



# Newsletter

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13<sup>th</sup> September 2019

## Welcome Back

Welcome back or just welcome to our new families. I hope that you have all had a lovely summer. The children have seemed very excited to get back to school and have settled into their new classes really well.

The start to any school year can be a tricky time for both children and parents so if you have any concerns or questions then please do go and see your child's class teacher or come and speak directly to me if you need to.

We already have a lot planned for the children to do this academic year from well-established things like Mother's Day and Father's Day lunch to new things like the Arts Week we are planning on holding in November. I am sure the children will get huge amounts out of everything and have a wonderful year.

This year we are running our Forest School sessions for the second time. The children get a massive amount out of the sessions and they are a real highlight of the year for them. Year 2 are having their sessions up until Christmas. Year 1 will be from Christmas to Easter and Year R will be after Easter. We really need some parent helpers to make these sessions a success. If you can help regularly any afternoon then please speak to your child's class teacher. You don't need to wait for your child's time we are happy with parents helping in any year group.

If I don't get to chat to you before then I hope to see you at the Family Fun Day coming up on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September.

Matt Greenahlg

## Upcoming Events

### 17 September 2019

2.45pm Year 2 Meet the Teacher

### 19 September 2019

2.45pm Year 1 Meet the Teacher

### 27 September 2019

Non Uniform Day

9-11am McMillan Coffee morning

### 29 September 2019

11am-3pm FoBS Family fun Day

### 3 October 2019

Special Lunch

### 9 October 2019

School Photographer in

### 22 October 2019

Flu Immunisations

### 25 October 2019

9am Harvest Assembly

### 28 October to 1 November 2019

Half Term

### 4 November 2019

8.45am Term starts

### 6 November 2019

9-10am Year R and 1 Parents invited in for RWI session

### 19 November 2019

9-10am Year 2 Parents invited in to watch Literacy

## Closure of Budds Lane Car Park

We have just been told that the car park on Budds Lane where the old swimming pool used to be will be closing soon. WBRC who have very kindly let us use the land are selling it to Taylor Wimpy as of the 20<sup>th</sup> September. From this date we will not know when the car park will be closed. WBRC are opening a new car park opposite the skate park but they do not yet have a firm date for when this will be open. They are hoping it will be in time for the new secondary school to be open.

We realise that the closure of the car park will make parking around school difficult. We hope that this will only be a short term problem. There are car parks at the top of Hampshire Road and off of School Road but these are nothing to do with the school. As and when we get further information we will let you know

## Scooters and bikes in school

Scooting and cycling to school is a fantastic way of getting to school and it reduces traffic around the school. We currently have one scooter rack outside the school main office. If we get enough children scooting to school every day we would be eligible to get another free one!

Can we ask parents however to make children get off their scooter or bike and push it once they get to the school gates. With so many children and parents around there is the potential for there to be an accident.

On the school playground we have set aside an area at playtime and lunchtime where the Year 1 and 2 children can use the school scooters. If children would like to use their scooter before or after school can you make sure that they are only scooting in this area. The designated area is at the end of the Year 1 and 2 playground opposite the Log Cabin. There is an area marked out with a yellow boundary. Anywhere in that box is a safe place to scoot. Bikes however must not be ridden on school grounds at all.

Thank you



### Stars of the Week

**13<sup>th</sup> September**

Kenzie Avis  
Francine  
Villanueva  
Vari Mudzudzu  
Viktoria Kilin



### Free Birdworld Tickets

If you would like a free ticket for a family to go to Birdworld please go to the school office.

We have one ticket for each day of the year.  
All you need to do is go along with the date you would like and see if it is still available.

## Attendance

We wanted to inform parents of a change in the way Hampshire deal with attendance. All schools in Hampshire are expected to follow Hampshire guidance.

As I am sure you are aware parents have a legal duty to ensure their children are in school every day. If a child misses 10 sessions (a session is either a morning or an afternoon, so a whole day is two sessions) within a 50 day period then they will be fined, if the 10 missed sessions were unauthorised. An unauthorised absence is any family holiday, any session where the school has been given no reason for the child not being in or any session where a child's absence is very low and the school has had to refuse to authorise any further absence. If a child is ill and the school is told then that is fine or if there is a genuine family emergency we can support that. If there is a hospital appointment that is alright, please bring in the appointment letter so that we can photocopy it and keep a copy for our records, but dentist appointments must be taken outside of school time.

The change is that now parents will only get fined once in a year. If there is a second period of absence that would result in a fine Hampshire will now go straight to considering court action. This could result in a fine in excess of £2,000. This is something we do not want to happen to any parent so please check school term dates carefully and only book holidays during the school holidays.

Please come and speak to us if you have any questions or worries about attendance or fines.