

WATERSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE— 93.6%



Friday 1st March

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for what has been another busy, but exciting start to the half term.

Spring term is always packed full of activities, trips out and visitors and this year is no exception.

It was an absolute pleasure to take Year 4 to Calshot Activity Centre last week for their residential. They were immaculately behaved and through themselves into the wide range of activities. Staff at the centre were really impressed with their manners and overall attitude.

As a teaching staff, we enjoyed our inset day on Monday. We shared the day with staff from Applemore, Noadswood and a range of local primary schools. Teachers chose to attend three different workshops. Topics covered included, meeting the needs of vulnerable children and families, mental health and well-being of young people and curriculum design. It was a hugely valuable day. Back in school our teaching assistants completed training on safe food preparation.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Have a lovely weekend!

Emma Moakes
Headteacher



IMPORTANT DAY TO DAY INFORMATION

Attendance

As you will be aware from previous communications, our aim as a school, is that we have children in school enjoying learning , with an expectation that most children will have an annual attendance figure of around 96—97%. Learning and progress happens when children are happy, healthy and present at school and data clearly indicates the impact poor attendance has on attainment and the future prospects of our children, but also on friendships and self-esteem.

In our last newsletter, I said that I would be recognising classes where there had been an overall improvement in attendance. Current data from across the school can be seen in the grid below. The aim would be that each class aims for improved attendance and a class figure above 95%.

Where the class attendance is at or above 95% it is shown as green. Where there has been an improvement since the last newsletter, it will be shown as blue. It would be lovely if we could aim for every class to be green or blue on the next newsletter!

Year group	Attendance percentage to date
Year R	93.7%
Year 1	93.6%
Year 2	93.3%
Year 3	95%
Year 4	94.9%
Year 5	94.8%
Year 6	91.9%



**Let's keep
aiming high!**

**Let's 'Be the
Best that we
can Be!'**

If you would like to discuss your child's attendance or would like some support with anything associated, please do not hesitate to contact a member of our senior leadership team.

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Parent User Agreements:



As part of safer internet week we worked with children and some parents and all pupils were asked to sign our new acceptable use agreement in school.

Parents in KS1 may already have been asked to counter sign this. Look out for communications next week, where we will be sending home the parent and carer parts of the agreements, in order to support safe and responsible use of technology.

Over the past few weeks it has also become apparent often with changing technologies and trends, it can be hard to keep up with your child's online use and support them effectively. There are lots of useful links on our school website under E safety and well as the free webinar below available to parents.

Cyber Choices is a programme that supports those people at risk of committing computer misuse offences, such as hacking. These risks are far more real than most people recognise, with around 1 in 4 young people admitting to committing low-harm cybercrimes, perhaps without even realising what they were doing was illegal. Ideally suited to parents/carers of children in Year 3 (age 7) and above, all the way up to college, university and beyond. The session will help parents and carers to understand: what computer misuse is what the risks to young people are recognise some of the indicators that young people may be involved in committing cybercrimes how the Cyber Choices programme supports at-risk individuals.

Available webinar dates and to how to book your place:

4 March, 11am - Registration:

https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_2fwzDzv3RMmo7Gm0PGf_3w_4

4 March, 8pm - Registration:

https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_2ROjhhKsSKueNgIJ7ISfQ

These links can also be found on the school website and a parent mail sent this week



A rich and engaging curriculum

Rock Steady has begun

Pupils from across the school have begun their music lessons with Rock Steady music school, offering children the opportunity to collaborate with peers whilst receiving instrument tuition on ; guitar, drums, keyboard and vocals! This was just their second session and Wow– what bands we have already!



ROCK STEADY™

Year 2 Swimming

Last week saw Year 2 embark on their 4 day swimming programme.

During the short course, lots of progress was seen and the children grew hugely in their water confidence, all whilst demonstrating their resilience and positive attitudes to being the best they could be—even outside the classroom. Well done Year 2!



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Year 1 Parent Session

Last week Year 1 parents visited and joined Year 1 for their DT session.

Together parents and children created moving pictures.

We would like to say a massive 'Thank you!' to all the parents who were able to join their children for this session.



