



# Newsletter

9<sup>th</sup> September 2016

## Welcome back

Welcome back to the start of a new school year. I hope that you all had a lovely summer and made the most of the amazing weather we had. Listening to some of the stories the children have been telling me it seems like they really enjoyed their time off school.

The children have come back to school amazingly well this year. As I have been wandering around the classes in the last two days the children have been so settled and so happy in their new classes. It has been lovely to see.

Each year group is different and I hope that if you were able to come to the information evenings you feel well informed about your child's next year in school. Whether you came or not if you have any questions or worries please come and talk to your child's class teacher as soon as possible. Please don't wait until parents evening, do come and see us straight away.

The teachers have been working hard planning this year out, with some new topics and some great activities for the children and families to do. I am looking forward to another great year.

Matt Greenhalgh

## Upcoming Events

**23 September 2016**

Non-Uniform Day

**25 September 2016 11am-3pm**

FoBS Family Fun Day

**30 September 2016 9-10am**

MacMillian Coffee morning

**3 October 2016**

School Photographer In

**24-28 October 2016**

Half Term

## Family Fun Day 25<sup>th</sup> September Help Needed!

**Can you spare an hour to help run a stall at the Fun Day? Help is especially needed running the BBQ. If you can, please give you name and number to the school office.**

## Celebration Assembly time changed and other timetable changes

This year we have taken the decision to move Celebration Assembly to a Friday morning at 9:10am. We have also moved the assemblies the children have every day, to the end of the afternoon and rearranged the structure of the morning for the children slightly. The children will now do half an hour of reading and spelling activities, then maths. After the maths session the children will have playtime and then will go to their Read Write Inc. activities to do their phonics, reading and sentence structure learning.

We have made these changes as we believe the new timetable will be better for the children's learning. The move of Celebration Assembly to a Friday morning will help with us rewarding children for good behaviour and learning. Last year we were rewarding a class for the amount of learning behaviour points (Dojo points) on a Thursday morning which made the rest of Thursday and Fridays points a little redundant. Having assembly on a Friday will help ensure the children see the value in each and every point they get.

## **Fun Day 25<sup>th</sup> September 11:00 to 3:00**

Sunday the 25<sup>th</sup> September is the School Family Fun Day. The Fun Day is Bordon Infants and Juniors version of the traditional school summer fayre. If you have not been before it is a fantastic day with lots of activities, entertainment and stalls. The Fun Day is on from 11:00am to 3:00pm and will happen no matter what the weather!

To help raise money for the Fun Day we are having a non-school uniform day on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September. If your child would like to come in non-school uniform we are asking for a donation of a bottle, alcoholic or non-alcoholic, or a good quality soft toy or a donation of a pound.

Last year FoBS gave just over £13,000 to the schools to spend. In the Infant School we have bought a fantastic new rainbow play hut, which is out on the school field. We have used some of the money to develop the amazing sensory garden, we have bought new bikes for Year R, new outside equipment for Year 1 and Year 2 have had an Indian dance experience day. The money raised makes a real difference to your child's time at school. So please do come along and support the Fun Day.

### **Ofsted**

It has been five years since our last Ofsted inspection. This means that they have to come at some point this academic year. When the inspection comes we get half a days' notice but we will let you know the inspection is happening.

It would be a great help if you could put your views of the school onto the Ofsted website at <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

Thank you

### **School Payment**

As of the start of this year the school will no longer be accepting cheques for payment. All school payments can be made online, alternatively you can pay by cash at the school office.

If you send in any cash with your child please ensure it is in a sealed named envelope or other sealed container. Every year we do have children bring in money loose which they sometimes mislay.

### **Coffee Mornings**

Are you a new family to our school? (or an existing family who fancies a coffee and a chat)

Please come to our  
New parents coffee morning  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September  
9-10am

Nurture Room  
Come and meet staff and chat  
with other parents  
over coffee and biscuits.  
Pre-school children welcome

### **Messy Play**

Messy Play sessions start  
again from  
Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September  
2-3pm in the School Hall.  
Come and have fun learning  
together through art and  
craft activities with your  
pre-school children.

Messy Play is great fun for  
young children and like our  
other activities it is totally  
free.



On the 30<sup>th</sup> of September we are having a McMillan coffee morning to help raise money for the charity.

If you would like to come along please come to the main office or the Breakfast Club door between 9 and 10am