



Newsletter

8th November 2013

NSPCC Event The Big Walk

This year we have, with the Juniors, chosen to help the NSPCC raise money. We have sent home a sponsor form with your child and we would be very grateful if you could help us to raise some money to support this very worthwhile charity.

Next Tuesday the children will be doing what the Junior School Young Governors have named the 'Big Walk'. Children from the Junior School will be running the event and supporting our children to complete as many laps of the circuit as they can. This should be a lot of fun for the children as well as being great physical exercise for them.

If we could have all the sponsor forms and money back in by **Friday 22nd November** this will give us time to count the forms and award children badges for collecting the most amount of sponsors. We will then hand out the badges in our celebration assembly on Thursday the 28th.

Thank you for your support. Any amount raised will be a great help and support to many children.

Upcoming events

Remembrance Day 11th November
Remembrance Day at school. Beavers and Rainbows can wear their uniforms to school

12th November 9:00-10:00
See how we teach your child to read and write by coming to watch one of our Read Write Inc lessons

Children in Need non-uniform day + Elephant Class Assembly 15th November

Kangaroo Class Assembly 22nd November

Infant Disco 5:00-6:30pm 22nd November

Dolphin Class Assembly 6th December

FoBS Christmas Fair 5:00pm – 7:30pm 13th December

Year 1 and 2 Christmas play 17th December

Year R Christmas play 18th December

Rock Steady Music Lessons

We had a fantastic assembly this week from a music company called Rock Steady. This company teach children to learn musical instruments in school. The instruments they can learn are electric guitar, keyboard and electric drums. They also teach singing. The idea is to form a rock band. In a half an hour session they had eight children performing a song in the most engaging music lesson I have seen. There is a cost to this if parents would like their child to be involved. It would be additional to your child's normal lessons and unfortunately it is not something the school could put on for everyone. If you are thinking about your child learning music I would give this a go. The company also works in the Junior School so anything the children learn would move up with them. It is very rare that I will recommend a specific company to you but I thought the quality of what Rock Steady offer was excellent.



Non-Uniform day for Children In Need

This year we thought we would have a non-uniform day for Children In Need. If parents would like to make a small donation to go towards the charity that would be lovely. If every child donated £1 we would raise £180 for Children In Need this year.

Smoking outside school

While I appreciate it is every parent's right to smoke could I please ask parents not to smoke directly outside of the school gates.

Parents who wish to smoke before and after school could I ask you to smoke away from where the children will be walking so they are not exposed to your smoke fumes. Thank you.

Messy Play

The first of our new Messy Play sessions started this Thursday and was a great success with parents and pre-school children coming into school to enjoy learning together through art and craft activities.

Covering balls in paint and rolling them across paper in the large Tuff Spot Tray was messy but great fun and making Elmer elephants with coloured squares was enjoyed by all.

Playdough, cut and stick with glitter, tissue and sequins, and hand printing on the big white board were also available and the children, and parents all left with creative pieces of art to hang proudly on the walls at home!

Messy Play sessions will take place every Thursday afternoon 2-3pm in the school hall. No need to book just turn up for some fun.

Mrs Grange leaving

I am very sad to have to let you know that for personal reasons, Mrs Grange, Dolphins class teacher, has handed in her resignation. This is not a decision she took lightly and a great deal of thought went into it. Mrs Grange made her decision with the very best intentions for the children in her class and she has my complete support. Mrs Grange has done a lot for the school since she started with us and she will be missed by the staff and the children.

I know some parents know Mrs Grange outside of school and many of you may see her dropping off her daughter, I would ask that you respect her and her family's privacy.

For the time being Dolphin class will be taught by Mr Burr and myself. This is to ensure the children are taught by teachers that they already know and teachers who know the Year 1 planning and curriculum. This is not intended as a long term arrangement and we will be looking at a more permanent solution for after Christmas.

While this situation will not affect the smooth running of the school it may mean I am not quite as available as I have been and it may mean I take a little bit longer than usual to get back to you if you ring to speak to me. I can assure you that if you need to talk to me, while I may not be able to see you immediately, I will get back to you. So please do come if you have questions or concerns for me. The communication between school and home is vital and it is important that you know we are here for you and your child. If I am not available it might be that Mrs Kennedy or Miss Cross my Assistant Heads are and they would be more than happy to talk to you.

Thank you

Matt Greenhalgh
Headteacher

