



Newsletter 8th March 2024

Hi all,

World Book Day was a wonderful celebration of reading- particularly the books of Roald Dahl. The children, and staff, put in a fabulous effort for their story character costumes- well done! A huge thank you to Mrs Barraclough for organising the Reading Cafe. It was great to see so many parents in school enjoying a story with their children. We received £10 in tea/coffee donations which we will put towards some new books for the library. The children enjoyed a range of activities in their classrooms. We very much hope the day keeps children's enthusiasm for reading going for the rest of their lives!

The Junior Road Safety Officers undertook two road traffic surveys on Tuesday. They were keen to see how many people cross the road at the crossing point at the start and end of each day, and how many cars and other vehicles use the road at the same time. They were shocked by the speed of some vehicles, particularly when children were waiting to cross the road. They also felt the crossing wasn't very clear for pedestrians or drivers. They will now be pulling their findings together and using them to improve road safety outside our school gate. Look out for more information on this over the next few months.

Falcon class enjoyed a hangout with their link school in America this week. They have been collaboratively writing stories and publishing these on Book Creator. We are so lucky to be a part of the JDO Foundation, who have provided us with the technology and the opportunity for children to connect and work with children in another country in such a close way. I don't know of any other school in Hampshire that does this. I'd also like to say a huge thank you to FOBS for raising funds to buy twenty new Chromebooks for the school. These were installed last Friday and are already being used by the children.

Have a lovely weekend.

Beulah

Mrs Beulah Letchford, Headteacher



Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to the following children who received a **Golden Rules** certificate this week; Ed T, Darcey S, Christopher, Reuben, Dylan R, Lettie.

Congratulations to the following children who received a **School Values** certificate this week; Lincoln, Teegan, Ella L, Louie, Shayla, Alivia, Eleanor D, Dolly.

Sports News

Y3/4 Football

The Y3/4 Football team took part in the finals night at Park House two weeks ago. They had qualified for this by winning their league earlier in the term. The team played really well together against some tough opposition. They drew two matches and lost the third to the team who dominated our half of the draw. They should be very proud of their efforts! Well done Scarlett, Darcey, Jackson, Dylan, Barney, Zac, Teddy and Eoin.



Y3/4 Rugby

The Y3/4 Rugby team took part in their first ever touch rugby event at the West Berks rugby festival on Thursday. They played four matches, showing improving communication, passing, tackling and use of space as they progressed. They won two games and lost two games. Some great team and individual tries were scored. They all thoroughly enjoyed the event and were a credit to the school. Thanks to the parents who supported and helped with the coaching and warm ups. Well done Teddy, Ed, Erica, Ella, Ted, Scarlett, Eoin, Alexis, Barney and Jackson.



Breakfast Club



The children are really enjoying coming in early to eat their breakfast, chat around the table and have a wake and shake before the start of their school day. We only have a few spaces left each day, so please speak to Miss Pummell if you would like to book a place for your child. We are open at 8am every day.



Gardening Club

Do we have anyone interested in running our gardening club this year? If so, please talk to Miss Pummell or Mrs Letchford about how you can get involved!

Staffing News

We are looking for a Learning Support Assistant. If you, or anyone you might know, would be interested, please look at our website for further details.

Dates for the Diary

Each newsletter we will publish the dates of events happening during the term. Please be aware these may change and therefore it is important to check them each week. We will highlight changes in red when they first appear. Not every event is relevant to every parent. Look out for further information or letters with more detailed information for the events relevant to you.

Saturday 9th March	Newbury Netball Tournament
Tuesday 12 th March	Cross Country @ Newbury Showground - selected children
Wednesday 13 th March	Y1/2 Cricket event Y5 Young Leaders training afternoon KS1 Cricket - selected children
Thursday 14 th March	Y5/6 Rugby Tournament
Friday 15 th March	Red Nose Day! Wear a Red nose/Cake Sale - after school under the barn
Monday 18 th March	Shakespeare Week! Shakespeare Workshop for all children Y1/2 Football event
Tuesday 19 th March	KAPLA workshop for all children Y5/6 Sports Hall Athletics Finals!!
Monday 25 th March	Y6 Bikeability Art Competition entries in: 'Animals' Share & Celebrate after school
Tuesday 26 th March	Y6 Bikeability
Wednesday 27 th March	10.30am Easter Service @ Burghclere Church - families welcome
Thursday 28 th March	End of Spring Term Band Cake Sale

Monday 15 th April	INSET Day
Tuesday 16 th April	First Day of Summer Term
Monday 22 nd April	Art Competition entries in: 'Spring Time'
Tuesday 7 th May	Y3/4 Kwik Cricket - selected children
Thursday 9 th May	9.00am Parent Liaison Group meeting Tri-Golf @ St. Barts - selected children
Monday 13 th May	Year 6 SATS - all week
Tuesday 14 th May	Girls Kwik Cricket - selected children
Monday 20 th May	Art competition entries in: 'Nature' 7.00pm Newbury Spring Festival @ the Corn Exchange - Band
Friday 24 th May	End of Term
Monday 3 rd June	First Day of Term
Thursday 20 th June	Parent Liaison Group meeting
Monday 24 th June	Art Competition entries in: 'Water'
Tuesday 25 th June	Y5/6 Kwik Cricket - selected children Travelling Book Fair - under barn each day until Monday after school
Tuesday 2 nd July	Girls Dodgeball - selected children
Thursday 3 rd July	Y5/6 Dodgeball - selected children
Tuesday 23 rd July	2.00pm Y6 Leavers assembly End of Term