



Weekly Newsletter

Friday 17th January

Discussion of the Week

I have had the pleasure of seeing lots of children from all classes this week with their amazing work. Many children have been working on building a great resilience for writing and when the class assemblies start later in the term (Y5 go first on 23rd January), there will be a huge amount of fabulous work to share with everyone. We will continue to invite you back to the classroom after the class assembly so that you can see what your children have been learning and how well they are progressing.

Great news!

I am delighted to finally be able to confirm that Stirland (who have been on board with the local authority since October) now have a clear plan with our colleagues in Hampshire to get started on the building work at February half term. Site cabins will start mobilising next Monday, with the main building work beginning over half term. The project is expected to be finished sometime around July, although there is some cautious optimism that this may finish sooner. This is obviously brilliant news. We have all had to be very patient whilst this has been sorted out.

School Council update

School Council have met again and decided that they will be called School Stars. They are planning to help to make sure children have people to play with at break and lunch. I am sure they will make a success of this.

Parent Forum

As part of the ongoing process of working together to continue to improve, I will be setting a date for **Friday 31st January** for our next meeting. This will take place after school drop off. There will be things to update you on, but it would be useful to discuss what our agendas will be for future Parent Forum meetings, and when we hold them, until the end of this academic year.

Parking

This week I have received two complaints from residents (with photographs attached) regarding cars parking unsafely. Building and maintaining relationships with parents as well as our local community are two of the most essential parts of our school work. I thank the majority of you for confirming with the law, thereby helping this process. Please do not park in resident's private parking spaces and take care when manoeuvring near grass verges.

Attendance

Now we have had a complete term in school children will bring home their attendance overviews for the period from the beginning of the school year until the end of 10th January. With this will be a reminder about the importance of securing good attendance for children. Governors, parents (at Parent Forum) and children have discussed the pros and cons of awarding certificates for 100% attendance and we have planned to phase these out. The red/amber/green system on the letters shows simply where the child's attendance sits at present. If you are concerned about this or have any questions, please do ask.

Have a good weekend.

Hayley Ferguson

How has the rain helped what is happening in Australia?

Birthday of the Week



Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge
1982 -

Merits

Bronze
Leyla & Gabriel (Y5)

Diamond
Izzy & Ben (Y5) and Martin (Y4)

Opal
Pippa, Jonathan & Tom (Y5)

Granite
Tom (Y5)

Dates for Diary

20th Jan – Y5/Y6 Trip to Gilbert Whites House

23rd Jan – Y5 Class Assembly 2.30pm followed by work sharing

30th Jan – Y3 Class Assembly 2.30pm followed by work sharing

31st Jan – Parent Forum 3.25pm

Lost Property

There is a large quantity of lost property in the lost property box. Please come in and have a look to see if your child has lost any clothing or belongings. It will also be placed outside some afternoons at pick up time.

This Week's Winning Team

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