



## SUMMER NEWSLETTER - 17th May 2019

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**Don't forget to check our updated website and blog for information about your child's learning in school and important dates**

### **BE AWARE! Don't book any holidays!**

All unauthorised absence will be subject to Hampshire County Council Attendance Policy - please see school website for details. Penalty fines **WILL BE ISSUED** for any unauthorised absence that meets the criteria. Every child should be in school EVERY day.

Please note that any time taken off during the following dates will automatically result in a fine:

**YEAR 2 - SATs - throughout May**

**YEAR 1 - PHONICS - week beginning 10th June**

Please **DO NOT** book any holiday during these times.

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a very exciting few weeks in school. We were fortunate to have the author Grant Koper to visit. He read his book 'The Day Granny's Knickers Flew Away' to the children and talked about his job as a writer. The children had lots of questions to ask him. The books are available on the website [grantkoper.com/shop](http://grantkoper.com/shop).



No plastic day on 8th May was very interesting. We found out about why plastic was very useful but how single use plastic was damaging our environment. We talked about recycling and trying to find alternatives. Some of our packed lunch children came with sandwiches wrapped in greaseproof paper and waxed cloth. It reduced the amount of plastic we collected at lunchtime. It has made us all (staff included) think more about using it so readily.

Have a relaxing and enjoyable weekend,

Nicky Cowcher

17th May, 2019

### **DON'T MISS ANYTHING - Important dates and information for first week of next half term**

**Sports Week - 3rd - 7th June:** Children need PE kit **all week**. We are non-stop sporting!! Children will have a chance to learn rugby, curling, cricket etc.

**Tues 4th June:** Sponsored skills morning. Staff organise a range of brilliant sporting skills challenges for all the children to be sponsored in. All proceeds go to the school funds for essentials, e.g. Read Write Inc. books.

**Tues 4th June:** Sports Day Afternoon starts at 1pm. Follow your child around all the sporting activities - details of their team and start points will be sent out later.

**Wed 5th June:** Year 2 Portchester Castle visit - please make sure all reply slips are signed and returned to the school - without the signed slip, children cannot go!

**Fri 7th June:** pm Fathers' Day secret presents for sale (details to follow)

### **OFFICE TIMES**

As you know, we are always happy to help. Please remember the school office opens at 8.30am and Julie and Jenny will be ready to help from that time.

### **Year 2 SATs**

Our Year 2 children have had a number of SATs this week. It has been very hard work but well done to everyone!

**Thank You Year 1 Parents** for accompanying our children on the Testwood Lakes visit. We do appreciate your help. It is a long trek there and back but worth all the walking. The children had a fabulous time.

### Uganda Day

We want our children to love learning. Chris Lloyd, from Uganda, came to school for the day to deliver a whole Ugandan experience. Chris has worked and lived in Uganda and came to share his stories and give the children a real hands on experience of life in Uganda.



### GOVERNORS IN SCHOOL

Dave Hills, Chair of Governors, joined Year 2 to see how SATs were organised. He found out about how the school follows the administration guidance and saw for himself how children were expected to work silently and independently. Trudi Archer, our SEND governor, spent the morning in Year R.



### BUDGET

You will be aware that times are hard. School budgets are very tight. We try very hard to make sure all our children have access to the best learning and teaching possible. Governors have had to make cuts in the amount we can spend on books, improvements to school and resources, pencils etc. to ensure we can keep our nurture and staffing levels. As a result, all your support for FRIENDS' fundraising activities is appreciated. The money will help us fund essentials in school.



### Year R--Toast and Tales

Thank you to all those parents who were able to join their children in Year R this morning for toast and tales. It was lovely to see you all enjoying a book with the children.



### CHANGES TO MORNINGS FROM NEXT HALF TERM

The playground gates will open at 8.25 rather than being open from 8.10am. Members of staff will still be available at the gate as usual from 8.35 and the bell will ring at 8.40am as usual. This extra time will give Mr. Roy a chance to thoroughly check the playground and wooded area - health and safety.

Wet mornings: We regret that due to shortage of available staff and the workload pressure on staff, as well as the early morning sports club, we will not be able to open the school at 8.30 as we always have done as a good will gesture in the past. Unfortunately we cannot guarantee always having the hall available (due to clubs) or a member of staff free to read a story to all the children in the hall from 8.30-8.40.

When it is wet, please wait outside with your child - we will open the playground doors promptly and see children in. Thank you for your understanding.

### WELL DONE CERTIFICATES

	Ducklings	Penguins	Goldfinches	Owls	Swallows	Robins
10.5.2019	Ted	Natasha	Harry Lauren	Aleks Hannah	Leah Stanley	Josie Sammy
17.5.2019	James Thomas	Athena Leighton	Taryn	Jada Sonny	Emily Henry	Jay Kai

A Handwriting Certificate and special handwriting pencil were presented to Grace

Special Awards were presented to: Ave-Rose and Lily for their 3-dimensional Ugandan village  
and Alfie for his writing (at home) about the songthrush

Well Done Goldfinches for having 100% attendance this week

	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	
	<u>Wk 29.4-3.5.2019</u>	<u>6-10.5.2019</u>
Penguins	98.0%	95.8%
Ducklings	95.7%	94.2%
Goldfinches	98.6%	93.8%
Owls	98.3%	94.0%
Swallows	92.3%	98.4%
Robins	97.6%	95.7%
Whole School Attendance:	96.7%	95.3%

(The Government expect 96%)

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

PLEASE NOTE THAT NEWLY ADDED DATES ARE UNDERLINED

#### May

All of May—Year 2 SATS - reading, maths throughout month

Fri 17th 8.20am Year R parents invited in to Toast & Tales

Fri 24th Non-Uniform Day in return for donation for Summer Fayre (YrR—bottles, Yr1—biscuits, Yr2—Sweets)

Fri 24th Cake Sale - all donations very welcome

Mon 27th-Fri 31st School Closed for Half Term

#### June

Week of 3rd Sports Week

Tue 4th am Sponsored Sports Skills

Tue 4th 1pm Sports Day

Wed 5th Year 2 visit Portchester Castle

Fri 7th pm Fathers' Day secret presents for sale (details to follow)

Week of 10th Year 1 Phonics Test

Week of 17th Bike Week

Sat 22nd School Summer Fayre

Tue 25th Year 1 trip to Wildlife Park

**Tue 25th PLEASE NOTE THE LUNCH FOR YEAR R PARENTS HAS BEEN CANCELLED**

#### July

Wed 3rd 3-4.15pm Leavers' Disco (details to follow)

Fri 12th KS1 reports out to parents

Mon 15th 1.30 Year 2 Leavers' Service at St. Anne's Church (Yr2 parents invited - max 2 per family)

Tue 16th 9am Robins' Leavers Assembly

Wed 17th 9am Swallows' Leavers Assembly

22nd & 23rd School closed for Inservice Training and Summer Holiday