



# Newsletter

10<sup>th</sup> January 2014

## Happy New Year

Welcome back and a very Happy New Year to you all. I hope you all had a very good Christmas and that the wet weather did not stop you enjoying the break.

The children have settled back into school fantastically well this term. There is a real buzz around school as the children begin their new topics.

Year 2 are learning all about the Great Fire of London and they will be using all their historical skills to research who or what started it. They are looking at the possibility that it was a dragon that started the Great Fire!

Year 1 are also studying history this term. They are finding out about a more modern historical event, the first moon landing. At the end of this term the children will be making some fantastic moon buggies so do look out for when that is taking place and come and have a look.

Year R are learning all about growing up. They are looking at how we change as we grow older and will be looking to the future to see all the different jobs that people do around us.

## Upcoming events

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January 9:00-10:00**

Year R and Year 1 parents invited to watch a writing lesson

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January 9:00-10:00**

Year 2 parents invited to watch a writing lesson

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 4:30-7:00**

Parents evening

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> 3:30-6:00**

Parents evening

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February**

Half term

## Year R and Year 3 applications

The last day for applying for a place for Year R or Year 3 for September 2014 is midnight on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2014.

This can be done online or by filling in a form from the school office

## Friends of Bordon Schools

FoBS have been doing a fantastic job over the last few months. The Christmas Fair was a great event and I have had a lot of very positive feedback about it. The event raised just over £1,270 for the two schools. This is a great amount of money and it will be put to good use in the coming months.

The Christmas cards the children made and FoBS organised were a new idea for FoBS but an idea that proved to be very popular. The Christmas card sales made £482 profit for the schools. For the second year in a row FoBS organised a trip to see a pantomime. Not only is this a great way to go to see a panto but the trip helped raise £170 for the schools.

Coming up soon a group of volunteers from both schools will be running in the Fleet half marathon. They will be raising funds and asking for sponsors so please look out for that in the coming weeks.



## Volunteering for Home-Start



Home-Start WeyWater is a local charity that offers informal, friendly support for parents with at least one child under five. It is completely independent and confidential, and offers free support, friendship and practical help to parents who are going through difficult times including: loneliness and isolation; relationship difficulties; ill health, disability or special needs; first time parents; post-natal illness; any other circumstances that may cause stress. Home-Start WeyWater covers the areas of Liphook, Bordon, Alton and the surrounding villages.

YOU can make a real difference to a family in your community. Your experience as a parent and of life can help others. So if you would like to start the New Year with a new challenge, feel you have some time to give, and would like to be a Home-Start volunteer, please contact us for more information. Our next course of preparation for new volunteers starts on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2014, 9.30am to 2pm. Contact details: [office@homestart-weywater.org.uk](mailto:office@homestart-weywater.org.uk) ; 01420 473555; Home-Start WeyWater, C/o Chase Children's Centre, Budds Lane, Bordon, GU35 0JB. We look forward to hearing from you.



### Stars of the week

**9<sup>th</sup> January**

Dylan in Elephants  
Lucymae in Giraffes  
Julie in Tigers  
Bethany in Kangaroos  
Samantha in Penguins  
Jamie in Zebras

**Well done to the first stars of  
2014!**



### Stars of the week

Our stars of the week award is a special award we give to one child each week who we feel has done particularly well or has tried especially hard. It could be for great improvement in an area they have struggled in or it could be for special effort in one piece of work. Stars of the week are also chosen for showing a great attitude in school or being a good role model to others. Whatever the reason they are chosen for, we choose a child we are very proud of that week.

The children who are chosen get an extra special Golden Time on a Friday afternoon as their reward for doing so well.

### Nestle Box Tops for Books



This year we will again be collecting tokens from Nestle cereal boxes. The tokens can be exchanged for free books for the school. We would very much like you to help us by asking family and friends to collect tokens and then hand them into the school office. All tokens must be handed in by Mon 24 March 14.

If you would like to know more about the scheme you can go to <https://www.boxtops4education.co.uk/> Also on this website is a section giving some tips for parents on how to support their child's reading at home.

If you would like to help support reading in school we would love to have you come in and help so please speak to your child's class teacher.

### Parking outside of school

This week we have been contacted by Hampshire Police about parking around school at the beginning and end of the school day. They have contacted all the schools in the local area and will be sending out a letter to all parents next week. The police would like to remind parents to park considerately and legally and will be patrolling around the local schools over the coming months.

