



# Newsletter

25<sup>th</sup> October 2013

## HARVEST ASSEMBLY

I hope that those of you who could come to the Harvest assembly enjoyed it. It is always lovely watching the children sing and Harvest is always a special event as it is the first time Year R get to perform. If you did not get to come don't worry Christmas is on the way and there will be plenty of opportunity to watch the children.



Can I say a very big thank you to all the parents who brought in donations for the Bordon Food Bank. The generosity of our parents has been fantastic. All the donations will go to support families in Bordon who desperately need some help in these very tough times.

Harvest in school is not just about having a nice assembly and singing some songs. It is also an opportunity to look, with the children, at where food comes from and how the seasons are changing around them. It is also a great time for developing children's vocabulary. On the way to school or when you are out and about at the weekend it would really help your child if you could talk about Autumn and the colours and shapes they can see around them. A sparkling spiders web or a ruby red leaf can spark children's imagination and will really support their writing in particular.

## Upcoming events

**Half Term Holiday next week**

**Music at school 6<sup>th</sup> November**  
Special music workshops for each year group

**FoBS meeting 7<sup>th</sup> November 6:00-8:00pm**  
All parents welcome to come and help organise the Christmas fair

**Remembrance Day 11<sup>th</sup> November**  
Remembrance Day at school. Beavers and Rainbows can wear their uniforms to school

**12<sup>th</sup> 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

**Elephant Class Assembly 13<sup>th</sup> November**

**Giraffe Class Assembly 20<sup>th</sup> November**

**Infant Disco 5:00-6:30pm 22<sup>nd</sup> November**

## Parents Evening

I hope that you had a good chance to see all the fantastic work your children have been doing this term. It is amazing that they have all done so much in just the first half term. I have been really impressed at how well every class has settled into their new classes this year. There is some amazing work happening around school and a lot of very proud children.

Parents evening is a very good opportunity to talk through what your child is doing in school. I hope you found it informative and came away impressed at the progress your child has already made. Please remember we are always here to talk to you about your child. If you have a question or a concern about your child or their education please come and see us straight away.

## Next terms topics

Each half term we use different topics to support the children's learning. The topics that are coming up are

**Year R=** Rumble in My Tummy. This topic is about food around the world.

**Year 1=** Light Factory. This topic is about light, Diwali and Christmas.

**Year 2=** Remembrance. This topic is about the history of the 1<sup>st</sup> World War and Remembrance today.

## Free First Aid Training

On Tuesday the 5<sup>th</sup> November at the Phoenix Centre there is a **free** basic First Aid Training Course. Basic First Aid is a very important skill and is a great thing to have on your CV.

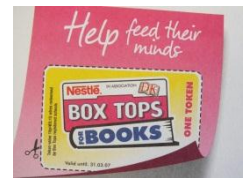
If you are interested in joining the course please contact Janet Easton to book a place on 07851054776 or 01420 474868. Alternatively you can email her at [janet.easton@cfheh.org.uk](mailto:janet.easton@cfheh.org.uk)

## Applications for starting Year 3 in 2014

All children in Year 2 will need to apply for a place at a Junior school. Hampshire admissions online application form for places in Year 3 and Year R will open on the 1st November. We have already sent out the letters to the Year 2 children.

## Free books for schools

Nestle are again giving away free Books for school through their Box Tops scheme. This will, unfortunately, be the last year they will run the scheme.



Please bring in any tokens you have as they all make a difference. The last few years some people have even got their extended families involved in collecting tokens. So if you have a Gran or an uncle who wouldn't mind collecting tokens and sending them to you ask them to help support us as well.

## School Behaviour

During Parents Evening some of the school Governors were wandering around asking parents about their perceptions of the children's behaviour in the school and how well the school manages behaviour. The parents who the Governors spoke to share my view that behaviour in the school is excellent and the school manages children's behaviour well. Parents commented that they liked the new Golden Time mini certificates that children get for not losing any Golden Time and they understand the reward systems like Smiley Face badges and the Star of the Week award.

Some parents did comment that they don't understand how the school deals with behaviour. So I thought I would give you a quick explanation. If you would like more information please see your child's class teacher.

We use a smiley face system. Every day every child starts on the happy face which is green. If a child does something to let themselves down or breaks a Golden Rule then any member of staff can ask them to move their name down to the middle face, which is yellow. This is a warning period where children have the opportunity to turn things around and have their name moved up for good behaviour. If however a child lets themselves down a second time they can be asked to move their name down to the sad face, which is red. If a child ends up on the red face they lose two minutes from their Golden Time hour on a Friday. Children can be moved up as well as down and being moved onto the star is for brilliant behaviour. So do be proud of them!

I hope that this has given a little insight into how we manage and support behaviour in school. Please come and see us if you have any questions.



