyable. The children have come back full of enthusiasm for the new term and settled back into their classes very well. It has been lovely this week to welcome so many new children and their families to the school. Our new class Dolphins have settled into school very well as have all the new children in Year 1 and 2. Can I say a big thank you to Kangaroos children and their parents. Moving classrooms is never easy but they have done brilliantly.

Upcoming events

Friday 18th January

Y 2 cake sale in school hall 3:15-3:30

Friday 25th January

Writing morning 9:00-10:00

Friday 25th January

Y1 cake sale in school hall 3:15-3:30

Friday 1st February

YR cake sale in school hall 3:15-3:30

Important announcements

The deadline for applying for either a
Year R place for September 2013 or a
Year 3 place is

Midnight on Tuesday 15th January
2013

www.hants.gov.uk/admissions

Come and see how we teach the children to write.

On Friday 25th January there is an opportunity to come and watch a writing lesson in school. Many parents came and joined in with a reading session last term and found it a very valuable experience. Learning to write is one of the most difficult things the children do while at school and we would love to show you how we teach writing and hopefully give you a few tips on how to support your child at home. If you would like to join in this session please come into school with your child on the morning of the 25th. The session will start just after 9:00am and will end at 10:00am. If you have any questions please see your child's class teacher.

Topics for this half term

This half term Year 2 will be looking at the causes of the Great Fire of London and studying the ancient secrets of Dragonology! They will also be learning all about electricity and how to make circuits.

Year 1 will be investigating the Apollo Moon Landings. There are already two fantastic space role play areas up in both Elephants and Giraffes. The children will be working up to designing their own amazing space vehicles and also learning all about how sound travels.

Year R are going to be thinking about what they want to be when they grow up. They have already been on a trip to the Army dental centre and I know they would love to hear from any parent who would like to come and talk to the children about their job.

If you feel you could help support any of these topics please let your child's class teacher know.

Dogs outside school

If you walk with your dog to school can you please make sure you clean up after them if they make a mess. A few parents have commented that there is a lot of mess left by dogs outside of school. This is unpleasant and potentially dangerous with so many young children around.

Thank you

Lost Property

We had a huge amount of lost property left from last term. At the end of the term whatever has not been collected we have to throw away. Please label all your child's possessions, we know how expensive it is to have to keep buying new things. The staff will do their best to return items to people but that is only possible if the items have clear names on them.

Holiday forms

If you need to request time out of school for your child please fill out a holiday request form from the office. Requests can only be granted for exceptional reasons.

FoBs Christmas Fayre and the Pantomime Trip

This year for the first time in a number of years FoBS the schools parents association put on a Christmas Fayre. The evening was fantastic and all the comments we have received have been very positive. Santa was worked very hard and although the queue to see him was long everyone still had a good time. The fayre raised £530 which has already been used to subsidise the cost of both schools school pantomimes and providing a Christmas dinner for every child.

The pantomime trip was also a huge success. We sold double the number of tickets than we were expecting. Plans are already being looked at to organise another theatre trip later in the year.

Can I say a massive than you to all the people who generously give their time to put on these events. If you would like to become involved with FoBS and support the school, the next meeting is Thursday 28th February at 6:00pm in the Infant School.



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