



Newsletter

24th January 2014

Walk Once a Week

All the local schools in Bordon are starting a new project next week. The project is run by the charity 'Living Streets' and is called Walk Once a Week. The aim of the project is to get children more active and reduce traffic around schools.

Along with the Junior School we will be recording how the children get to school each day. If the children walk at least once during the week over time they can earn a special badge. Cycling to school or scooting to school will also count.

We know many parents have to drive to school and we don't want those children to feel left out. For those parents and children if they park a little further away than normal and then walk the last few minutes that will count as 'Park and Stride'. For those children it would be very helpful if you as parents can talk to them on the days you 'Park and Stride' about what you are doing. This will help ensure the children do not get confused and miss out on achieving a badge.

The launch day for this project is next Thursday. Hopefully you will see the 'Living Streets' mascot around the school when you arrive in the morning. We hope this will have a positive impact on our children and help raise the importance of keeping physically fit to them. We also hope it will help to reduce the traffic around school.



Upcoming Events

Friday 31st January 3:15pm

Year 1 Moon Buggy exhibition in the school hall

Wednesday 12th February 4:30-7:00pm

Parents evening

Thursday 13th February 3:30-6:00pm

Parents evening

Friday 14th February 3.15pm

FoBS Cake sale

Monday 17th to Friday 21st February

Half term

Miss Morton

Unfortunately Miss Morton has been signed off by the doctor for a week as she has completely lost her voice. Giraffe class will be taught next week by a very experienced supply teacher Mrs Bryant. As always with supply teachers they follow our school planning and are fully supported by the year group team so there is very little impact on the children.

Writing Sessions

I hope those of you who came to watch the writing sessions in Year R and Year 1 enjoyed seeing the work your children have been doing. I also hope that you got a better understanding of how we teach writing in school. Writing is one of the hardest skills for young children to learn but it is also one of the most important. Writing is a complicated skill with many elements for children to think about, handwriting, spelling, punctuation, sentence structure and content. We build each of these areas up slowly over time. If you have any questions about how or why we teach writing in the way we do please come and have a chat to your child's teacher.

We were hoping to run a similar session for Year 2 next week but unfortunately we have to cancel it. We will be putting on more parent lessons later in the year though.

Switch Hampshire could help families and staff save money on energy bills

With winter upon us and with energy bills rising, many residents will find it hard to heat their homes over the coming months. Following the first round of Switch Hampshire which ran from May to July 2013, Hampshire County Council in partnership with your Local Council is pleased to announce that the scheme has re-opened over the winter.

Switch Hampshire is a quick and easy way for residents to find out if they could save on their energy bills, it's open to everybody who uses gas and/or electricity and also covers those who use pre-payment meters.

Once registration closes on 17th February, residents will be contacted with details of how much they could save if they switched. There is no obligation for them to switch but if they do decide to take up the offer the scheme will handle the switching process for them.

Residents who participated in the last scheme said:

"It was a simple process and does the job of searching for you"

"90% of the hassle of switching is done for me by the scheme"

"It did exactly what it said on the tin .Great!"

Registration closes on 17th February 2014, for more details and to register go to www.hants.gov.uk/switch or call 01962 846828.



Stars of the week

16th January

Wayne Joseni
Rusan Tamang
Alfie Duffin
Harry Kirby
Connor Berry
Summer
Lambourne

23rd January

Shay Wilson
Fletcher Brown
Immy Glaysher
Sophie Barham
Hubert Gorecki
Richie Keet



Library Door

Starting on Monday 3rd February builders will be putting a new external entrance into our Library. They will be removing the library window and some of the brick work to put in a new door. They will also be building a ramp up to the door and fixing a few drainage issues. This will mean some disruption along the path that runs from the Year R playground to the main playground.

We are hoping that once the work is done we can open up the Library before or after school for families to use and borrow books from as and when they like.

Messy Play

Messy play sessions take place every Thursday 2-3pm in the school hall. They have been a great success with parents and pre-school children coming into school to enjoy learning together through art and craft activities. Playdough, cut and stick with glitter, tissue and sequins, and hand printing and painting on the big white board are weekly fun activities. Shaving foam and gloop with the children are always popular, and parents always leave with creative pieces of art to hang proudly on the walls at home! No need to book just turn up for some fun.



Coffee Mornings

Coffee mornings each Friday from 9-10am in the Nurture Room.

Parents and pre-school children can come and relax together, chat with friends and staff over a coffee and chocolate biscuits and find out about all the different things that are happening in school.

Bird World Tickets



We have with the Junior School been running a fantastic scheme which enables families to go to Bird World free of charge. FoBS have funded one free ticket to Bird World every day this year.

If you would like to take advantage of this offer all you need to do is come into the school office and sign up for the day you would like the ticket for. The ticket is for two adults and three children.

The tickets can be used at a weekend or to take children for a treat after school. We hope that you take full advantage of this offer. We think this is a great way to support the local community and provide our families with something fun to do.