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We would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new children and their families and hope your time with us will be a very happy and successful one. If you have any concerns please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance.

The story so far...

Year R Bumble Bees



Bumble Bees are happily settled in school and are now even coming into class on their own. We have been enjoying exploring all of our new resources and our environment.

We have recently created a castle in the classroom and are often to be found dressed as princes and princesses. We have been reading some traditional tales and stories about 'Long ago'. In writing we have been learning how to trace, make large marks on paper, paint on anything that doesn't move, and chalk on the playground. Some of us are trying out emergent writing and exploring letters we know.

In maths we are counting objects to 10 and beyond and are practising writing numbers using the rhymes we know. We are beginning to find one more and one less than a number.

We are building friendships and talking about good friends and how we can work together, and look after, our environment.

In our assemblies we have been reading early stories from the bible and increasing our repertoire of songs. We have also learnt some prayers which we say regularly.

Thank you to all of you who have contributed to our resources, we have gained dressing up clothes, building materials to play with and a Christmas tree!



Year 1/2 Ladybirds

The Year 1 and 2 children have settled into school really well and have helped us to make our new school feel like home. We have been busy learning about our friends and getting to know the staff. In class we have been busy learning about Seasons and enjoyed a walk around our locality picking up autumn leaves and acorns. We are starting our topic of Food by designing and making a pizza with our school cook.

We have been busy learning more phonics to help us be brilliant readers and writers. In maths we have been learning about number stories and making up our own.

Our first special assembly was great fun, learning songs to perform to our families at our Harvest Festival. We all worked as a team and did the school proud.

Parents Evening

We would like to offer you a ten minute appointment to review your child's progress and achievements. Two dates are available but should they not be suitable please talk to your teacher about a mutually convenient time. Please sign up for a time either on the 5th November between 3.30 - 6.30 p.m. or the 7th November 3.30 - 5.30p.m. Sign-up sheets will be available by the classroom doors from Monday 14th October.

Harvest



Thank you for your donations and attending our Harvest Celebration assembly.

The donations were collected by The Basics Bank, Fareham and distributed to people who are less fortunate than ourselves.

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Parents Workshops

Thank you to the high number of you who attended our Phonics Workshops this week. We trust you found them useful in supporting your child at home. Don't forget we will have Maths workshops after half term - further details to follow.

Family Friday

We were delighted with the positive response to our first Family Friday on the 4th October. We hope you enjoyed spending time with your child and found it beneficial. The next Family Friday will be on the 15th November at 2.30 p.m. for games and puzzles.

Grand Opening

Please could you let the school office know if you will be attending the Grand Opening on the 22nd October and whether or not you will be staying for lunch afterwards.

adminoffice@cornerstoneprimary.hants.sch.uk

Website

We will be updating our website during the coming weeks. Please keep checking for useful information and updates on what your children have been doing in class. Going forward we will be placing copies of all correspondence, newsletters, etc. that we send out on to the website

www.cornerstoneprimary.hants.sch.uk.

Governor News

Our two new Parent Governors have now been elected. We would like to welcome Mr Mark Sutton and Mrs Amanda France on to our Governing Body and we are sure they will be great asset to the school.

PTA

The PTA held their first meeting on the 9th October and have already set a date for their first fund raising event, which will be a Fancy Dress Disco on the 8th November 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. £2.50 to

include a hot dog! If you are interested in joining the PTA please let the school office know.

Dates for your Diary



October

- 14 Deadline for return of photograph orders
- 22 Grand Opening 11.15 a.m.

November

- 4 Professional Day - children do not attend
Teachers will be learning how to support children who show signs of dyslexia
- 5 Parents Evening 3.30 - 6.30 p.m.
- 6 Prospective Parents Meeting Yr R 2.00 p.m
- 7 Parents Evening 3.30 p.m. - 5.00 p.m.
- 8 PTA - Fancy Dress Disco 5 p.m. - 6 p.m.
- 12 Maths Workshop 9.00 a.m.
- 13 Maths Workshop 6.00 p.m
- 15 Family Friday 2.30 p.m. Games & Puzzles
- 19 Prospective Parents Meeting Yr R 2.00 p.m
- 22 Non Uniform Day
- 30 Advent Fair 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

December

- 3 Prospective Parents Meeting Yr R 6.00 p.m.
- 10 Prospective Parents Meeting Yr R 9.30 a.m.
- 12 Nativity Play 9.30 a.m.
- 17 Carols & Christmas Cake 6.00 p.m.
- 19 Christmas Parties
- 20 End of Term 3.15pm

Forward Planning for 2014

- 31 Jan Professional Day - children do not attend
- 14 March Professional Day - children do not attend
- 2 June Professional Day - children do not attend
- 14 July Professional Day - children do not attend

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Charlotte Weavers
Executive Headteacher