



Newsletter

24th April 2015

Welcome Back

Welcome back to the last term of the school year! This year seems to be going very quickly. I hope you had a lovely Easter break and that you enjoyed the fantastic weather we had.

This is a great term for children in school. There are lots of opportunities to get outside and engage in some very hands on and practical learning.

Year R

Year R are basing all their learning around Pirates this term. They will be investigating which materials would make the best floating pirate ship and they will be making and following maps around the school. The children will also be learning how to write in different ways to produce wanted posters and postcards.

Year 1

In Year 1 this half term the children will be learning to write stories with a beginning, a middle and an ending. The bases for these stories will be the old Mr Benn cartoons. These cartoons are a great way to teach children about story writing as the structure of each episode is so similar. The children will also be using maps of Bordon to identify the important features.

Year 2

Year 2 will be using their Geographical knowledge to compare Bordon with Cornwall this term. They have already had a fantastic food tasting session and will be building on this to look at the similarities and the differences between the two locations. The children will also be looking at the different food groups and how to combine them to stay healthy.

Upcoming Events

4th May

School Closed for Bank Holiday

11th May

Tiger Class local walk

12th May

Kangaroo Class local walk

21st May

Year R dressing up day - Pirates

Year 1 dressing up day – Fancy Dress costume

22nd May

School closed for Staff Training

Student Teachers

We are very pleased to welcome some trainee teachers to school this term.

Miss Lucy Crutchly is in Tiger Class

Miss Lauren Hopkins is in Zebra Class.

Giraffe Class will welcome Miss

Vanessa Anderson on Monday. The three ladies will be with us until June.

Temporary Classroom Going

The week beginning the 4th May builders will arrive and start the process of removing the temporary classroom from the playground. This should take about a week to complete. The builders will put fencing up around the site they are working and will create their own entrance into their compound from Budds Lane. While the children will no doubt find the process fascinating there will be no way the children can get from our playground into the builders compound. The company doing the work is the same company that installed the classroom, so they know the school and the site very well. The company do a huge amount of this type of work for Hampshire and the health and safety of the children is always their top concern.

Once the building has been removed soil and grass seed will be put down. Please could you help us in keeping the children off this area until we are ready for the children to start using it again. Thank you.

ASTHMA

Asthma is a common and chronic condition of the airways. Airways become narrow and inflamed due to 'triggers'. The reactions are usually reversible.

Symptoms of poorly controlled asthma include: coughing, particularly at night; increased use of blue preventer; Chest tightness and breathlessness; unable to fully enjoy day to day activities.

Tips for managing your asthma well

- Know your triggers and avoid them
- Take your preventer medication as prescribed
- Get your asthma reviewed regularly at your GP surgery with the Practice Nurse.
- Always use a spacer to take your medication.
- Take one puff at a time, and breathe steadily through the spacer 4 times.
- Always shake the inhaler between each puff.
- Avoid smoking and smoky environments



In 2011 18 children aged under 14 years died from asthma, and with on average 1 admission to hospital every 21 minutes. Most asthma deaths can be prevented by better management. www.asthma.org.uk

RECOGNISE YOUR SYMPTOMS AND ACT EXERCISE REGULARLY AVOID TRIGGERS TAKE REGULAR MEDICATION

Stars of the Week

26th March

Enya al-Khaldi
Victor Nevitt
Aesika Rai
Richie Keet
Paige Martin
Zoe Lalor

23rd April

Louis Russell
Davie Dickson
Nikkita Russell
Alfie Trussler
Ethan Johnson
Caitlynn Jackson

Holidays in School Time

Last term we sent out a letter from Hampshire County Council informing parents of the change in the Counties procedures for parents taking children out of school in term time. The procedures are that if your child is out of school for any reason other than genuine illness for five or more days in a term you will be automatically fined.

We are still receiving requests for holidays from parents and while we appreciate every family has unique reasons for wanting a holiday during term time the school has **no flexibility** to grant this. Please bear this in mind if you are booking a holiday. As a school we do not want any parent to get fined. A fine for a five day holiday for two children will cost £240 and could involve the parents being taken to court.

Unwell Children

If children are a little under the weather and a dose of Calpol will pick them up then do send them into school.

If children are physically sick twice or more or have an upset stomach then they need to stay off school for 48 hours after the sickness has ended. This is to ensure they are no longer contagious and do not pass the illness on to others.

If your child is too ill to attend school please phone the school office in the morning to let us know and leave a message. If we have not had a phone call we will phone you to confirm why they are not at school.

Parent View

As a school we are always looking to improve and your views as parents are very important in helping us to do that. One very important way that parents can help is by leaving a comment about the school on the Ofsted website. Ofsted are the body that inspects schools and they place a great emphasis on the views of parents. Having comments from parents helps to give a rounded picture of the school and I hope it will help to show the good work the school does in supporting, encouraging and giving a high quality education to the children in our care.

Making a comment does not take long but it will really help the school to grow and to improve. If you feel you have the time to make a comment you just need to type 'Ofsted parent view' into a search or go to this website <http://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>.

Thank you

