

Cornerstone Chronicle

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Building our Community with Love and Hope

We have all been enjoying the lovely sunshine, and making the most of our outdoor areas, since we returned to school after half term.

Class Updates...

Year R Bumble Bees



We have been working on the outdoor environment in preparation for our Trip to Itchen Valley. We know a little about mini beasts and insects and were very excited about the butterflies we were planning to hatch which unfortunately haven't arrived yet! We are looking for mini beasts in the school grounds.

We are trying to write at greater length in preparation for year 1; encouraging longer sentences and connecting words.

In maths we are developing our problem solving and working on recording simple calculations.

In reading we are looking at Information books and websites which help us find out about animals in our environment.

Our assessment and data has recently been moderated successfully by Hampshire County Council. This happens every four years in EYFS. The children have been very helpful in the selection process for new support staff for the early years. Some had to listen to two stories in one morning!

What is going on in Bumble bees before the end of term?

We love the new copse and hope to spend time in it encouraging the 'fairies' out. We are spending time in Ladybird classroom again this week getting used to our new room and will spend time on Transition day, 11th July, from 11am - 3pm with Miss Leach and Mrs Quick.

The last day of term is European day, Wednesday 23rd July, as two of our children are leaving us to go to France and Spain so we are planning a fun day. Please feel free to wear red white and blue or red yellow or black clothes for the day, Santi and Alise may want to wear the colours of Portugal and Latvia? We are having croissants for snack etc.

Year 1/2 Ladybirds



We have been enjoying a range of traditional fairy stories looking at typical story language at the start and end of the stories. During the next few weeks we will be writing our own stories but mixing up the characters to make more unusual plots.

We are very excited to become Butterflies in September and have enjoyed spending time in our new classroom with our 'not so new' teacher. Feel free to send in any pictures, photographs, information about Butterflies to display in our new room.

We are looking forward to our 1st birthday celebrations on July 18th where we will be reflecting on the past year.

Over the Summer

Ladybirds have been working hard over the year and will need some time to recharge. However I will be sending home some key word spellings. They can also read books from home using expression.

Staff Professional Day

Monday the 14th July is a Staff Professional Day so children do not attend school on this day.

Itchen Valley Country Park Trip 8th July - update

If, on the day, it is too hot for school jumpers please wear a school T shirt instead. If your child has hay fever please can you provide additional medication, with instructions, Mrs Quick our paediatric first aider will administer it.

Sponsored Bounce

WOW! You and the children have raised £686.90 so far for the Sponsored Bounce. This is an amazing amount of money which has enabled us to buy picnic benches and parasols for the playground. Thank you all very much.

Gardening Club

This has been very successful and will continue in to the Autumn Term offering spaces to year 1,2,3. We hope to relaunch as Gardening and Outdoor club to provide scope to develop the other areas of the school too. Thanks to the huge group of helping Mums who have really made it possible for this club to take place.

Whiteley Church Service

Pupils and Parents are invited to join Whiteley Church at their morning Service on Sunday 13th July at 10.15 a.m. to celebrate the happy and successful first year of Cornerstone C of E school and to say

thank you to Mrs. Weavers for all her hard work during this time.

SkoolKit Offer

Skoolkit will be holding a special 10% discount week in their Fareham store and online from Saturday 12th July - Saturday 19th July. Please find attached the promotional voucher.

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. We also need all in one wetsuits, wellies and dressing up clothes that your children have grown out of. Thank you

Parent View

Thank you to everyone who has completed the online questionnaire about your views of our school. It would be great to get all of your views to help us continually reflect on procedures and practices and ensure we are meeting the needs of the community. Please log on to www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk or follow the hyperlink on our website under 'Parents'.

Staff Updates

We are very pleased to be welcoming five new members of staff to the team next year:

Tim Clarke - Headteacher

Emma Leach - Class Teacher

Jeannette Hunter - LSA

Justine Holman-Payne-MiddaySupervisory Assistant

Tracey Murphy -Cleaner

Class Structure 2014/2015

Following the recent staff appointments we can confirm that the class staff next year will be as follows:

Year R - Bumble Bees

Clare Ross - Class Teacher

Jeannette Hunter - Support Staff

Year 1 - Ladybirds

Emma Leach - Class Teacher

Mandy Quick - Support Staff

Year 2/3 - Butterflies

Claire Riley - Class Teacher

Helen Adair/Jo Copestake - Support Staff

The children will have the opportunity to spend more time in their new classes on the 11th July 2014.

Universal Free School Meals Year R/1/2

All Year 1/2 parents should have received a letter this week regarding the above. If you can complete this and return to school as soon as possible it will

be very helpful in our planning for school meal numbers in September.

Taking Family Holidays During Term Time - Important advice for Parents

We would like to draw your attention to the following important information relating to the changes that came into effect in September 2013 regarding taking children out of school during term time.

Children have 13 weeks annual holiday from school and school holiday dates are published well in advance online. As such, all parents/carers are expected to plan and take their family holidays at this time so as not to disrupt their children's education. The law states that parents **do not** have a right to take their child out of school for a holiday during term time. Only in exceptional circumstances may a headteacher grant permission for leave and it is the headteachers decision how many days to approve. Parents/carers who take their child out of school without written permission from the school can be issued with a fixed penalty fine. Further information can be found on the Department for Education website.

Cornerstone PTA

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!

The Summer Fair was a great success. Fun was had by one and all! With your generous support and donations we raised £1229.18. Look out for the new Playtrail which has been ordered and is due to be installed during the summer holidays. Thank you all again!

Dates for your Diary

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

08 July Itchen Valley Country Park Trip

09 July Open Afternoon 2.30 - 4.30 p.m.
details to follow

13 July Whiteley Church Service 10.15 a.m.

14 July Professional Day - children do not attend

18 July 1st Birthday Celebrations - 2.15 p.m. for a
Celebration followed by tea/coffee & cake

23 July End of Term

Sept 2014

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.

Mrs. Charlotte Weavers

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