

1st November 2018

November Newsletter



Dear Parents,

I hope that everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing half term break. It suddenly feels like we have plunged into winter with the darker evenings and frosty mornings recently. I hope that everyone enjoys a Bonfire and Firework display this weekend!

All the classes have been very active with their learning this week; they are all sharing the same book, 'The Journey' and putting together a piece of writing. Every child's piece of writing will then go forward to a whole school writing competition. Please ask your child what they are planning for their writing, I am sure they will want to tell you all about it!

Before half term, Class 4 went on a brilliant trip to Stonehenge and entertained the school and their parents with an excellent assembly. Class 3 also thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Butser Farm. We are all looking forward to their assembly in a couple of weeks.

Class Assemblies

These will take place on Fridays at 9.10 a.m. in the school hall:

Class 3 16th November

Class 1 and 2 will be performing their Nativity in December so their first Class Assemblies will be in the spring term.

Christmas Play: Date Reminder

Class 1 and 2 will be performing their Nativity at 2.15 pm on:

Tuesday 11th December

Wednesday 12th December

Parents Evenings: Date Reminder

Tuesday 6th November 3.40 – 6.30 pm

Thursday 8th November 5.30 – 8.30 pm

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Harvest

Our highly successful and packed Harvest service was held in Rotherwick church before half term. It was a great opportunity to come together as a school to donate food to our local community and celebrate with all families. The children presented wonderful art, information and songs about Creation.

The food donations were given to the local Food Bank and Maryfield (Convent) Residential Home. These were gratefully received, thank you.

Remembrance

Poppies from the Royal British Legion will be available next week. Year 6 children will visit the classes once a day. We ask for a donation in exchange for a poppy.

Children in Need

The School Council are meeting to discuss fundraising ideas for Children in Need – **Friday 16th November**. They will be sending a separate letter to parents and children in the near future.



We are your JRSO's (Junior Road Safety Officers) Alex and Seb.

Earlier this month we went to our JRSO training at Basingstoke Court Hotel. We did a range of activities and learnt a lot of interesting things.

A little reminder than on the **23rd of November**, we will be having our annual 'Be Bright Be Seen Day' where we dress up in **bright clothes** as the clocks have gone back and it is getting darker (please give a small donation of £1).

Thank you for reading this. If you have any ideas, please come and see us.

Parent Questionnaire

Thank you to all parents and carers for sharing their views with us in July, during our Ofsted visit. We value your feedback to help us shape how we can continually improve all elements of school life for all our pupils. For parents who are new to the school, we issue parent questionnaire on annual basis to ask for your feedback on how we are doing during the Summer Term. That said, we welcome feedback at any other time during the academic year and are committed to having open lines of communication at all times. We look at the results from our parent questionnaires in detail, compare our performance to National results across all Primary Schools as well as with any previous results specific to our school and look to action plan any areas that we want to improve.

We wanted to share with you our key findings with you, which were based on 53 responses from parents/carers. If you have any questions about any of the results or would like to the findings in more detail, please visit our website.

Overall the feedback was very positive and parent perception was particularly high around “my child feels safe”; “my child is well looked after” where we outperformed our results from last year and national results, which ties in with our unrelenting focus on keeping children safe.

Some of you may recall that pupil behaviour was a real focus area for us from last year’s feedback and there has been a positive shift in parent perceptions this year, putting us above national on both questions relating to “this school makes sure pupils are well behaved” and “this school deals effectively with bullying”. This is pleasing to see after the implementation of our new behaviour policy and associated behavioural steps this time last year.

Parent perceptions are up from last year and above national average on “my child is well taught” and views on “my child makes good progress” is up from last year in the strongly agree category and comparable with national scores. The quality of our teaching and learning provision continues to be a priority for us.

Perceptions on the school being well led and managed is above national and up from last year in the strongly agree category and the percentage of parents that would recommend this school is at 90%, which is in line with national results.

We look to take away one focus area each year and this year we would like to improve perceptions around how we communicate with parents on their child’s progress and in response to any concerns raised. Our results are up on last year and comparable to national results but we’d like to see these improve further.

Thank you once again for your feedback...

Governing Body

PTA News and Events

EXCITING THINGS COMING UP THIS HALF TERM

Christmas Fair

The plans for the Christmas Fair are all going well, it will be held at the Village Hall on Thursday 6th December at 17.30-19.30! There will be food, drinks, cakes, Santa, Winterwonderland, Year 6 games room, tombola's and much much more!! Please come along and get in the festive spirit and support our school! There will be lots of letters coming out in your children's book bags this week to be able to book your Santa slot, asking for tombola donations, cake donations and lucky pots prizes. Please let Amy know if you have any questions about it all.

Our **next meeting is being held at The Falcon at 2pm on Tuesday 6th November**- a month before the big event. We will also be asking for helpers for the day and night of the fair to either set up or run a stall and also help tidy up.

