



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very busy week at school, with a great deal of activity in many of our year groups; the children have been superb this week. I have quite a bit to tell you about in this newsletter so I would ask that you take the time to read its contents carefully and act as needed. Thank you in advance.

### **Staffing update:**

#### **Mrs Smith:**

I am delighted to say that the exciting time for Mrs Smith to leave us to await the arrival of her baby has arrived! Mrs Smith will go on maternity leave from today and we look forward to seeing her back with us before not too long, with her new baby. Mrs Smith's class will be taught in her absence by Mr Hughes. There will be an opportunity to meet Mr Hughes after the half term break, which some parents may already be aware of. During this week, Mr Hughes has had the opportunity to meet the children and get to know them a little which had been a very positive experience for all.

#### **Mrs Bury:**

Just too also let parents know that Mrs Bury will be leaving us today to take a period of absence whilst she has some surgery. We very much look forward to welcoming Mrs Bury back with us, once she has completely recovered. During her absence Mrs Jarjat will be taking the lead role in Inclusion matters and the Pastoral Team will also pick up some of the work of Mrs Bury whilst she is away.

### **School Reports:**

We were delighted to send home the annual school reports for Years 1.3.4 and 5 children. These reports will tell you how well your children are doing as learners and how well they have progressed so far this year. For each of the sections you will be clearly told whether your child is below age expectations / at age

expectations or above age expectations. This will give you the information regarding where your child sits against a national measure. So if they are 'at' age expectations they are performing at the average for their age group. If they are 'below' age expectations then they will be performing just below where they need to be for their age and so on. Do please contact your child's class teacher if you have any questions you would like to ask or discuss further regarding their progress.

### **Nursery News**

In Nursery after half term we are starting our new topic which is 'Out & About'. We will be starting our new Talk for Writing book which is 'We Are Going on a Bear Hunt'. We will be doing our last piece of writing this year for our writing wall. Please come & have a look at how your child's writing has developed since they started Nursery.

One of the concepts we are focusing on in our Maths this term is positional language. At home you could play games getting your child to put their favourite toy, on, in, under, next to, behind & in front of to help to consolidate this.

Have a fun & safe half term holiday!

### **Reception News**

After half term, Reception will be learning all about mini beasts! Our topic books for Literacy and Maths include 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and 'The Bad tempered ladybird.' It would be a great idea if you could go on a 'bug hunt' during the weekend and tell us all about it on our WOW weekend cards! We look forward to hearing all about it!

### **News from Year 1**

Thank you to all of the parents who attending the meeting about phonics on Tuesday. It was great to see so many of you there. The children are working very hard on their phonics at the moment in preparation for the test in June.

Year 1 have been authors this week and have written some fantastic stories about pirates. They have been using exciting adjectives and have learnt about how different endings can change a word (e.g. rush/rushed/rushing).

After half term, we will be continuing our learning about pirates and will be making 'Wanted' posters about Long John Silver. In maths, we will be starting to learn about simple multiplication and division.

On Friday 9th June, Ennis class are having a science afternoon and would love for their parents/carers to come. They will be making giant marble runs as part of our science topic on forces. There is a sign up sheet outside of Ennis classroom.

## Year 2

Thank you to those of you that came to support the children at our very first 'topic showcase'. The children had a wonderful time showing you all the things they have learnt this half term.

Along with all this, the children have successfully completed their SATs tests and worked extremely hard to achieve their very best.

In light of this, we would like the children to have lots of fun over the holiday and have set them a 'bucket list' challenge. Try to complete as many of the following as you can:

- Go on a bike/ scooter ride
- Read a book
- Eat popcorn and watch your favourite movie
- Eat sweets and ice-cream
- Laugh until your tummy hurts
- Go to the park
- Go for a walk
- Play with your friends
- Cook something yummy to eat
- Paddle in the sea or in a paddling pool or in the bath!
- Have a picnic
- Plant flowers or vegetables
- Blow bubbles
- Find pictures in the clouds

Most of all have fun!

Just a reminder that we are going to Marwell Zoo on **Wednesday 7th June** so if you still haven't paid, please bring your money to the finance office on the first day back after the half term holiday.

## Year 3

Next term Year 3 will be continuing with their topic Stone Age. We have some very exciting activities planned including a trip to Butser Ancient farm and making our very own clay pots.

In Literacy we will be writing instructions on how to successfully care for a woolly mammoth and in Maths we shall be continuing our unit on length, weight and volume. Our PE days will continue to be Mondays (indoor) and Thursdays (outdoor), can we ask that children please have their full PE kit on these days.

Finally, a gentle reminder that homework booklets are due in after half term. Year 3 have worked extremely hard this half term and we are very pleased with their achievements. We hope you all have restful break and look forward to seeing you next half term.

## Year 4

Another busy half term has come to an end. Year 4 have been working incredibly hard and deserve a relaxing break. When we return after the half term break, we will be moving onto some new concepts in maths and learning more about the British monarchy.

It would be really beneficial for your children to continue with their revision of their times tables and spellings during the break. Please remember that the 'Inspirational Brits' project that you and your children have been working on over the half term is due in, during the first week back.

We hope that you all have a fantastic week.

## **Year 5**

Year 5 have had a very productive half term, the children have learnt so much about the Vikings, produced some excellent writing and mastered 2D and 3D shape.

After half term, we will be turning our focus towards Anglo Saxons and the British monarchy. The children will be continuing to use their story-writing skills in literacy and re-capping measurement in maths.

Over half term, for homework the children will be designing and describing their own Viking. We are looking to see them using all of the fantastic descriptive techniques they have learnt so far this year.

Have a wonderful half term!

## **Year 6**

This week has been especially fun as we have been preparing for today's WW2 event. We have been busy planning, testing our ideas, decorating and baking!

After half term, we will continue to look at biomes and habitats in science lessons and try out an experiment with ice!

In literacy, we will be debating what all the fuss is about with fidget spinners as well as designing our own hybrid animals and justifying how they survive in their habitats.

In maths, we will be working in small teams to solve problems and tackle investigations.

Have a wonderful half term and enjoy your break.