



# Newsletter

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28<sup>th</sup> January 2019

## Mrs Kennedy supporting another school

Mrs Kennedy, as well as being Elephant's Class teacher, is one of our two Assistant Headteachers and both her and Miss Cross support me in leading the school.

Last week we were asked if we could loan Mrs Kennedy to Woodlea Primary. Sadly the new Headteacher, who started in September, has left and the school currently does not have a deputy. Hampshire Local Authority has found an Interim Headteacher but due to the needs in the school also wanted a strong Assistant Head to support them. As a school we have remained very strong for a number of years so when asked, we felt we had a moral responsibility to help another school if we could.

We have loaned Mrs Kennedy to Woodlea until Easter, when she will return to us. While she is away Miss Wilson will be teaching Elephants on a Monday and Tuesday and Mrs Startup will teach on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. This is not a big change for this class, we have kept it as consistent for them as possible.

Both Mrs Kennedy and Miss Cross will often do roles I would usually do if I am out of school. While Mrs Kennedy is away it might mean that if you have an issue you want to talk about and I am not in you might have to wait for a little while until either Miss Cross or myself get back to you. I hope that this would only happen very occasionally.

Mrs Kennedy was very pleased to be asked. While she was sad that she was leaving her class for a few weeks she was also looking forward to helping another school and the challenges it would bring. I am sure you will join me in wishing her all the best.

Matt Greenhalgh

## Upcoming Events

### **5 February 2019**

2.45pm Giraffe Class Assembly

### **7 February 2019**

3pm 2nd Hand Uniform Sale in Hall

### **11-15 February 2019**

Science Week

### **11 February 2019**

Year 1&2 Winchester Science Centre

### **12 February 2019**

E-Safety Day – children can come to school dressed as Super Heroes

### **14 February 2019**

2pm Year 1&2 Parents invited into class for Science

### **15 February 2019**

3.15pm End of term

### **25 February 2019**

8.45am Start of term

### **6 March 2019**

4-7pm Parents Evening

### **7 March 2019**

4-6pm Parents Evening

### **8 March 2019**

World Book Day

### **15 March 2019**

Red Nose Day

## Snow Procedure

Snow has been forecast for Bordon over the next couple of days. If it does snow the school will do everything possible to remain open. The only reason we would close is if we felt the site and surrounding area was not safe to get all 180 children from us and 240 children from Bordon Juniors into school at the same time. We would also have to close if we were unable to get enough staff in.

If we do have to close we will inform parents by text as soon as we have made the decision. If you have not had a text message from us then please presume the school is open. Many members of staff are working parents and we do appreciate how difficult it is when schools do close. We will make the decision as early as we can but we also need to make sure we are making the right decision. We don't want to close unnecessarily but we also don't want to open and the school not be 100% safe.

## Hospital and Dentist appointments

If you have a hospital appointment for your child please bring in the appointment confirmation letter, as a school we need a record that we have seen this in order to put the attendance down as authorised.

Children should also be in school before they go for the appointment unless the appointment is too far away. They should also be brought back to school after the appointment. This then enables us as a school to mark the attendance as an authorised attendance. If the appointment falls over a lunchtime then we suggest you give your child lunch before bringing them back to school.

As a rule regular dental check-ups must be booked for after school. School cannot authorise children being out for normal dental six monthly appointments. If there is an issue, such as their dentist being too far away or they are having a particular treatment, please speak to us.



### Stars of the Week

#### 11<sup>th</sup> January

Ayesha Ahmed  
Jack Horstead  
Nickolas Kasperek  
Francine  
Villanueva  
Josh Ayres  
Poppy Bowler

#### 25<sup>th</sup> January

Amelia-Rose  
Edney  
Emily Wadhams  
Riley French  
Zuzanna Misiewicz  
Tayte Ward  
Freya Gaines



### Birdworld Tickets

If you have not made use of our free Birdworld family tickets please do. We have one free family pass, for two adults and three children to go to Birdworld, every day.

To get hold of the tickets you only need to see Mrs Edney in the school office and book a free date with her.

The tickets can be used for a full day out or as a treat after school one day.

## Fantastic School Results 2017-18

Last week primary and secondary school results were released to the public and the league tables were announced. As we are an infant school and we don't have Year 6 children there are no results for our school.

We therefore wanted to share with you how we had done as a school when compared to the national average in the country. We are compared on the level of attainment the children in Year 2 get at the end of the year. The reason the results are not shared publicly is because Year 6 and secondary school GCSE's are exams, while Year 2 is assessed by the teachers looking at a child's work over the entire year.

The results for last year showed that as a school for reading, writing and maths we were above the national average for children achieving the 'Expected standard' of attainment. For children achieving beyond the 'Expected standard' we were again above the national average with reading and maths being significantly above.

These results, combined with the rates of progress from where the children started school, which are all well above the national average, are fantastic. The achievement of the children last year is down to the strength of the entire staff team, the hard work of the children and the support parents give to help ensure their children do well. This is a real team achievement!