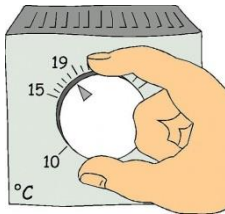


Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back and happy new year! The children have all come back to school, in the right frame of mind and we have had a smooth and calm start to the term.

### NEW BOILERS



We are very pleased to inform you that our ageing boilers and heating system were replaced during the Christmas holidays.

The extensive work, which were sometime in the planning, were overseen by WSCC. The new heating system is fully operational and we are already reaping the benefits during this particularly cold spell.

### 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.*



### STAFFING

We welcome Mr Gary Dunn, to our staff, as our new site manager following the retirement of Mr Schindler.



### HEADTEACHER'S AWARD



We are always keen to listen to ways of improving our School and this term we will be changing the format

for receiving a Headteachers's award. Each half term a child will be nominated by the class teacher from each year group. Those children will then be invited to a tea party with Mrs Inskip and they will be presented with the new style Headteacher's award at a special assembly to which the nominated children's parents will be formally invited.

### TOYS AND GAMES

Children are encouraged to bring in items to share related to the class topics however it has become

noticeable to staff the children are increasingly bringing in items from home that are not related to their topics e.g. teddy bears, large stationery folders, cars, etc. These items are becoming a distraction in the classroom and are causing fallings out at break times. The children have plenty of equipment and



activities to use a break times: hoops, balls, quoits, bean bags, skipping ropes, etc, plus the magnetic games on the wall and cars to play with at the picnic tables. During wet play we have board games and other activities, therefore we politely request that additional toys/games are not bought in from home.

### A LETTER FROM BUCKINGHAM PALACE



BUCKINGHAM PALACE

The Children were thrilled this week to receive a letter from one of the Queen's Ladies in Waiting, which we shared in assembly. Part of the letter said "The Queen wished me to write and thank you for your letter in which you told Her Majesty a little about your recent studies." The children had written to the Queen telling her about how they were learning about British Values and democracy.

### MORNINGS

Thank you to all families who have been making a real effort to ensure that their children are in school on time at 8:40am. Mrs Francis will shut and bolt the gate at this time. Any children who are still arriving at school after this time will need to go, with the adult dropping them off, straight to the School Office and sign in the late book.



May I remind you that the whistle signalling the start of the school day is blown at 8:40am. We expect all children to be in their lines ready at this time to ensure that our children have a smooth and successful start to the school day.

### JUNIOR ROAD SAFETY OFFICERS

Job descriptions and application forms have been sent home to all children in Years 1 to 5. Any pupil who wished to apply must do so by Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January.



### PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

A letter will be coming home today regarding the position of Parent Governor on our school's Governing body. Parent Governors play an important role as members of the Governing body, who have a strategic



overview of the school. The Governors are involved in decisions about all aspects of managing the school - such as running buildings and budgets, supporting staff and setting standards of school discipline. Governors also help to make big decisions about the school's long-term goals. The term of office for a parent governor is 4 years. For more information about what this entails please contact the School office.

### 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 2017

### New dates this newsletter added in italics

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|--|--|
| Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January        | Children start back  |
| Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> January         | Greek workshop Y5/6  |
| Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> January         | Drama4all workshop - Years R, 1 2                                  |
| Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> January        | 'The Friends' meeting - Further details to follow.                 |
| Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> January       | Children's Classical concert at Bedeales (Years 1- 6)              |
| Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> January      | Egyptians workshop (Y3/4)  |
| Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> January        | Key Stage 2 6-a-side Locality Football matches (4 - 5.30)          |
| Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> February     | 'Speak out' workshop Years 5/6                                     |
| Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February        | Buzzard class Museum sleepover                                     |
| Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February       | Internet Safety Day  |
| Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February       | Music Festival at Chidham- Further details to follow.              |
| Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> February       | Key Stage 2 Locality Netball matches (4 - 5.30)                    |
| Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> February      | Key2Music Concert (Year 3/4) 2.30pm                                |
| <i>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February</i> | <i>Headteacher's Award assembly 2.30pm (Parents by invitation)</i> |
| <b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February</b> | <b>Half term</b>   |
| <b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February</b> | <b>Locality INSET day</b>  |
| Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March         | World Book day & Literacy day                                      |
| w/b Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> March       | Year 6 Bikeability   |
| Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March        | Parent's Evening   |
| Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> March          | 'The Friends' meeting - Further details to follow.                 |
| Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March         | Parent's Evening   |
| Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> March       | Bosham Dance Festival - Further details to follow.                 |
| Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> April         | Gaston Farm (Y1/2/5/6)   |
| Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> April           | Easter Service at 9.15am   |
| <i>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April</i>     | <i>Headteacher's Award assembly 2.30pm (Parents by invitation)</i> |
| Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> April           | Last day of term   |