



Newsletter

11th March 2016

Chase Children's Centre

Last week Hampshire County Council released a consultation on the changes they would like to see to Children's Centres across Hampshire. Due to budget cuts from central government Hampshire are proposing to cut the current number of Children's Centres down from 52 to 11. The Chase Children's Centre is one of the ones due for closure next year. There will be one Children's Centre in each of the Hampshire districts and the one for East Hants will be in Alton.

Not only will the number of Children's Centres be cut so will the services they provide and the staff to run them. The proposal is to reduce staffing by 60% and to reduce services offered so that they would no longer provide open access to activities but would only offer target support to families.

As a school we believe that the Chase Children's Centre provides a valuable resource to our local area and its loss would be significant. We do understand that Hampshire have to make some very hard financial decisions and can only work with the money they are given.

If you would like to have a say in the consultation please go to
<http://www3.hants.gov.uk/childrens-services-consultation>

Upcoming Events

14 March 1-3pm

Kangaroo Class Local Area Walk

15 March 1-3pm

Tiger Class Local Area Walk

18 March

Year R – Farm Visiting

21 March

Year 1 – Mr Benn dressing up

23 March

School closes at 3.15pm

3.15-4pm FOBS Easter Egg Hunt

5.15-6.15pm FOBS Infant Disco

11 April

School starts at 8.45am

15 April

Year R – Pirate WOW Day

Bird World Tickets

If you would like one of the free Bird World tickets we have. Please come to the school office and sign up for the day you would like to go.

Mother's Day Lunch

Thank you to all the mums who came in for this year's Mother's Day Lunch. The children had a great time and loved the fact that they got to have lunch with you.

Thank you also for being so patient as this year dinner took a bit longer than normal to get through. The kitchen did 290 meals that day which is about 150 more than normal.

We hope it also gave you a bit of an insight into the food the children have at lunchtime and what the general lunchtime routine is like for the children. We believe that having a hot school dinner does set children up very well for the afternoon, especially in this cold weather. The fact that the food is free for the children is just an added bonus!

We will be having a Father's Day Lunch on Friday 17th June so we look forward to seeing as many dads or grandads as possible.

Year 2 Trip to the Gilbert White Museum

Year 2 had a great time, if a little wet, on their trip last week to the Gilbert White Museum. The children made clay flowers showing the leaves and the roots of plants. They also spent time matching different leaves to the correct trees and learning the names of them.

The activities the children did all support the work we are doing in school in meeting the requirements of the new Science National Curriculum. One of the new requirements is children should be taught to:

- identify and name a variety of common, wild and garden plants, including deciduous and evergreen trees
- identify and describe the basic structure of a variety of common flowering plants, including trees

So this trip fitted in perfectly.

Thank you to all the parents who came and helped out. We could not run trips without parental support and the children get a huge amount of enjoyment out of trips. School trips also support the learning in school and help children to really engage in what they are doing.



Stars of the Week

3rd March

Eddie Kester
Grace Hooker
Connor Evamy
Zoe Lalor
Tyler Parry
Wojciech
Kolodziej

10th March

Rain Dennis
Sami Mandeel
Betsie-Bo
Murphy
Isobel McGarry
Jared Tabafa
Isla Bowler



Children left in cars

There have been a few reports of parents leaving children unattended in cars while they drop off or collect older siblings.

As a school we strongly advise against this. We know it takes a little more time to get young children in and out of cars but it is much safer than leaving them unattended.

Please take your children with you as we would hate for there to be an accident involving a very young child.

New Class Trophy

Every week in Celebration Assembly we celebrate the children who have achieved great things in class that week.

One of the things children stand up for is showing ten examples of good learning behaviour which they get a badge for with either a star or a smiley face on, the choice is theirs.

When children show repeated examples of one type of learning behaviour from our 'Learning Toolbox' they get a special 'Learning Toolbox' certificate linked to that particular learning behaviour. With the time constraints of assembly we don't have children standing up for these certificates.

We thought that a way of celebrating children achieving a 'Learning Toolbox' certificate was to count up the number of certificates each week and award the class with the most the Best Learner's Trophy. We have put up a display outside the hall tracking the class that wins each week.

The first ever winners of the new trophy are Tiger class. So a very big well done to them.

