



# Scantabout Primary School

*Achieving our best together.*

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## **SSA AGM**

Thank you to everyone who attended the SSA AGM last week. We had a good turnout and a new committee was elected. I would like to thank both the current members of the SSA and the new committee for the commitment they show to the children of the school. We have chosen a number of small and larger scale projects for the coming year, such as development of the playground equipment for the children, art resources, additional books, enrichment activities and resources for choir. We also discussed events for parents, families and the children over the coming year.

## **SSA Grant success !**

The SSA are very pleased to announce that they have been successful with their application for a £5,000 grant from the Aviva Project. We would like to thank Mrs Lacey for her efforts championing this application.

This money will be used to build a traversing wall within the school grounds.

The SSA would like to thank everyone for their support and votes that have contribute to the success of this application.

## **Well done to our 'String' Musicians**

This week the school has hosted the Hampshire Music Service inter-school string interment workshop and concert. Well done to Harini, Alice and Erin who represented Scantabout. Thank you to the Hampshire Music Service and to Mrs l'Anson for their support in running this event.

## **INSET day and Computer Training**

Our INSET day last week focused on development of multiplication skills and ways to teach this tricky concept in a meaningful and engaging way to the children.

During the day, the staff also had an update in safeguarding and relooked at the national Prevent Strategy focusing on how we can support children and families. In the afternoon, we spent time looking at writing.

Also, last week, teachers had additional training in teaching programming in Years 2-6. We will be continuing this later in the spring term with training on use of 'Crumble' programming. This is a fantastic program which gives the children opportunities to engage in robotics.

Our forthcoming INSET day on the 15<sup>th</sup> February, will focus on developing higher level writing skills in the morning and the development of the broader curriculum in the afternoon.

## Year 5 and 6 Fire Safety Morning

This week Year 5 and 6 had a visit from the Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service. During the morning, they learnt about the role of the service and looked at fire safety including fire routes & smoke detectors.

## Sing-up

This year we are looking at ways to improve opportunities for the children to sing. We have now become part of a national initiative for singing, called 'Sing-up'. This will give the children better access to a wider range of songs to sing as a whole school, within class and in choir.

## Personal Development Day - Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February

All children have regular personal development education as part of the curriculum. To complement the work already happening in classes, the school will be having a personal development day on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February. On that day, we will be focusing on e-safety and developing a pupil led **Choose Kindness Charter** as part of our Anti-bullying curriculum.

If you are ever worried about potential welfare or friendship issues, please do let us know. We are always happy to support and address any worries you or your child may have.

## On line Trips

Just a little reminder that you will now have the option to provide online consent for all school trips across all year groups. This can be done via your SCO pay account. If you would like assistance setting up your SCO pay account please pop into the school office.

## Weather Warning

In the event of bad weather in the coming months, where there may be doubt whether the school is open, we ask that you follow the procedures shown below. There is a list of school closures on the Hampshire Education website - <https://www.hants.gov.uk/education/schoolclosures/> however, this may take some time to update.

We will attempt to email or text you as soon as possible via Parentmail. Please ensure your contact details within Parentmail are up to date. If you are having difficulties with your Parentmail account please contact the school office who are happy to assist.

If there is some doubt as to whether the school is open please telephone the school from 8.30am onwards, obviously if there is no reply we are likely to be closed. **Most importantly**, if you bring your child to school, please ensure that there is a member of the teaching staff on the premises before you leave. We all have some distance to travel and may be a little late in arriving due to the inclement weather!

For up to date weather information and severe weather warnings please take a look at the Met Office website: <http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/>

## Top Trumps!

The children have asked for games such as Top Trumps to play during wet-playtimes. If you have any suitable games in good condition they will be very gratefully received. Please drop any donations in at the school office.

## Lost coat

We have had an orange coat with a fur trim hood in the school office for sometime now. Please come and collect it if it is yours.

## **Personal Safety Websites**

Please find below a links to useful websites linked to keeping our children safe:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/underwear-rule/>

<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/topics/zkffr82>

<https://www.o2.co.uk/help/nspcc>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/setup-safe/>

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/news/fortnite-all-you-need-know/>

**With kind regards,**

**Tina Thomas**