

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2018[www.harestock.co.uk](http://www.harestock.co.uk)

Number 4

## **WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION**

### **Winchester Rotary Club Christmas Shoebox appeal**

Thank you SO much for your generosity in making Christmas Shoeboxes up. On the final count we made **63** boxes as a school community and we know that will make a lot of children very happy at Christmas. Thank you.

### **Hobby morning**

It was great to see so many children in their hobby outfit this week. It was very interesting for the children and staff to hear about the children's interests outside of school. We hope some children have been inspired to try a new sport or activity as their hobby!

### **Parent-teacher meetings**

A letter and information will have been emailed to you this week explaining how to book an appointment online. Please keep this guidance as you will need to use it again for future parent/teacher meetings. The dates for this term are **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 3.30pm - 7pm** (last appointment at 6.50pm) and **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 3.30pm - 5pm** (last appointment at 4.50pm). The online booking system goes live on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October at 9 a.m.; this can also be accessed via the new Harestock Primary app. We hope as many parents book an appointment to find out how their child has started the school year and receive reading, writing and maths next steps for their child to work on. If your child is in a class which is taught by two teachers (i.e. a job share) please only book to see one teacher as both teachers will have prepared for the meetings together and know the same information about your child.

### **Harestock App**

Up to date we have had 168 downloads of the App and feedback has been positive. Please be aware that the app is not there as replacement for the school calendar. All upcoming events can be found on the 'Home' page of the app, details of the event can be seen by tapping the event headline which takes you to more details. Reminders will ONLY be sent for whole school activities and school trips. Changes to advertised dates will also be shared in this way as well as through our existing systems.

### **Poppy Appeal**

This year Poppies and other associated items will be on sale at the front of the school before school from Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November until Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Flu Vaccinations**

The School Nursing Team will be in school on 4<sup>th</sup> December to vaccinate YR- Y5 against flu. We will send out letters/permission forms about this as soon as we receive them from the Nursing Team.

### **School Council Charities**

The school council have decided on the charities they will be raising money for over the following year:

Local: Hampshire and IOW Air Ambulance <http://www.hiowaa.org/>

National: Dogs Trust <https://www.dogstrust.org.uk/>

International: EIA (Environmental Investigation Agency) <https://eia-international.org/>

### **House Captain's Tea party**

The eight House Captains met with Mrs Sankey today for tea and cake to talk about the first half term and how life in school is. It was good to thank the children for their hard work and commitment to their role; helping around the school whenever needed. Next half term they will be assisting Mrs Sankey and Mrs Jacques when lesson observations happen. Having the children's opinion of what they think about the teaching and learning in the classroom will be appreciated.

## Parent questionnaire findings July 2018

Below are the outcomes from the end of year questionnaires sent out with the reports at the end of the Summer term. Thank you to the thirty-nine parents who returned their form. We are pleased with these results but are always striving to work with parents to make the school an even better place. Thank you for the written comments; we will continue to strive to make Harestock the very best it can be. Each response is worth 2.5%. Fifty-three parents gave their views electronically using the OFSTED parent view for the year 2017-18 due to our inspection back in March.

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| 1. My child is happy at this school<br><i>Improved from last year's responses</i>  | 100% strongly agree or agree   |
| 2. My child feels safe at this school  | 100% strongly agree or agree<br>(of this, 2.5% neither agreed or disagreed)  |
| 3. My child makes good progress at this school   | 100% strongly agree or agree   |
| 4. My child is well looked after at this school  | 100% strongly agree or agree   |
| 5. My child is taught well at this school  | 100% strongly agree or agree   |
| 6. My child receives appropriate homework for their age  | 93% strongly agree or agree<br>(of this, 5% neither agreed or disagreed)     |
| 7. This school makes sure its pupils are well behaved<br><i>Improved from last year's responses</i>                        | 100% strongly agree or agree<br>(of this, 2.5% neither agreed or disagreed)  |
| 8. This school deals effectively with bullying<br><i>Improved from last year's responses</i>                               | 95% strongly agree or agree<br>(of this, 13% neither agreed or disagreed)    |
| 9. This school is well led and managed<br><i>Improved from last year's responses</i>                                       | 92.5% strongly agree or agree<br>(of this, 7.5% neither agreed or disagreed) |
| 10. This school responds well to any concerns I raise<br><i>Improved from last year's responses</i>                        | 90% strongly agree or agree<br>(of this, 7.5% neither agreed or disagreed)   |
| 11. I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress<br><i>Improved from last year's responses</i> | 90% strongly agree/agree<br>(of this, 7.5% neither agreed or disagreed)      |
| 12. Would you recommend this school to another parent?   | 92.5% strongly agree or agree  |
| 13. The school keeps me informed about the work of the governing body<br><i>Improved from last year's responses</i>        | 95% strongly agree or agree<br>(of this, 5% neither agreed or disagreed)     |
| 14. The school has a good reputation in the local community  | 90% strongly agree or agree<br>(of this, 2.5% neither agree or disagree)     |

## INFANT CLASSES INFORMATION

### Year R trip to the Discovery Centre

Everyone had a fantastic morning on our trip to the library. We got the number 3 bus from Bradley Road and enjoyed spotting places of interest on the way into town. The children listened to an introductory talk by the librarian before having time to browse the books and enjoy reading some; either individually or with a friend. Many children enjoyed joining a group where an adult was reading aloud to them. They then listened beautifully

to a story by the librarian before getting the bus back to school, this time a double decker which made everyone's day! We were very proud of the children for coping and behaving so beautifully so early on in their first year of school.

