

4th January 2017



January Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Welcome back and a very happy New Year. I hope that you had a lovely Christmas break and that you managed to spend time with family and friends.

We have a number of exciting projects underway in school which will enhance your child's experience and learning in school. Yesterday and today the final fittings for the hall audio and visual improvements were completed! We now have an automatic screen, new projector and easy storage for the audio equipment – no more wires! This project was completely funded by money from the PTA - thank you.

We are hoping to have the library project completed by the end of Easter. So far the planning, design and surveys are on track to meet this timescale. If all goes to plan, we would need your support to clear the library space before the Easter break. Watch this space for more information on how you can volunteer!

SENCO Support

We are very happy to welcome Mrs Gill Bryne, who is joining our staff on a temporary basis. Mrs Bryne is a very experienced SENCo and will be supporting our SEN provision in school for the remainder of this academic year.

Growth Mindset Information Evening – Wednesday 25th January at 7.00 pm

Come along to this exciting evening where you can find out more about the many opportunities your child has at school to grow and learn. Growth Mindset is an all-encompassing approach to learning and how to succeed and over obstacles in life. The evening will inform you how teachers and adults in school teach your child, 'to learn how to learn' and will include pupil presentations and interactive fun challenges so you can experience Growth Mindset for yourself!

Poppy Appeal

We are pleased to announce that the school raised £86.57 for the Poppy Appeal back in November. Thank you.

Celebration of Learning

Please see the dates below for opportunities to see your child's work. Your child will be able to show you their books and any work on display. The first date in October was very well attended and the children thoroughly enjoyed sharing their learning.

Thursday 16 th February	3.15 – 4.00pm
Thursday 25 th May	3.15 – 4.00pm

Parents Evenings

These are times when you can discuss your child's learning and progress with the classteacher.

Tuesday 7 th March	3.40 – 6.30 pm
Thursday 9 th March	5.30 – 8.00 pm

Class Assemblies

These take place at **9:10** on Friday mornings, we look forward to seeing you.

Class 1	17 th February	Class 2	10 th February
Class 3	24 th March	Class 4	31 st March
Class 5	17 th March		

Christmas Events

The children had a busy and enjoyable time in the week before we broke up for Christmas.

The Nativity performances of 'Hey Ewe' were a joy to watch! The children had worked so hard to learn the songs, their lines, when and how to play their instruments, and when to move on and off stage. The Nativity collection raised money to go towards the fund for school productions and £64.48 will go to the World Wildlife Fund, the children's choice of charity this year. Thank you for your generous contribution.

Christmas lunch in school was on the last day before we broke up for the Christmas break. It was a very festive occasion with all the staff serving the children and wearing Christmas hats. It was made more special with the children wearing their Christmas jumpers! Thank you for your contributions for Christmas Jumper day which was raising money for Save the Children. The school raised £107.50.

The Christmas parties were equally enjoyed in the afternoons of the final week with party games, food and Christmas music.

The KS2 Carol Service was well attended and the children sung, spoke and performed wonderfully. There was a delightful atmosphere in the church with families gathered together. It was great to see so many instrumentalists and singers step forward to contribute to the service. The carols were again supported by Chris Chidley on the organ, who volunteered his time free of charge to the school – thank you. The collection for the World Wildlife Fund at the end of the service raised £61.72.

A huge thank you to the PTA who supported the school in so many ways over Christmas: party food for the Christmas parties; providing refreshments at the end of the Carol service and organising and running a fantastic Christmas Fair.

PTA News and Events

Christmas Fair

A massive thank you to everyone who helped, donated and turned up on the night to support the Christmas Fair and raised a huge amount - see Treasurer's report below for details.

The Christmas Fair is one of the year's largest fundraising opportunities and involves a huge amount of effort from the entire school. This was also our first Class lead fundraiser since the PTA restructure so well done Class 4. Special thanks goes to Hayley Claughton (from Class 4) who did an amazing job co-ordinating the evening and resources.

Treasurer's update

Following the fabulous Christmas Fair the overall profits banked from the event were £2,001.44. This means that we have now completed the funding for Project Play Phase 1 totaling £4,000 and the loo renovations of £500 - the monies can now be spent finalising these developments.

We also received £23.94 from easyfundraising for the quarter, so thank you for using this for your online shopping. It is amazing how much each donation received on every purchase made through easyfundraising adds up. In total we have now received £730.85 since commencement. Please can we encourage you to consider using this when spending online, it does not cost you any more, but the retailers' percentage gift does vary to the PTA through the scheme and details on how to join can be found below.

During December we spent £67.14 on providing all the food and drink for the KS1 and KS2 Christmas parties in addition to the £30 gift voucher from Tesco's.

PTA Pub Quiz Monday 6th February 2017

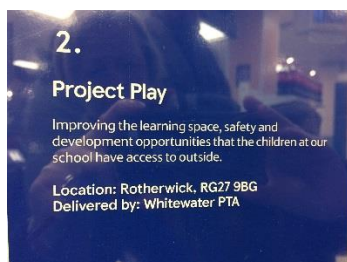


Class 1's fundraiser, the PTA pub quiz will be upon us soon. This is a really enjoyable evening with delicious food and quiz fun hosted by the Falcon Pub. If you are a Class 1 parent and would like to help Amy Evans or Jo Hunt with this event please speak to them in the playground or contact Amy on amyjevans17@yahoo.com. Tickets will go on sale shortly, if anyone would like to put a team of 8 together please contact Amy Evans on the email address above.

