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Headteacher's weekly newsletter (N°18)
20th January 2023

- 44 children, from the school choir, performed at the Young Voices 02 Arena on Thursday evening as part of a massed choir of 8,576 children. It was a fabulous evening and I'm sure the children will remember it for a long time. Heather Small performed her well known song 'Proud'. Thank you to all the parents that helped with the visit and those that purchased tickets for the performance. The world beatbox champions, Beatbox Collective and the street dance troop, Urban Strides were also very popular… worth a look on You Tube.
- The parent/teacher meetings has been arranged for the week beginning Monday 6th February 2023 which is the week leading up to half term. The online booking system opens at 4pm this afternoon. Please note that no clubs or Yr6 booster classes will take place during this week except my Monday morning (mathematics) booster class.
- A reminder please that school meals are currently £2.80 and that we cannot give credit for meals. Please make sure that there is enough money on the dinner account to cover meals ordered. Please keep an eye on the dinner account balance and not wait for a text message, as this form of communication costs the school money. You can set up a balance limit on Scopay to remind you when your dinner account goes below a certain amount. Thank you for your co-operation.
- The deadline for applying for a place in Yr3 this September has passed and looking at the number of applications, we will be full in Yr3 and will be operating a waiting list. Parents will receive a letter from the local authority in April 2023 confirming which school has been allocated. We cannot allocate places for either the mainstream school or the Resourced Provision.
- We need your help please. This week the Hampshire Library Service were in school to review our book stock. 11 new books were removed due to water damage. Mrs McCann and Mrs Krailing (Librarians) have informed me that this is happening often. Children put the water bottles into their book bags or put their books into their bags and the water bottles leak. Accidents happen but this can be avoided. Unfortunately, if it happens again, will have to charge for the replacement of the damaged book. Please support your children to keep the items separate.
- Online safety – Miss Thomas (Computer Lead Teacher) has asked me to bring two leaflets to your attention. They are attached to this newsletter email. They are produced from National Online Safety. One leaflet deals with new devices… particularly pertinent after Christmas and the other, about what parents and carers need to know about Twitter. While its focus is Twitter, I think the information is relevant for other platforms such as Instagram, What's App and others.
- A few reminders:
  - NSPCC's 'Speak out, stay safe, online programme' continues this term. Please see the leaflet sent out with this newsletter that gives resources for parents and carers.
  - Wednesday 25th January 2023: Class EA's assembly. Parents, carers and grandparents are welcome to come along to watch at 2.45 to 3.15pm in the school hall. Please enter school via reception. All class assemblies are now on the calendar section of the school's website.
  - Thursday 26th January 2023: Yr6 virtual meeting at 6pm for parents and carers that will give information about the forthcoming Key Stage 2 tests taking place in May 2023 for children in Yr6. A link to join this meeting has been sent out this week.
  - Monday 30th January 2023: Yr3 Butser Farm visit in Waterlooville. Details about this visit has been sent out. Payment and permission can be given online via Scopay.
  - Tuesday 31st January 2023: Deadline for the receipt of the second payment of £100 for the Yr5 Residential to Swanage taking place next year.
  - Friday 10th February 2023: Yr5 Victorian Day as part of their project based learning. Children can come to school dressed as a Victorian for the day.
- Attendance Information: A reminder that 96% attendance and punctuality is the target. Attendance is a focus for the DfE and I will be updating you soon about changes to the way we monitor attendance.

W/B. 16th January 2023	
Class	**% Attendance**
DB	98.5%

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EA	98.0%
CJ	98.0%
ER	96.7%
MC	96.7%
KT	94.7%
NB	94.6%
MP	94.5%
LA	94.3%
EW	93.3%
YK	93.1%
AB	93.0%
SD	91.4%

- Congratulations to the following children that received an achievement certificate today.
  - Delilah Stone EA
  - Charles Porter EA
  - Oliver Bendall KT
  - Oscar Mellish KT
  - Lacey O'Connor ER
  - Bertie Knight ER
  - Stanley Kemp MC
  - Austin Ocrah MC
  - Hallie-May Dodgson AB
  - Josh Patterson-Blank AB
  - Sara Wakil EW
  - Hugo Banks EW
  - Cody Bray MP
  - Oscar Morton MP
  - George Hall NB
  - Jacob Barclay NB
  - Reid Fallon DB
  - Casey Thompson DB
  - Demi Bademosi YK
  - Florence Knapp YK
  - James Devereux CJ
  - Emilia Gorniak CJ
  - Amy Pealling SD
  - Taim Abed-El-Khaleq SD
  - Freya Hawkes LA
  - Ashleigh Southwood LA

Best wishes

Denis Foster
Headteacher