



# Newsletter

17<sup>th</sup> March 2017

## Learning spellings is hard!

At the last parents evening, teachers were asked a lot of questions about how to help their child learn their spellings. The main reasons we do spelling tests is to improve the children's sight vocabulary and for them to write them correctly in their writing. The test is just half the process.

Here are some tips that we hope will make learning spellings a less stressful activity.

Remember what works for one child may not work for another, you know your child so pick the tips that best suit your child.

1. Pick 2 words a day, resist writing them all out every day as it can get quite tiring.
2. Read the words and verbally put them in sentences with your child.
3. Choose a word, read each letter slowly, getting quicker and quicker i.e f-l-i-g-h-t,
4. Make a spelling picture - Write a word out in lots of different colours.
5. Play hangman with the spelling words.
6. Write some words out with some of the letters incorrect and your child can correct your spellings.

## Upcoming Events

### 20 March 2017

1pm Tiger Class Local Walk

### 21 March 2017

1pm Kangaroo Class Local Walk

### 22 March 2017

2.45pm Penguin Class Assembly

### 23 March 2017

Mother's Day Shop

### 24 March 2017

Red Nose Day – children to dress up

11.45-1pm Mother's Day Lunch

### 29 March 2017

2.45pm Tiger Class Assembly

### 31 March 2017

Year R - Farm visiting

### 3 April 2017

Year 1 – Dressing Up Day

### 5 April 2017

2.45pm Kangaroo Class Assembly

### 6 April 2017

3.15pm FoBS Easter Egg Hunt

5.15-6.15pm FoBS Disco

### 7 April 2017

Inset Day

### 10 – 21 April 2017

Easter Holidays

### 24 April 2017

8.45am School Starts

## FoBS Treasurer

FoBS are looking for someone to take over the role of Treasurer from our current Treasurer who is standing down.

You do not need any financial expertise you just need to be well organised and know how to add up!

The main role of the Treasurer is to track the amount of money FoBS currently has and the income and expenditure for the different events that are run throughout the year.

If you feel you can help us by giving a bit of your time please come and see us in school or talk to the wonderful ladies who run the book stall each Friday.

### **Dropping children off in the mornings**

Please can we remind all parents that we do expect parents to bring their children to the classroom door each morning. We know that some children have asked parents to stand and watch them walk in, especially some children in Year 2. While we want to encourage independence there are occasions when different things are happening and children have in the past got confused if their class is not where they expect them to be. We have also had incidents of children trying to run back to parents if they have forgotten something and the parent has left. This could mean that children leave the school grounds without anyone realising they had done so.

### **Facebook**

We know lots of parents use Facebook very successfully to talk about what is happening in school and to remind each other about special events or homework. This is great and it is lovely parents support each other in this way. We would however ask parents not to name other children in any of these posts. If you have a concern about something that is happening in school please come and talk to us rather than contact other parents directly over Facebook.  
Thank you



### **Stars of the Week**



#### **10<sup>th</sup> March**

Harry Simms  
George Craig  
Pippa Dodd  
Adam Mandeel  
Ruby-May Shea  
Leah Hollomon

#### **17<sup>th</sup> March**

Seth Holloway  
Kayne Bagnall  
Tobias Gray  
Theo Maliphant  
Paula Maritan  
Rosie Trussler

### **Parking**

As of next week we know parking around the school is going to get a bit tricky.

Especially while everyone adjusts to this big change can we ask parents to be especially careful about where they park and how they park when dropping children off and collecting them.

We suggest for the next few weeks you give yourself a bit more time than normal to ensure you can park safely.

### **Ofsted**

As many parents know Bordon Juniors had their Ofsted visit last week. It will still be a few weeks before the report comes out. We know all the staff at the juniors worked incredibly hard during the time they were in and we wish them all the best. As a school we are expecting a visit from them any time soon. All we know is that they have to come before the end of this academic year.

If you get a chance we would really appreciate you leaving some feedback on the Ofsted Parent View website. It does not take long to set up an account and it would mean a great deal to us. Ofsted take parents views very seriously so the more responses we have on there the better.

When we do get a call from Ofsted to say they are coming we will let all parents know. The procedure is that they will give us a call in the morning and then they will be in the very next day, so we have very little warning.

The inspector will usually find time to talk to parents at the start or the end of the school day, so if you have anything you would like to say to them about the school you will get a chance.

