



Newsletter

20th March 2015



Upcoming Events

Wednesday 1st April

FoBS Easter Egg Hunt

FoBS School Disco 5.15-6.15pm

Thursday 2nd April

School closed for INSET Day

Fri 3rd April – Fri 17th April

Easter Holidays

Mon 20th April

School opens

Fri 22nd May

School closed for INSET Day

Red Nose Day Fun

The children had great fun on Red Nose Day and with the donations for dressing up and buying the Red Nose Day noses the school raised £264. We think this is a great achievement so thank you.

We hope those of you who came to join your child for lunch for Mother's Day had a good time and enjoyed the food. The children thought it was fantastic that their mums came along to have lunch with them. Thank you all so much for coming. We had a huge response with over 100 mums coming in. The kitchen staff served over 280 meals that lunchtime, so a massive thank you needs to go to them as well. Hopefully it gave you a bit more of an insight into what your child does at school during the day.



Requests for Leave of Absence

Hampshire County Council is changing its rules on absence from school from September. Attached with this newsletter is a letter that explains the changes. From September Hampshire will now fine parents if their child is absent from school for five or more days in a term without authorisation.

If your child is ill or if you have applied for leave of absence and it has been granted then nothing happens. If you have applied for leave and it has been refused or you have taken your child out of school without applying for leave, Hampshire will automatically send out fines if that leave goes over five days, or separate periods of leave add up to five or more days.

Schools have strict guidelines on what absence can be authorised. We can only grant requests if there is a genuine emergency and those can only be for short periods of time. Family holidays, no matter what the reason for them, cannot be granted by schools. These rules will apply in every school in Hampshire.

If you have any questions or you wish to talk to us about individual issues please come and see us.



Stars of the Week



5th March

Maisie Hester
Kesaia Radrodro
Jessica Green
Grace Hooker
Ellie Clinton
Joshua Gould

19th March

Imogen Stevens
Mary-Jane Shadey
Zachary Harrison-Smith
Kira Hooper
Samrath Singh
Randhawa
Leah Paris



Don't forget the school has daily tickets for Bird World that are yours for free!

If you would like a ticket please ask at the school office.



Bug Club Reading



Bug club is our new interactive reading computer programme. In the program the children are given a selection of books chosen by the class teachers. The books are at the children's current reading level and support the work we are doing in school. The idea of the program is not to replace reading in real books, it is to provide additional opportunities for reading in as many different ways as possible. Bug Club is just another fun way to read with your child. One of the advantages is that there is a large selection of books to read that are easy to access. Another advantage is that each book also has comprehension questions for you and your child to answer. While being able to read the words on the page is important the real learning comes from understanding what all those words put together say and mean. Every half term the teachers will add more books to your child's reading list, so they should always have something to do. Please see your class teacher if you need more information.

Your children came home last week with a letter about Bug Club, at the bottom of the letter is your child's log on and password. To access the website just type 'Bug Club' into a search engine or go to <http://www.bugclub.co.uk/>.