



# Newsletter

16<sup>th</sup> January 2015

## Year 1 and 2 Parents Writing Lessons

Next Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup> January we would like to invite parents in Year 1 and 2 to come and join in with a writing lesson with your child.

We hope that this will give parents some insight into what we do at school and how we help your child to learn. When we have done these sessions in the past parents have commented on how useful they were. We hope this opportunity will be equally as valuable.

If you would like to join your child on Friday either come into school with your child first thing in the morning or come to the front office any time between 9:00am and 10:00am. The writing session will start at 9:00am and will finish at 10:00am so the children can go to assembly. You don't need to be there for the whole session and if you have children in more than one class do spend a bit of time with each of them.

## School Library

Please remember that the School Library is open for your use every morning before school and every evening after school. You do not have to come in to take books home you can just spend the time looking at books and sheltering out of the cold weather.

The Library is open from **8:30am** until school starts and afterschool from **3:15pm** to about 3:45pm.

Every child can take home two books and if they have siblings let us know and the siblings can choose books aswell.



## Upcoming Events

### Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January

Come and watch a writing lesson

### Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February

E Safety Day - Come dressed as a superhero ready to keep safe on the internet

### Monday 16<sup>th</sup> to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February

Half term



We hope all the children in Year 1 and 2 have managed to logon to Purple Mash with their login cards sent out before Christmas.

Just to remind you that your child has their Username and Password to access their Purple Mash account from home.

There is a link on the school website to access Purple Mash. Complete the login by adding your child's username at the beginning of the details that appear and their password. They have been given a login card and they need to keep this safe at home as it has their unique details on it.

You can also access the Purple Mash website using the following address:  
<http://www.purplemash.com/v2/sch/monnow>

## This terms topics

### Year R

This term Year R's topic is 'People Who Help Us'. They are looking at how people change as we grow older and will be looking to the future to see all the different jobs that people do around us. If you would like to come and talk to Year R about your job please speak to any of the staff and they would be happy to arrange a time with you.

### Year 1

Year 1 are being historians this term. They are learning about the first moon landing and why Neil Armstrong is such a famous person. They will also be making Moon Buggies in the next few weeks. It would be great if parents could come and help with this so do talk to your child's class teacher about when this is happening.

### Year 2

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!



### Stars of the week

#### 8<sup>th</sup> January

Tillie Keddle  
Harry Kirby  
Dalton Lovelace  
Sophia Handley  
Subham Gurung  
Claudia Stewart

#### 15<sup>th</sup> January

Lilly-May  
McDonald  
Bethany Halliday  
Callum Pond  
Aidan Neil  
Lewis Clarke  
Connor Evamy



### School Governor Election

Thank you to all the parents who voted in the School Governor Election. We had four very strong candidates and we ended up with three spaces to fill.

I am very pleased to announce that Mr Larbey, Mr Stewart and Mr Gallagher were all voted in as Governors.

The role of a School Governor is a very important one. It is the governors who help the school to run and to ensure we maintain the highest standards of education. I would like to thank all four of our candidates for volunteering to give up their time to support our school.

### Teachers Recruitment Fair

Hampshire and the Isle of Wight are holding their inaugural Teacher Recruitment Fair. For the first time all schools will be gathered together with the shared purpose of the recruitment of teachers throughout the area.

For those who are interested in teaching there are many things of interest. Six of Hampshire's Teaching School Alliances will be present as will University of Winchester, and their Career Coaches to help you decide what would be the best route into teaching. Recently Qualified Teachers will also be present and they can share their experiences and give you an insight into their NQT year.

All phases and types of schools will be at the event and this will give you the ability to look around and ask questions to help you make informed decisions about what type of school you would ultimately like to work in.

The Teacher Recruitment Fair is happening on **Wednesday 28th January 2015** between **12-7pm** at the **Winchester Guildhall**. The Bapsy Hall, King Charles Hall and Wintonian Room will be used for candidates to browse and meet professionals currently working in education.

### Homes for Hampshire Children

Hampshire County Council are looking for people who live in the county or surrounding area to provide homes for Hampshire children who are unable to live with their birth families.

Hampshire Adoption and FosterCare are holding an open day where people can come along and find out more. There will be an opportunity to speak to both foster carers and adoptors as well as information about the children who need homes.

The open day is being held at Merchistoun Hall in Horndean on the 31<sup>st</sup> January from 10am-2pm.

Merchistoun Hall is located on Murray Road in Horndaen - Postcode PO8 9LJ