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WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION

Children in Need fundraising day

The final total raised was £237. Thank you very much for the donations.

Road safety week

Throughout the week the children have been learning about road safety messages. Please remind your child about road safety messages and give your child as many opportunities to practise these with you when out and about.

Year R have been out and about yesterday, learning important road safety messages.

Here are some top tips for the children to help them stay as safe as possible from Brake, the road safety charity:

1. *Hold hands with your mum, dad or carer and make sure little kids hold hands too.*
2. *Think hard about where you are going and how you are going to get there using pavements and crossing roads at the safest places, like crossings with traffic lights. If you're not sure which way is safest, ask an adult before you set off.*
3. *Always stop, look and listen before crossing a road. Never cross if you are not sure it is safe. If your friends cross when it's not safe, don't follow them.*
4. *Play in the park, not near or on a road. Never muck about near roads, even if your friends do.*
5. *Don't cycle on roads that are really busy or have fast traffic on them.*
6. *If you are in a car, you need to use a child or booster seat, with a back part, if you are smaller than 150cm tall.*
7. *Help your mum, dad or carer drive safely. Ask them to drive at 20mph or slower around homes, schools and shops, and to slow down on country roads too, in case there are people about. Ask them to never use a mobile phone while driving. You can ask them to sign Brake's Pledge about safe driving.*
8. *Ask your mum, dad or carer if you can travel by train or bus instead of by car. Trains and buses are safer and more fun, and better for the environment. Or if it's a short journey and there are safe pavements, ask if you can walk together.*

Road Safety Week- Be Bright Be Seen Day

Well done to everyone who came dressed to 'Be Seen' on Monday 19th November to raise awareness for National Road Safety Week.

The children were wearing their brightest clothes: hi-viz jackets and plenty sparkly and flashy accessories!

There were light-up trainers, fluorescent sports kits and even flashing skirts.

The day ended with a luminous fashion show. The most blinding pupil from each class modelled their outfit and walked down the Harestock Catwalk!

Well done to all the finalists from each class. Congratulations to Chloe from Otter Class who shone the brightest for KS2 and Blake from Owl Class who sparkled for KS1, both received Road Safety prizes.

Thank you also to the children who attended the Road Safety Workshop lead by the JRSO's Seth and Eloise.

Parent/ carer workshops

This year we have trialled a slightly new way of advertising parent/carers workshops. Earlier in the year we sent out an overview of all the parent/carers workshops that are scheduled throughout the academic year. We hoped that this would be useful for you to plan in advance which workshops you wished to attend. We then used the newsletter and website to give reminders closer to the time of each workshop. We have stopped sending out individual letters with reply slips and were hoping that this would make it easier for parents and carers to turn up when they wished without needing to give prior warning (unless where specified for one or two particular workshops).

Following the recent infant phonics workshops where there were no parents or carers who attended, we wanted to check whether or not our new system had potentially caused less awareness of parent/ carer workshops. We hope it is just because you have attended in previous years and/or maybe already feel confident in supporting your children with phonics.

Please do feed back to us via the school office, your child's class teacher or email

adminoffice@harestock.hants.sch.uk if we can do anything to improve the systems we have in place to support parents and carers in the curriculum particularly regarding parent/carers workshops.

Thank you.

Mrs Jacques

School place for Sept 2019 Year R

Are you (or someone else you know) looking for a school place for your son/daughter to start school in Year R in September 2019? We have another Open afternoon for parents to come and look round Year R and other classrooms and find out about what a great school we are. It is Tuesday 27th November and Monday 3rd December at 9.30am and 11am. We have another date next year on Wednesday 9th January at 9.30am and 11am. We look forward to welcoming potential new parents (and children) to Harestock.

School Choir

Last Thursday, in town, the school choir had an absolutely amazing time singing at the Christmas Lights switch on. Their behaviour was impeccable and even the bus drivers commented about it. The children's singing was enthusiastic and confident; when they came off stage they were buzzing! Well done to all the children who represented the school; Mrs Clements and Mrs Butler are looking forward to taking them to sing in the Brooks shopping centre on Thursday 29th November. If you are in town at 1pm, we would love you to come and watch us perform.

