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Headteacher's weekly newsletter (N°16)
6th January 2023

- Happy New Year to everyone. I hope you all enjoyed the Christmas break with your friends and families. The children have returned and, with a few exceptions, have settled quickly back into the routines of school.
- We have introduced a new system at the end of break times. Children now line-up in their classes on the large playground before being asked to enter the building. This stops a lot of congestion in the cloakrooms and means that children can all enter the school calmly, hang up their coats and then walk to their classroom.
- Related to the above point: It remains heart-breaking to send so much unclaimed lost property to charity. It's clear that labelling clothes does not happen. Can I therefore ask that you just make sure coats are labelled so we can return them? We always lay out the lost property and get the children to look at it. I can only assume that the children can't recognise their own coats… can you please help?
- A letter has been sent out today to the parents and carers of Yr6 children with details of a virtual meeting that will take place on Thursday 26th January 2023 at 6pm. This meeting will provide information about the Key Stage 2 tests that will be taking place in May 2023 and answer any questions or concerns you may have. Along with this letter, two revision books and a revision timetable will be coming home with your child. The revision books are on loan and will need to be returned to school once the tests have been taken. A google meets link will be sent out closer to the date.
- Yr6 booster classes will start the week beginning Monday 16th January 2023. If your child has been invited to join these classes you will have received a letter detailing the date and time of these lessons. It is very important that your child attends. Please return the slip giving your permission as soon as possible. Thank you.
- A clubs and activities letter has been sent out this week. There are three after school clubs that we are offering and several that take place during lunchtime. Football and Calligraphy club are now full and we are operating a waiting list. We can only offer a limited number of after school clubs this term as many of the teaching staff are involved in the Yr6 booster classes. We are hoping to offer more clubs and activities in the summer term. The teacher led clubs will start the week beginning Monday 16th January 2023.
- A letter has been sent out this week to the whole school with details of the NSPCC's 'Speak Out Stay Safe Online Programme' that will be taking place during the spring term. It aims to help children understand abuse, in all its forms, and to recognise the signs of abuse in a child friendly way. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a trusted adult or Childline.
- The parent/teacher meetings has been arranged for the week beginning Monday 6th February 2023 leading up to half term. Further details to follow. Please note that no clubs or Yr6 booster classes will take place during this week except my Monday morning booster class.
- A reminder again… please do not let your children play on the play equipment when bringing your child to school and collecting at the end of the day, as it is particularly dangerous when the weather is wet and icy. It can only be used during the school day when they are supervised by staff. Thank you for your co-operation.
- We have been informed that there will be no School Crossing Patroller outside school for the foreseeable future. Please take extra care with your children outside school. If this is a role that might interest you, please contact HCC:
  https://www.hants.gov.uk/jobs/careers/schoolcrossingpatrolcareers

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- A few reminders:
  - Yr3 will be making smoothies as part of a Healthy Living Day during next week (week beginning Monday 9th January 2023). Please let us know if your child has any allergies that we may not be aware of. It's worth checking personal details on Arbor via your portal. You can update the information yourselves.
  - Yr3 are having a Stone Age Day on Monday 9th January 2023. A letter was sent out before Christmas with ideas for costumes.
  - Yr5 will be having their last swimming lesson on Thursday 12th January 2023. Although we missed four lessons before Christmas due to a heating issue with Hart Leisure Centre, we have been informed by them that they are unable to offer us any extra lessons. Please remember costume and towel.
  - Class EW are having a Healthy Living Day next Friday 13th January 2023. Please see the letter that was sent out today.
  - On Thursday 19th January 2023 the Young Voices Choir are performing at the 02. The t-shirts that have been ordered have arrived in school and will be given out next week by Mrs Gray.
  - On Monday 30th January 2023 the Yr3 children will be going to Butser Farm in Waterlooville. Details about this visit will be sent out soon.
  - Tuesday 31st January 2023 is the deadline for the receipt of the second payment of £100 for the Yr5 Residential to Swanage taking place next year.
  - Yr5 are having a themed Victorian Day on Friday 10th February 2023 as part of their project based learning. Children can come to school dressed as a Victorian for the day.
  - Please be a courteous driver if you use your car to bring children to school particularly if you park in Pinewood Park or the Potteries. Thank you.
- Attendance Information: A reminder that 96% attendance and punctuality is the target. There has been a number of children and staff off this week due to various bugs going around.

W/B. 2nd January 2023	
Class	**% Attendance**
MC	100.0%
NB	100.0%
CJ	98.9%
MP	97.1%
LA	96.7%
DB	96.3%
AB	95.6%
SD	95.2%
YK	94.8%
ER	94.4%
EA	91.7%
KT	88.5%
EW	87.0%

- Congratulations to the following children that received an achievement certificate today.
  - Ivy Chadwick SD
  - Leon Ryder SD
  - Mia Downing NB
  - Ava Pennington NB

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- Priscilla King YK
- Alyssa Eaves YK
- Fred Else KT
- Ellie Sharp KT
- Francesca Curtis MP
- Harrison Mansell MP
- Eviee Amos LA
- Ronan Silcox LA
- Chris Njini ER
- Jazmine Muirhead ER
- Alfie Dickie DB
- Casey Thompson DB
- Charlie Cooper AB
- Noah Widdas AB
- George Hammann EW
- Conor Veitch EW
- Alma Molnar EA
- Ayla Morgan EA
- Alex Hatzfeld CJ
- Lucy Short CJ
- Oscar Burrows MC
- Max Neumeister MC

Best wishes

Denis Foster
Headteacher