



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are almost at half term and a very busy half term it has been. I would particularly like to thank the children, who have been busy representing and helping the school, in various ways. We have entered teams into the locality football and netball tournaments.

May I also take this opportunity to welcome the new families who have joined us recently.

YEAR 6 NATIONAL CURRICULUM TESTS 2018

The Year 6 children have been working very hard in school to prepare for



these tests and we would like to invite all Year 6 parents to a special briefing meeting on **Thursday 1st March, starting at 5:30pm and finishing around 6:00pm.**

This will provide important information about why we have the tests, how the tests have changed, how the tests are administered, how the results will be reported, how we are preparing the children and how you can help at home. We believe it is extremely important for each child to do his or her best and, following the tests, to be rewarded with the highest possible level of

achievement. The role of parents is therefore vital in terms of providing the right level of encouragement and support.

SCHOOL HATS... A REMINDER

Thank you to all those Parents who have been in to purchase the School woollen hats.



May I remind parents if children are wearing a winter hat **they need to be in line** with the School policy. A number of children are still wearing novelty hats and general hats from home. The wearing of a winter hat is **optional** however if you do decide to wear a winter hat the knitted logoed School hats are available **from the Office. No other winter hats please.**

DISCO



Thank you to 'The Young Friends' for organising the fantastic disco today and for DJ Mano stepping in at

the last minute to DJ. The children had a fantastic time and. £86.00 was raised for the Rowans Hospice.

EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS

Please ensure we have the correct home/work numbers for you and your emergency contacts. Correct telephone and mobile numbers are vital should we need to contact you in an emergency.

LATENESS

Unfortunately we still have a number of children regularly arriving late for School.



If you arrive at School after all the children have gone in at 8.40am you **MUST**

accompany your child/ren to the main office and fill in the late book. Please do not take your child round to the class as we need to know the reason for their lateness to enter onto the electronic register. Please don't just write 'late', we need to have a reason e.g. car wouldn't start.

The number of 'lates' are recorded on the children's individual attendance register. Five minutes late every day adds up to 25 minutes each week. Registration is a vital part of the school day and sets the children up ready for the lessons ahead. Please make sure you contact the office by 9am at the latest if your child is going to be absent. If we do not receive a call, we will phone you to enquire why your child is absent.

EASYFUNDRAISING

Thank you to everyone



who is using Easy Fundraising to help raise money for the School. Please visit www.easyfundraising.org.uk. If you go to their website, click on 'Find a Cause to Support', search for 'Friends of Compton and Up Marden CE School' and join, you can raise money for the Friends every time you shop online (including Amazon!). A percentage of every online purchase is

donated straight into the Friends bank account. You can also download the easy fundraising app on the app store so you can easily make purchases online through the app.

STAFF AND GOVERNORS

We say goodbye to Mrs Loh this term and thank her for all the work she has put to establishing a fantastic French curriculum in School. We would like to welcome Mr Stallard as our new Site Manager.

We would like to welcome Mr Edward Platt (Dad to Sophie) to the Governing Body as a Parent Governor and Mr Shaw as the new Staff Governor.

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

- * Next Cobnor payment for Year 5/6 is due by 28th February.
- * We have a large number of 'lost' single gloves in the Office, please come and claim them.
- * Please ensure all clothing is named.

DIARY DATES

Please find attached key dates for the Spring Term.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to emphasise that if you have any concerns about your child's progress, or any aspect of their school life, please contact firstly the class teacher, then Mr Christmas/myself.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Claire Inskip
Headteacher

Diary Dates - Spring 2018

New dates this newsletter added in italics

Monday 12th February	Half term
Monday 19th February	Return to School
<i>Friday 23rd February</i> <i>(Parents by invitation)</i>	<i>Headteacher's Award assembly 2.30pm</i>
<i>w/b Monday 26th February</i>	<i>Year 6 Bikeability</i>
Thursday 1st March	World Book day & Literacy day
Thursday 1st March	Year 6 NCTs meeting 5.30pm -6pm
<u>Thursday 1st March, starting at 5:30pm and finishing around 6:00pm.</u>	
<i>Friday 2nd March</i>	<i>Friends Book Sale (details to follow)</i>
Monday 5th March	INSET
Wednesday 7 th March	Parent's Evening
Tuesday 13 th March	Parent's Evening
Thursday 29 th March	Easter Service at 9.15am
Thursday 29 th March	Egg Rolling competition
<i>Thursday 29th March</i> <i>(Parents by invitation)</i>	<i>Headteacher's Award assembly 2.30pm</i>
Thursday 29 th March	<i>Last day of term</i>

