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Building our Community with Love and Hope

Here we are at the end of the first half of the Summer term already. We have had a very busy few weeks. We hope you enjoy the half term holiday and please don't forget that **the children return to school on Tuesday 3rd June** as we have a Staff Professional Day on Monday 2nd June.

Class Updates...

Year R Bumble Bees



We have been thinking about things that are 'scrumdiddlyumptious' and learning about food. We enjoyed the sweet shop in our role play corner and have grown and eaten mustard. We had a great visit to Tesco where we visited all the bits you don't get to see including spending time in the freezer! We tasted different cheeses and were introduced to different fish some of which we held!

Don't forget if you wear your badge to Tesco you can have a free piece of fruit.

We have also been spending a lot of time outside continuing to develop the grounds and visiting the copse to look at how things are growing. As usual, because we follow the children's interests we end up following ideas that were not in the long term plan. This half term that has included a baby nursery and investigating the biggest dinosaur ever found.

What is next?

We are planning to investigate our 'enchanted woodland' using the copse as a base for scientific enquiry and also as a stimulus for writing and three dimensional art work. We have a visit planned for both classes during the second half of the term to Itchen Valley Country Park and further details will follow.

Year 1/2 Ladybirds



Summer 1 has been another busy half term! A variety of learning opportunities ranging from dinosaur discoveries in Argentina to trips to Tesco's in Whiteley. The 'farm to fork' visit was brilliant. The children loved to be behind the scenes and see what really happens behind the supermarket shelves. The children behaved brilliantly and, once again, did the school proud.

Summer 2 looks like it's going to be just as busy. Our topic this half term is going to be 'Once upon a time' with a focus on story characters. We will be

looking at a range of familiar characters from traditional and fairy stories. The children will have a chance to reflect on what these characters are like and how they behave.

Our big focus for the first few weeks will be practising alien words in readiness for the phonics test. The children are trying really hard to use their phonics to read the words. Feel free to come and chat if you have any concerns regarding this. There will be a drop in parents evening in July to discuss next steps for Year 2/3. Details of this to follow at a later date.

Thank you to those who have helped this half term in class or on trips. Please let us know if you are interested in helping.

Out & About Week

The week of Tuesday 3rd June will be an Outdoor Week where the majority of our learning will be outside (weather permitting). The children will have a chance to play team games, practise racing, play sports that perhaps are new to them and lots more. The week will begin on Tuesday (3rd June) with a Sponsored Bounce (please see attached letter for further information).

On Thursday (5th June) all parents are invited to join us for a family picnic lunch at 12.15 p.m. (please provide your child with a packed lunch or bring a picnic with you for you and your child to share) followed by **Sports afternoon**.

The afternoon will have two parts. The first will be teams of children playing different games in a 'roundabout' style where you as families can follow them round. Siblings will be put into the same team to make this easier. The second part will involve races using our track and field. Although 1st, 2nd, 3rd will be awarded we will be emphasising the 'taking part' as being just as important. An award ceremony will be held to mark their sporting achievements.

Friday 6th June will be a Science in the Grounds day.

Professional Day

We have a Staff Professional Day on Monday 2nd June so the children do not return to school after the half term break until Tuesday 3rd June

Year R Medical Checks

These will take place on Wednesday 18th June. If you have not returned the paperwork that was sent out please do so as soon as possible. If you need copies of the forms please contact the school office.

Problem Solving Day

July 4th is a problem solving day, parents are invited into school at 2.30pm to see the work we produce that day.

SkoolKit Offer

Skoolkit will be holding a special 10% discount week in their Fareham store and online from Saturday 12th July - Saturday 19th July. We will be sending out a promotional voucher after half term to all parents.

Recycling School Uniform

If at the end of term you find you have school uniform that you will not be passing on to another child, please consider donating it to school for our spare uniform box, thank you.

New Year Induction & Transition

Our new Year R children will be spending time in school during next half term.

Although our current Year R children are lucky to regularly spend time in the Ladybird's classroom we will be increasing the opportunities for them to do this. Their final visit to Ladybirds will be on Friday 11th July when they will spend time with their new staff from 11am until 2.40pm

Clubs

We are able to offer the following clubs:

After School Clubs

Monday	Gardening Club (currently full) 3.15 pm - 4.00 p.m.
Wednesday	LJ's Dance & Drama 3.15 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Thursday	Tecnico Coaching Football Club 3.15 p.m. - 4.30 p.m.
Friday	Multi Skills 3.15 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.

If your child would like to join any of the above clubs please speak to their class teacher or the school office.

Gardening Club

This club is very popular and we have planted a lot of vegetables. If you have any spare bedding plants we would love to have one or two for our next gardening club on 9th June.

Sainsbury Active Kids Vouchers

Thank you for sending in all your vouchers. If you have any remaining vouchers please send them in as soon as possible so that we can compile our order.

Cornerstone PTA

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on June 20th for our Summer Fayre. For this to be a success we need the following help.

*Full bottles - shampoo, squash, wine etc.

*Gazebo's to shade certain stalls outside.

*Volunteers needed to help with a stall. Can you spare an hour or so to help? Please see a member of the PTA or speak to Mrs Gadd in the office if you can help with any of the above.

If you are interested in joining the PTA please come along to our next meeting on the 17th June at 7 p.m.

Dates for your Diary



June 2014

2 June Professional Day - children do not attend

3 June Start of Out and About Week

Sponsored Bounce

5 June Picnic Lunch & Sports Day 12.15 p.m.

17 June PTA Meeting 7 p.m. All welcome

20 June 2.30 p.m. Dance and songs followed by the Summer Fayre

July 2014

04 July Problem Solving Day & Exhibition 2.30 p.m.
Annual reports sent out.

08 July Itchen Valley Country Park Trip - details to follow

09 July Parent Drop In Sessions 2.30 - 4.30 p.m.
details to follow

14 July Professional Day - children do not attend

18 July 1st Birthday Celebrations - details to follow

23 July End of Term

Forward Planning

02 Sept Professional Day - Children do not attend

03 Sept Year 1, 2 & 3 return to school

08 Sept Year R Induction starts

Thank you for your continued support.

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