Future parent sharing events can be seen on the 'Diary dates' section, on the last page of this newsletter.

Decision making!

This week we were asked for our opinions on some plans to refresh and redesign the park on Shore Road. Sofia and Vicky from The Handy Trust brought five proposed designs for us to look at. We were asked what equipment we thought would work and what additions could be made if the money was available. Children from Year 2 and Year 5 shared their ideas and now we will wait to see what New Forest District Council decides!



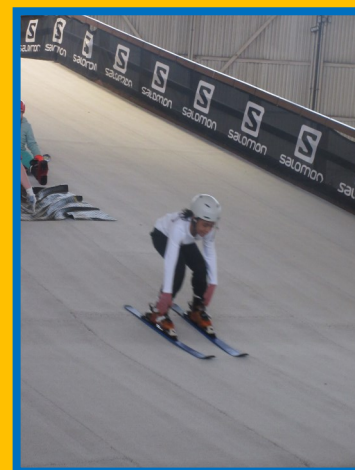
Year 4— Residential trip to Calshot

Last week Year 4 had a great time at Calshot Activity Centre on their 2 day residential. The children tried their hands at a number of new activities and developed resilience and team building skills alongside their peers. It was an absolute pleasure to see them working together and learning new skills.

Despite the rather cold and damp weather—lots of fun was had and many memories made.

Activities included; Skiing, climbing, orienteering, epic engineering, Ringoes and an initiative course.

A big thank you to all the staff who accompanied the children enabling them to have such a wonderful trip.



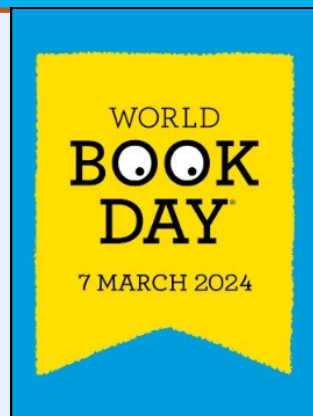


Coming Up.....

World Book Day— Thursday 7th March 2024

Children and staff are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character during this fun– filled day of celebrating reading, competitions and activities arranged by our reading ambassadors.

On the day all pupils will receive a book token, enabling them to claim a free book, with lots of great titles on offer this year.



Comic Relief—Friday 15th March 2024

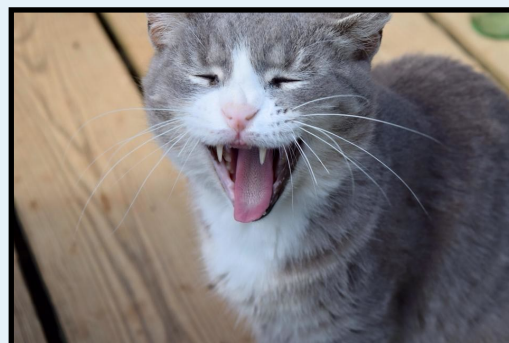
March is always full of lots of events and on Friday March 15th, we will be collecting donations for Comic Relief.



This is designed to be a fun day and everyone is invited to wear something red or even dress 'red top to toe'. We also ask that children find a favourite joke to share with their friends and classmates.

What do you call a huge pile of cats?

A Meow –ntain



Diary Dates (new dates in bold)

Useful contacts:

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There is an answerphone for any messages left out of hours.

1.3—Year 6 Flourish Theatre 6 week project continues.

4.3—Year 5 Trip—Winchester Science Centre

7.3—World Book Day—dress up

14.3 Year 4 parent sharing event

15 .3 Comic Relief—Wear something red

20 .3 Build a Book Event at Noadswood (invited pupils) only

21.3 Year 4 parent sharing event

21.3 Year 3 parent sharing lunch (12 noon)

22.3 Year 3 parent sharing lunch (12 noon)

28.3 Break up for Easter holidays

15.4 Back to school

25.4 Bridge Day Y5/6

1.5—Jumpstart Johnny visit

2.5 School closed for polling

13.5 SATS WEEK for Year 6 begins

13.5—17.5 Bikeability Year 5

28.6—Inset day—school closed

1.7—Inset day—school closed



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