Bunny Hop Disco 23rd March 2017

Class 2's fundraiser is the Bunny Hop Disco which takes place during March of this term. Lottie Girling is the PTA Rep for this event and will be in touch with Class 2 parents soon to advise and support you! If you want to help with this event you can email Lottie on lottiegirling@hotmail.com.

Grant Applications



Great news, we have been successfully chosen for the Tesco Bags of Help grant and are in stores now!

What happens next?

Our initiative "Project Play" along with the other two successful projects in our region is being voted on now in Tesco stores where their customers will decide the outcome by voting for their favourite project with tokens each time they shop. Voting will take place from 2nd January to 28th January 2017.

The project with the highest number of votes across our region will receive £5,000, the second placed project £2,000 and the third placed project £1,000.

The following stores will be participating in the vote. Please can you pass on the word to friends and family so they can vote for our school.

Tesco Store	Postcode
Hook	RG27 9JE
Basingstoke Chineham	RG24 8BE
Basingstoke Metro	RG21 7LG
Lychpit Basingstoke Exp	RG24 8TF
Baughurst Basingstoke Exp	RG26 5LZ
Popley Basingstoke Exp	RG24 9DR
Kempshott Basingstoke Exp	RG22 5NZ
Antsey Ln Alton Exp	GU34 2NF
Four Marks Alton Exp	GU34 5HG
Basingstoke Oakridge Road Exp	RG21 5SG

The PTA has also completed grant applications for The Lottery Fund and Waitrose and is awaiting a decision. The Big Lottery Fund application may take up to 10 weeks for them to review. All monies raised will go towards the outdoor improvements proposed under the School's Project Play initiative. If you would like more information or have an idea on how we can raise money through grants please contact Melissa Wilson (Isabel and Tilly's Mother).

100 Club

The 100 club winners for December are:

1st - Paul Buckland - £20

2nd - Lottie Girling - £12

3rd Keith and Jo Bennett - £8

Easyfundraising

With the sales now in "full swing" please do make use of easy fundraising when you purchase anything online. It really is one of the easiest ways to make money for the PTA whilst shopping online in the comfort of your home. Here's the link:

<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/whitewaterprimaryschoolpta>

And lastly.....

Happy New Year to you all and we look forward to working with you on future events in 2017!

Celebrations!

Gold Book

Congratulations to the following children who have been in the Gold Book in December:

Class 1: Grace, Evan P, Daniel and Jasmin

Class 2: Harry, Olive, Phoebe and Isabella

Class 3: Amelia, Ella, Isla and Charlie

Class 4: Zach, Sophie x 2 and Catherine

Class 5: Charlotte F and Poppy

Clubs and Outside School

Well done to the following children who have achieved sporting, musical or academic success outside school and in clubs:

Tilly (Class 1) and Isabel (Class 3) for completing a 15 mile cycle ride for RIDE IT Hampshire;

Afanen (Class 2) for achieving Star of the Week in gymnastics and gaining her 5 Award in swimming;

Honey (Class 3) for gaining her Brownie Promise certificate;

Georgie (Class 5) for gaining the THK award trophy for drama during the autumn term;

Hugo (Class 2) for achieving his 5m and Stage 2 swimming award;

Jack (Class 1) for achieving Star of the Week in gymnastics;

Edwards (Class 1) for receiving a special award for PE, 'demonstrating outstanding commitment to the Olympic and Paralympic Values'.

Handwriting Distinction

These certificates were awarded to:

Isabel, Erin and Freya (Class 3)

Final word...

The winning house for last half term was [Sapphire House](#) with [650 House points](#). Well done to all the children in this house!

Miss Edwards

DATES LIST

Tuesday 24 th January	Theatre Visit to School
Wednesday 25 th January	Growth Mindset Evening for Parents (7 pm)
Thursday 16 th February	Celebration of Learning (3.15 pm to 4 pm)
Monday 20 th February to)	HALF TERM
Friday 24 th February)	
Monday 27 th February)	Book Week (including World Book Day on
Friday 3 rd March)	Thursday 2 nd March)
Tuesday 7 th March	Parents' Evening (3.40 pm – 6.30 pm)
Wednesday 8 th March	Book Fair Arrives (3.30 pm to 4.00 pm)
Thursday 9 th March	Parents' Evening (6.00 pm – 8.30 pm)
Monday 13 th March	Last Book Fair Session (3.30 pm – 4.00 pm)
Thursday 23 rd March	Bunny Hop Disco (5 pm – 6.30 pm)
Monday 27 th March to)	Bikeability for Year 5
Friday 31 st March)	
Friday 7 th April	End of Term (2 pm)
Monday 10 th April to)	EASTER HOLIDAYS
Friday 21 st April)	
Monday 24 th April	Children return to school