



# NEWSLETTER

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Dear Staff, Parents and Carers,

At the end of the academic year I would normally provide a brief overview of highlights, however, this year has been anything but normal.

We have in spite of challenges managed trips to Butser, climbing, swimming, local church, Bersted Brooks, the Beach, Hotham Park, Blacklands Activity Centre, which the children have enjoyed. Y2 are off to the Weald and Downland and other trips next week. We have been visited by Chichester Festival Theatre, the emergency services, curriculum days and Pompey football too. Our curriculum days have been fun and productive. We have been supported by the Rotary Club, the Parish Council and Fairshare to provide breakfast, food and essentials to our families and are all grateful for this help.

With high rises in cases currently, bubbles will continue until the end of term but there is optimism moving forward and with the easing of more restrictions we are hopeful that September will feel much more like normal. Our priorities for next year are around resourcing new aspects to our curriculum and catching up - we are as a school conscious that it will take time, patience and commitment to help the children to continue catching up academically but equally importantly to continue rebuilding confidence, resilience and well-being.

I would like to acknowledge and thank each of the staff for their amazing efforts this year. The staff have worked tirelessly supporting our children, parents and families both at home and within the schools. The ongoing provision of education to our students has been challenging but the staff have done everything possible to ensure the continuation and the children have made very good progress over the year. Many staff are also working into the summer to support Summer Activities Club which we are all very grateful for.

We would also like to recognise the hard work of parents/carers in supporting your children's learning while at home, many who had never envisaged becoming teachers and for the students for their continued efforts and enthusiasm. We are immensely proud of the way in which you have risen to the challenge.

We must also give a fond farewell to those students moving on. We wish them and their families every success for the next stage of their journeys, we hope they take with them the happy memories and good friendships made whilst with us.

**Raffle** - Our Summer raffle including prizes of Goodwood Racing and Festival of Speed, toys and various gifts. Tickets on sale from Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July £1 a strip from the office.

**Summer Activity Club** - Hours are 9.30am - 1.30pm, please be prompt for drop off and pick up by the KS2 gate. Lunch and drinks will be provided. Please dress appropriately for the weather and for getting mucky eg. Painting, clay etc.

**New year R** - For the first week please bring your child to school between 8.50am and 9.30am and collect again around 1.30pm, we will provide a hot lunch if you have requested one, otherwise please provide a packed lunch. From Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September children will be in school from 8.50am to 3.15pm.

**Year 5 and 6 zip-up hoodies** - in addition to the normal school uniform year 5 and 6 can purchase a zip-up embroidered hoodie at a cost of £15, a sample is available in the school office. We have a limited quantity available but will order more if the interest necessitates.

**Dogs** - in September we will ask again to see vaccination and insurance to update our records

**Healthy foods** - in September we will be supporting healthy foods and covering things like UPF - Ultra Processed Foods which are a main cause of obesity found in pre-packed meals, industrialised bread, salty snacks, sugary cereals etc.

**End of term finish** - School will finish at 1.30pm - please collect your child from 1.30pm onwards.

## Dates

|                                    |          |   |
|------------------------------------|----------|---|
| Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July      | Yr R/KS1 | Reserve sports day (excluding Year 2)                                   |
| Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July    | KS2      | Sports day  |
| Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July    | All      | Reports due out   |
| Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> July     | Yr R     | AM - trip to beach  |
| Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> July     | Yr 2     | All day - trip to beach   |
| Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July      | Yr 2     | Weald & Downland trip   |
| Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July    | Y6       | Sleepover at the school with meal and campfire                          |
| Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July     | All      | Last day of summer term - please collect your child from 1.30pm onwards |
| Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July       | All      | Inset day   |
| Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September | All      | Inset day   |
| Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September   | All      | Inset day   |
| Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> September   | All      | First day of autumn term for all children                               |

Finally, we thank every child for all their hard work this year, we hope you all have an enjoyable summer break and look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

Katie