Kindness Day

To celebrate 'Kindness Day' we are having a bake sale at pick up on **Tuesday 13th November**. So don't forget to bring some change so you can buy your friend or someone special a sweet treat! If anyone feels able to bake anything, please let Lisa S know.

BAG2SCHOOL

A great chance to have a clear out in your wardrobe and to get rid of the children's outgrown clothes. Don't forget to get aunts, uncles and grandparents involved too! Bags will be coming out in bookbags soon and if you need more please ask at the school office.

Collection will be on **Monday 26th November at 9am**, but any bags can be left at the school from Friday 23rd November.

Help us beat what we raised from BagSchool last year - £342!!

100 CLUB

Congratulations to the winners in the November draws of the 100 Club.

1st Prize – Marcus Fincham (No. 21)

2nd Prize – Caroline Smith (No.40)

3rd Prize - Helen Sheppard (No.10)

SCRATCH Christmas Complete 2018 – Toy Appeal

We are so excited to be supporting SCRATCH Christmas Complete this year!

SCRATCH provides services which relieve the effects of hardship, disadvantage and poverty for individuals and families living in Southampton and the surrounding area (including Basingstoke). Last year SCRATCH gave gifts to 1855 children and young people in need.

The Widows Sons Masonic Bikers Association (Southern Chapter) have very kindly agreed to come and collect our toy donations and drop them off to the SCRATCH depot in Southampton. So, the gifts will leave us and arrive in style! One of the riders is even an ex-pupil of Whitewater! Follow Southampton Toy Run on Facebook for more info.

We hope you would all like to get involved and we will be asking for children to bring a toy (unwrapped) with them to school on **Friday 30th November**. Examples of toys required will be sent out to you shortly. For more information, please see the PTA noticeboard or speak to Laura Neilson.

Reminder of other Easy ways to Raise money for the School

It is soon time to get cracking with Christmas shopping, some of you may have even started! so don't forget to go through the **Easy Fundraising** link before accessing favourites such as Amazon, John Lewis, Argos, M&S and Ebay to name but a few. Also, if you are thinking of going on a Christmas getaway there are a lot of holiday booking sites on their too! Simply download the Easy Fundraising app on your phone and/or laptop, go through to your favourite online retailer to receive a percentage of your spend back at no extra cost to you.

www.easyfundraising.org.uk

Ink Cartridges - Recycle your empty printer cartridges at school to help raise money. See full list of cartridges which are accepted on www.emptiesplease.com

Celebrations!

Gold Book

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

- Class 1: Cohen, Isabella, Effie, Harry, Lola, and Felix
- Class 2: Daisy S, Taya, Bertie, Grace, Evan and L'ae
- Class 3: Chyna, Evie, Zachary, Elsa, Hugo and Abigail
- Class 4: Seb, Mia, Oscar, Harry, James H and Jack
- Class 5: Poppy W, Poppy BH and Leah

Clubs and Outside School

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

- Daisy (Class 2) for being Star of the Week in Dance;
- Felix (Class 1) for exercising the freeman right to drive sheep across London Bridge!;
- Olive x 2, Ela and William (Class 3), and Charlie and James (Class 4) for being Player of the Day in Chess;
- Eva (Class 4) for gaining merit in Grade 2 Modern Theatre Dance;
- Leo (Class 2) for being Star of the Week in Dance;
- Beatrice (Class 3) for being Star of the Week in Dance;
- Evie (Class 5) for showing her wonderful photographs and gold medal for Dance.

Final word...

Congratulations to Diamond House for winning the House Point trophy before half term!

Miss Edwards

DATES LIST

Tuesday 6 th November	Parents' Evening (3.40 pm to 6.30 pm)
Thursday 8 th November	Parents' Evening (5.30 pm to 8.30 pm)
Friday 16 th November	Class 3 Assembly (9.10 am) BBC Children in Need
Monday 19 th November	Squash taster sessions for each class
Wednesday 21 st November	Year R Prospective Parents Open Hour (9.30 am)
Friday 23 rd November	Be Bright Be Seen Day
Wednesday 28 th November	Year R Prospective Parents Open Hour (9.30 am)
Monday 3 rd December	Year 6 to Robert May's Production
Wednesday 5 th December	Year R Prospective Parents Open Hour (9.30 am)
Thursday 6 th December	Flu immunisation (Years R to 5) Christmas Fair (6 pm to 8 pm)
Tuesday 11 th December	Nativity Performance (2.15 pm)
Wednesday 12 th December	Nativity Performance (2.15 pm)
Friday 14 th December	Christmas Jumper Day – Save the Children
Monday 17 th December	KS2 Carol Service (6.30 pm)
Friday 21 st December	School Ends (2.00 pm)
Monday 23 rd December to)	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
Friday 4 th January 2019)	
Monday 7 th January 2019	INSET DAY