### **Year R SPLAT session for current Dragonfly parents**

We would like to invite our current parents to come in with their children on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November. This will be an opportunity for the children to show you around their classroom and share their learning with you. Please come in with your child at drop off and stay until 9.30am.

## **JUNIOR CLASSES INFORMATION**

### **Winchester University Language students visit**

On Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October the Juniors had a Languages Assembly where students from Winchester University came in to read a story in different languages; French, English and Spanish. We were split in to two separate groups, one half did French and the other did Spanish. We took turns to say certain words in our group language as the visitors read the story in just French. Some of the words being bakery, toy shop, market, supermarket, rain and others.

Written by Luke and Charlotte

### **Laverstoke Park visit**

What a great day Koala and Otter classes had on Tuesday. We went to Laverstoke Park Farm. We had a tour of the Milking Parlour where they milk cows and buffalo. In the Dairy Kitchen we found out about products made from milk; then we made butter and started the process of making cheese. Laverstoke Park Farm make buffalo mozzarella. We had to be very quiet entering the barn where we met baby buffalo, two of the calves were only two days old! After lunch, we each planted salad seeds in a cup and we got the chance to taste buffalo mozzarella, it was funny to see the children's reactions!

**Chess club** will be starting after October half term for all Junior children **who know how to play chess** already. If your child is interested in joining why not let them practise at home with an older brother or sister or a parent. More information will follow. It will be a 30 minute lunchtime club run by Mrs Sankey. The children will play in the British Chess Challenge competition between themselves with lots of prizes on offer for scoring points for wins, draws and even for a loss.

### **Year 6 trip**

The Houses of Parliament trip for the Year 6 children has been booked for January 8th. More information will come home after half term. The coach is funded by FOS which we are extremely grateful for.

### **Applying for a place in Year 7**

If your child is currently in Year 6 of a primary or junior school, you will need to apply for a Year 7 place in a secondary school for September 2019. The deadline for applications is **31 October 2018**. Hampshire residents can apply online at [www.hants.gov.uk/ad-applyonline](http://www.hants.gov.uk/ad-applyonline)

### **Dolphin class Early Morning Registration time activities**

This week in EMA we have been upgrading our vocabulary by reading our reading book, fiction or non-fiction, and writing any unfamiliar words down. We attempt to find them in a dictionary, and ensure that the language isn't too advanced for a school one. Some words even our teacher, Miss Carter, had to engrave in her memory - these words have now been used in HER vocabulary, an achievement - well done. These words consist of:

Agglomeration: a mass of things collected together; Aplomb: dignity and confidence; Apropos: concerning; Avoirdupois: a system of weights using the unit of 16 ounces = 1 pound; Pertinacious: persistent and determined; Pertinent: relevant to what you are talking about; Philanthropy: concern for your fellow human beings, especially as shown by kind and generous acts that benefit large numbers of people.

By Dolphin class

### **Junior Christmas concert at St Barnabas Church**

This has been confirmed as Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December - dress rehearsal at 10am (parents welcome) and TWO evening performances 6pm and again at 7pm. Like last year parents will watch only ONE concert but ALL children are expected to attend both concerts. More details in November.

## WEBSITE UPDATE

Calendar, parent teacher meetings, policies update, Junior Road Safety, House Captains and School Council.  
Dolphin & Woodpecker blogs.

## ATTACHMENTS SENT BY TUCASI COMMUNICATIONS

Letter regarding online parent/teacher meetings and guide

## FOS

### School disco

Thank you to all the children for coming along and making the themed disco on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October such a success.  
The children had lots of fun, dressed up. Next one is on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December.

### November

1st (Thurs) FOS AGM All parents welcome to attend (8.30pm) In the school Hall  
2nd (Fri) Bake Sale (3.15pm) AUSTEN  
14th (Wed) FOS Meeting (8.30pm)

## REMINDERS

### Sickness / medical appointments

If your child is ill or has an unavoidable medical appointment during the school day, please phone in to advise office staff or leave a message, thank you.

Childline / NSPCC have launched a version of its website specifically for children under 12yrs.

<https://www.childline.org.uk/kids>

### School photographer

Cardwell and Simons, our school photographers will be in school on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October to take individual pupil photographs. Children who attend Harestock school and their siblings will also be taken during the school day.  
We are unable to take group photos again this year with preschool siblings. Sorry about that.

### Year 6 information

All Year 6 children will be taking their Key Stage 2 SATs during the week of **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May - Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2019**. The children will be tested in reading comprehension; mental maths; maths and a spelling, punctuation and grammar. All Year 6 children **MUST** attend this week and take part in the national testing arrangements.  
Further information will follow in the Spring term.

### Avoid the queue re handing in payments and letters etc

Please do use our postbox (opposite the entrance doors in our reception area) to post payments and letters rather than queuing at the office. There are slips and sealable bags for parents to use.