



# Scantabout Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a pleasant half term. As usual we have a really action packed half term for the children and staff alike. Thank you everyone who came to Parents' Evening and also to any parents who came to my Head teacher's Surgery. If for any reason you could not make Parents' Evening please do make an appointment with your class teacher for a mutually convenient time.

### Parents Forum

Following requests from parents, the next Parents Forum, on the 1<sup>st</sup> December, will be at the end of the day to give more parents a chance to attend. Agenda item requests will be sent out by the office on the 16<sup>th</sup> November for return by 24<sup>th</sup> November.

### Harvest Festival

I was bowled over by the huge number of parents and families who came in for Harvest Festival. I was really proud with how wonderfully the children performed, read and sang. I was especially proud of our new children in Year R who did so well on their very first school performance. Thank you to everyone who attended and also to those who kindly donated gifts to the food bank. Miss Lloyd and I delivered the donations to the food bank last week. They were thrilled with the support from the school.

### Be Bright Be Seen Day

Thank you to our JRSOs for planning the first Junior Road Safety Day of the Year. They worked hard to organise the day and also put together a thought provoking assembly.

### INSET Day

Our INSET on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October, focused on improving pupil outcomes through ongoing use of assessment. Miss Lloyd and I met with each teacher to review data for the half term and carry out Pupil Progress meetings. During the day, Mrs Douch (as English Leader) and Mr Lyon (as Maths Leader) met with teachers to support their planning for individuals and pupil groups. It was a really successful and useful day. At the end of the day, the leadership team met with a group of governors to share outcomes from monitoring and plan for next steps.

### School Grounds Group

The School Grounds Group are continuing to meet on a regular basis. Our next community day will be on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 1.30pm. The SSA are always grateful of extra help.

### Winchester Arts Link

In November, we will be having art students in school to work with the children on drawing and art projects. The theme this year is *Our Identity*. This links to recent assemblies where we have been thinking about how our values shape who we are. Once we have completed our displays we will be welcoming parents in to view the finished pieces of art.



### **It's the pantomime! Oh, yes it is!**

On Friday 5th January, we will be having a travelling theatre company into school to perform the pantomime Sleeping Beauty. Thank you to the SSA for agreeing funding of this.

### **Sports Grant**

In the summer holidays, the Government announced that they would be increasing Sport Grants to school. This grant pays for some of the sports opportunities that the children have in school, including sports coaching.

I am awaiting final details of the exact funding and the conditions of the grant; once I have these I will let parents know how we are intending to spend this for the benefit your children.

### **School Photos**

How smart everyone has looked today for their school photos. The proofs will be sent home via your child's book bag as soon as they are available.

### **Christmas Shoe Box Collection**

Thank you to everyone who donated a gift wrapped shoe box for the Rotary Club Shoe Box scheme. Over 30 boxes were collected in the end and the Rotary Club send their thanks.

### **Pupil Premium**

I have recently updated the school's website with information on the impact of pupil premium and our spending priorities and anticipated actions for the coming year. If your child is in already in receipt of this and you would like to know the focus for your child, please speak to your class teacher who will let you know how we are spending their money on them. Every child in receipt of Pupil Premium has a spending priority which I agree with class teachers at Pupil Progress meetings every term.

If you are in receipt of income based benefits, your child may be entitled to Pupil Premium Grant. This fund is used to support the education of your child through additional provision linked to their individual needs.

If you would like to check, then please come and speak in confidence to either Mrs Masters, Miss Lloyd, Miss Blaker or myself. If you would like help with the necessary application then please ask in the office, we will deal with it sensitively and confidentially.

### **School Development Plan**

Just before half term, I met with the Governing Body to agree the school plan. A summary of this is available on the website for information. This year we are focusing on continuing to improve the impact of leadership through development of Governance and core subject leaders; continuing to develop the overall quality of teaching linked to the Hampshire Assessment Model. We are also developing the use of rich texts as starting points for English learning journeys and looking at how we continue to develop the use of apparatus in maths to support learning journeys.

As well as focusing on the core aspects of learning, we are also looking at developing some of the broader aspects of the curriculum. Over the last few months we have redeveloped our Personal and Social Curriculum. We have also revised the science curriculum to give better coverage of different strands including scientific enquiry. Over the coming year, I will be working with subject leaders to develop some of the topic planning to provide the children with better opportunities to develop their enquiry skills, with more opportunities to develop their understanding of technology.

## Dates for your diary

Date	Event
10 <sup>th</sup> November	School photos
14 <sup>th</sup> November	New Parents' Coffee Morning (all year groups) 9am – 10am
16 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu vaccines for Year R,1,2,3,4 only. More information to follow after half term.
16 <sup>th</sup> November	Reading Information evening for parents in Key Stage 1 and 2 6pm – 7pm
23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Year 5 trip – Living Rainforest. Letters have been issued, please contact school office if you need a copy.
23 <sup>rd</sup> November	SSA Film Night
26 <sup>th</sup> November	SSA – School Grounds Working Party
30 <sup>th</sup> November	SSA Parent presents wrapping evening from 7pm in School Hall. Bring your own drinks.
30 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 6 trip – Solent Sky Museum – letters issued
1 <sup>st</sup> December	Parents' Forum 2.30pm
8 <sup>th</sup> December	SSA Christmas Fayre
14 <sup>th</sup> and 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Parents presents – more info to follow
w/c 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Winter Art Week
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Key Stage 1 Nativity production – performances 9.30am and 6pm. More details to follow
20 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas school lunch followed by Class parties.
21 <sup>st</sup> December	Last day of term Christmas carols – more info to follow.
4 <sup>th</sup> January 2017	Welcome back – Happy New Year