Parent-teacher meetings

Thank you to so many parents who have attended Parent-Teacher meetings this week. We hope the information you received was helpful to enable your child to flourish through the year and be the very best they can be.

Internet safety / e-safety parent workshop

No one came to this session on Thursday 15th November at 7pm. Another session will happen on Tuesday 5th February (Safer Internet Day) at 7pm. More information in a letter with a tear-off slip to express your interest in attending will be given next term.

Christmas Fayre

This year the school Christmas Fayre is on **Friday 7th December 3.15pm - 5pm**. From Monday 26th November please start bringing in unwanted toys and books for the stalls, and any unopened and unused 'smellies' for our pampered gift 'baskets' which will be raffled. All donations are greatly appreciated, especially potential raffle prizes. Please hand in any raffle prizes you may be able to donate to the school, especially if you work for a company and they can donate an item or a voucher to the school office. If you could donate your unwanted toys, soft toys and toys in a carrier bag or in a cardboard box, these would be greatly appreciated.

1st Year Batchelor of Education (BEd) trainees from Winchester University

Harestock isn't just a place where children come to learn. This week (and two more weeks too) two student teachers from Winchester University have been here refining their skills in Otter class. Miss Seaward and Miss Hale have been working closely with Mrs Bannister and Mrs Somerset in Otter class and have assisted with the learning opportunities in the classroom. They will return for another three weeks after Easter.

Miss Seaward and Miss Hale - It has been lovely to be welcomed into such a bright and colourful school. All staff and children have been so enthusiastic about learning and have made us feel at home from the moment we walked into the school. We have seen lots of amazing work and we can't wait to learn alongside the children.

Three more student teachers have been working in Ladybird and Dragonfly class this week, and are also here for two further weeks.

Miss Martin - All the staff at Harestock Primary have been so welcoming and helpful which has made my experience here as a student teacher even more memorable and useful. The pupils, as well, have been so friendly and love asking me questions. All in all, as a student teacher Harestock Primary is wonderful for a placement; I don't even really feel as if I don't work here.

INFANT CLASSES INFORMATION

Year 1/2 Take home task session

Thank you very much to all the parents who attended our 'pop up transport museum' last week. It was lovely for the children to have the opportunity to share their work with adults and their peers. We were very impressed with the standard of the models created and to hear the children speak clearly and enthusiastically about their research. We hope you enjoyed the opportunity too.

JUNIOR CLASSES INFORMATION

Year 5 swimming

This starts after Christmas on a Thursday - a letter will come home next month with more details.

WEBSITE UPDATE

Food policy; JRSO; FOS; Panda, Otter and Koala blogs.

ATTACHMENTS SENT BY TUCASI COMMUNICATIONS

Food policy appendix about packed lunches; Annual Report FOS 2017-18;

FOS

Discos

Remember to save the date for Infant & Junior discos on Friday 14th December BUT earlier times -

Infant disco **4.15pm - 5.15pm** and the Junior disco **5.30pm - 6.30pm**.

REMINDERS

Thurs 29th Nov - school photographer will collect any outstanding photograph orders

Infant Maths parent workshop Tuesday 4th December from 9.00am - 10.00am

Tues 4th Dec - Flu immunisation for Year R-5

Fri 7th Dec - Xmas Fayre 3.15pm - 5 pm

Tues 11th Dec - 2.45 p.m. Otter and Koala take home task celebration to parents.

Junior Maths parent workshop Tuesday 11th December from 9.00am - 10.00am

Weds 12th Dec - Otter and Koala class Listen to Me concert Otter 1.30pm Koala 2.30pm

Thurs 13th Dec - Year 5/6 and Panda class Listen to Me concert. Dolphin 1.30pm Panther 2pm Panda 2.30pm

Mon 17th Dec - Christmas lunch

Tues 18th Dec - KS1 Nativity 2pm in the hall

Weds 19th Dec - Junior Christmas concert at St Barnabas Church 10am / 6pm / 6.50pm

Thurs 20th Dec - KS1 Nativity 2 pm in the hall

Thurs 20th Dec - Year R Christmas Celebration show to parents 9.30 am

Fri 21st Dec - Christmas party morning and last day of term at 3.15pm

First day back Monday 7th January 2019