



Newsletter

24th October 2014

End of the first half term

I hope your children have enjoyed their first half term in their new classes and those children in Year R have enjoyed their first half term at school. It has been a fantastic term so far. The children are extremely settled in school and are producing some truly amazing work.

There have been some real highlights to the term so far. The Harvest Assembly this year was fantastic, the children were brilliant and we have never had so many parents attend. The Family Fun Day was, in my opinion, the best one ever. The money raised was truly staggering and in the coming months I will be able to talk to you about how we are spending it to enhance your children's experience at school.

Can I say a personal thank you to all the school staff. Having me out of school supporting another school for three days a week does mean they are all taking on extra responsibilities. They are doing this brilliantly. It is a real privilege to be asked to support another school and as I said last term it shows the deep level of trust and belief Hampshire Local Authority Educational staff have in our school. As a school we believe we should all be learning all the time, and this is a real learning opportunity for all of us. Having said that I will be very pleased to be back after Christmas!

While I am out of school Mrs Kennedy and Miss Cross my Assistant Headteachers will be able to talk to you about any issues or concerns you would like to discuss.

Thank you
Matt Greenhalgh
Headteacher

Upcoming events

Monday 27th to Friday 31st October
Half Term. School closed

Friday 7th November
Year 2 Trip to Winchester Military Museum

Remembrance Day
Tuesday 11th November
Remembrance Day at school.
Beavers and Rainbows can wear their uniforms to school.
Everyone else can come in clothes that are red, white or blue.

Friday 14th November
Fobs Infant Disco 5:15-6:15pm

Tuesday 18th November
Yr R parents - See how we teach your child to read and write by coming to watch one of our Read Write Inc lessons.

Parents Evening

I hope you enjoyed the opportunity to come and look at your children's work and talk to their teacher over the last two nights. The children have been working very hard this half term and I am sure you are as proud of their achievements as we are. Please remember that if you would like to discuss anything about your child come and see us at any time.

You may have noticed a change to the way we have been doing maths at school. With the introduction of the new national curriculum we have extended the time we work on one particular aspect of maths. This is to help the children develop real mastery in that area. This however does leave gaps of a few weeks between different maths topics. To help the children remember the work they were doing a few weeks ago we have introduced a system where we have a maths book for each of the three main areas of maths. This is the reason children in Year 1 and 2 have three maths books they are working in.

Applications for Year R and Year 3 for September 2015

Applications for starting school in September 2015 in Year R or Year 3 (Junior) will open on Saturday 1st November 2014. From this date, Hampshire County Council residents can apply either:

- online, <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/education/admissions/ad-applyonline.htm>
- by completing a paper application form. Forms are available from either us, the Junior School or by calling 0845 603 5623.

Further information on the application process can be found in our Guidance on applying for a school place for September 2015 section <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/education/admissions/ad-guidance/main-admissions-round.htm>

The closing date for all Year R & Year 3 applications is Thursday 15th January 2015. Parents who apply by this date will be advised of the outcome of their application on the national notification date of Thursday 16th April 2015. Parents who apply online will be able to log back into the online system to learn the outcome of their application from 16th April. Additionally, they will email the notification to you. For parents who apply on a paper application form, a notification letter will be sent in the first class post on 16th April.



Stars of the week



16th October

Julie Maramba
Mikey Wells
Olivia Johnson
Jack Shaw

23rd October

Samantha McHarg
Aeryn Maliphant
Zillah Radrodro
Bonnie Searle

School Website

<http://bordoninfantschool.co.uk/>

The school website contains a huge amount of information. And it is worth having as one of your favourites.

Under the Home tab at the top is the school calendar which is regularly updated with school events so you know what is going on at all times.

At the bottom of every page are all the previous Newsletters so if you lose one you can easily download another.

A few Reminders

Lost Property

We have a huge amount of lost property in the school office. The lost property box is the big wooden blue seat at the back of the school entrance. Please do come and look if your child has lost something to see if it is there. It is mostly full of unnamed jumpers.

Illness

Now the weather is getting colder many children are feeling ill. School advice is that if they are a little under the weather and a dose of Calpol will keep them going then send them in. Being in school and working at 80% is better than not being in school at all. If they are really ill then the best place for them is at home. If they are having bad sickness or diarrhoea then they need to be off school for 48 hours after the illness has stopped.

Coats

Please send you child with a coat every day. We do go out to play unless it is heavy rain so a coat is essential at all times now.