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Headteacher's weekly newsletter (N°9)
4th November 2022

The following three school rules underpin and uphold our beliefs in our behaviour policy:
We are ready to learn
We are respectful to everyone and everything else
We make safe choices

- A big thank you to FOG for organising the Uppers Disco last night. It was a huge success and it looked like all the children enjoyed themselves. It was great to see the return of the discos after an absence of more than two years. Towards the end of the evening, nearly all the children were singing and dancing to the music… so were the staff led by Mr Barry… it was good to see. The Polaroid camera snaps were also very popular and I hope the children have shared their snaps with you.
- Since Covid-19 the number of volunteers listening to readers has fallen and we desperately need more people so that every class has a helper. If you know anyone who would be able to come into school one or two afternoons a week to listen to children reading, please contact Mrs. Barry via the office or tell your child's class teacher. Those that already volunteer find it very rewarding to help children with their reading.
- Mr and Mrs Barry are delighted to announce that they are expecting their first child due April/May 2023. I'm sure you will join us in sending your congratulations.
- Letters have been sent home to inform parents and carers of Yr5 and Yr6 children that both residential visits are now financially viable and will proceed.
- The School Council has chosen to once again support the BBC Children in Need fundraising appeal this year which is on Friday 18th November 2022. Please see the letter sent out today for further details.
- We have received an email from Hampshire County Council to say that they are planning to improve walking and cycling facilities in and around the Minley Road area, including on Sandy Lane and Fernhill Road. They want to better understand local residents' and stakeholders' views to help develop their plans. Local schools are important to this understanding, with staff, parents, carers and pupils using these roads on a daily basis. They would like to hear from you about any issues or concerns that you have about these local roads and any safety or access issues that local residents, parents, carers or pupils raise about them. If you have any comments on the following topics, please send them to: engagement.feedback@hants.gov.uk. In particular:
  - Are there any issues that are regularly raised by local residents about parking/traffic at school drop-off and pick up times? Please include the names of roads where these issues are reported.
  - Are there any concerns that are regularly raised by parents/ pupils about the safety of walking or cycling along the roads leading to your school? Please include details of specific locations.
  - Do you have any other comments about Minley Road, Sandy Lane or Fernhill Road that you would like to make?
- A letter has been sent out this week with details of the FOG Christmas card activity. The children will get the opportunity to design artwork in school to be turned into Christmas cards and/or other items. Please be aware that the deadline for returns is tight, Tuesday 8th November 2022.
- A few reminders:
  - Yr4 Ufton Court Residential takes place next Monday 7th to Wednesday 9th November 2022. A final letter has been sent out this week. Please make sure you know the arrangements for departure, medical issues etc.
  - Class LA's assembly takes place on Wednesday 9th November 2022 at 2.45pm to 3.15pm. All parents, carers and grandparents are welcome to come along and watch. Please enter school through reception.

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- Yr5 Hampton Court visit on Wednesday 9th November 2022. Please go online to give your permission and pay. Thank you to everyone that has paid.
- Yr5 swimming lessons continue on Thursday 10th November 2022 (2/10). This week's lesson was cancelled by the leisure centre due to problems with the temperature of the pool. An extra lesson will be added on in January 2023. Please remember swimming costume and towel.
- The school photographer will be in school on Thursday 10th November 2022 to take individual photographs of the children. Every child's photograph will be taken individually and with siblings that attend our school. You will be able to purchase your child's photograph online through Cardwell and Simons. We are unable to accept payment in school because all orders are made online directly to Cardwell and Simons.
- The annual FOG Fireworks Extravaganza is taking place on Friday 11th November 2022. Tickets are on sale from the school office and it is open to all our parents, carers, grandparents, friends and the local community. Please be aware that the family ticket of 2 adults and 2 children is only available to purchase in advance.
- Remembrance Day is on Friday 11th November 2022. We are selling poppies and poppy memorabilia, so please send your child in with some money if you would like them to purchase anything. All donations will be given to the Royal British Legion.
- The deadline for receipt of the Christmas Boxes is Monday 14th November 2022 at 9am as they will be collected that morning. For further details, please click on the following link: https://www.fscinet.org/what-we-do/christmas-box-appeal/.
- The FOG Lowers Disco is on Thursday 17th November 2022 from 6pm – 7.30pm. Tickets are available now at £4.50 which includes sweets and a drink. Dressing up in the football theme is optional.

- Mrs Addison has arranged for Jess Groom from the Farnborough Foodbank to come into school and talk to all the children about their work. This will be during the week commencing Monday 14th November 2022. We think it would be a positive thing to do to provide them with food/household items… a Harvest Festival type collection. I will send more information home next week with a list of items that are required. If you, or anyone you know, would benefit from access to foodbank vouchers, please let me know as I can issue vouchers for the Farnborough Outlet based at Christ Church, Cove.
- Attendance Information: A reminder that 96% attendance and punctuality is the target. This week.

W/B. 31st October 2022	
Class	**% Attendance**
LA	98.3%
NB	97.8%
YK	97.4%
SD	97.2%
EA	96.8%
ER	96.8%
MP	96.7%
DB	95.4%
EW	94.4%
KT	94.0%
CJ	93.5%
AB	90.8%
MC	89.8%

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- Congratulations to the following children that received an achievement certificate today.
  - Ethan Bearpark AB
  - Bethan Miller AB
  - Mia Blair-Morgan SD
  - Teagan Barnes SD
  - Jake Astbury KT
  - Jonah Putty KT
  - Charlotte Harraway YK
  - Lyra Devar YK
  - George Hall NB
  - Isaac Daniels NB
  - Emily Aguair ER
  - Jamie Watts ER
  - Noah Eltham EW
  - Arfan Shaik EW
  - Amelia Reading EA
  - Jaxson Algra EA
  - Lucy Lloyd CJ
  - Jessica Hefford CJ
  - Yutan Lama Sherpa MC
  - Felix Aistrop MC
  - Louie Bertoux DB
  - Sara Caputo DB
  - Class LA
  - Class MP

Best wishes
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