

"We Enjoy and Excel In the Presence of God"

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# Newsletter 17 - 23rd June 2017



# **Effectiveness of Leadership**

#### Wonderful weather

Thank you to all the children and their parents who are taking a sensible approach to the wonderful weather. We have ensured shade and drinks are readily available and, where necessary, adapted sessions to ensure the children are safe.

# **Extended school provision (clubs)**

Thank you to those who have contacted me with offers of help and support for next year. As you will see from our vision we aim 'to sustain and develop high quality'. As a school we have a strong reputation for sport and it is our aim to sustain this whilst developing a strong reputation for other areas too.

In ensuring we support working parents and children's various passions we have reviewed our provision and attached is an overview of the options available. Some aspects may move days but all offers are available. We hope you will see that there is something for everyone and that we are building a strong future.

You will note from previous newsletters and media coverage that school funding is reducing in real terms. We also have no key funding streams beyond PTA support. With this in mind and the desire to be able to compete and provide strong resources we have taken the decision to apply a £1 a session (£10 per term per club) subs to all school run clubs. Without this the school does not have the funds to send staff to competitions and replace resources needed for the clubs. We hope you understand. If your child wishes to attend clubs, but you need financial support, please do contact the school and we will work with you to ensure your child has fair access.

#### **Fathers in school**

Although I was not present on Friday for Father's day in school due to New Forest Heads Strategy Group I hear that both the fathers and children had a fantastic time. It is great to have parent support and a chance for fathers who may not normally visit school to spend time with us.

#### **Leaving contributions**

As mentioned in previous newsletters Miss Stuttle and Mr Pepin will be leaving us at the end of this term. If you would like to donate to a central present please could you do so via the school office or PTA. In the case of Mr Pepin, Lyndsey Davis is also happy to receive contributions. We are in the process of finalising the achievement service for the children which celebrates their contribution and we will also mark Miss Stuttle's and Mr Pepin's contributions at the same service. Currently we are looking at the afternoon of 19th July if that helps with diarising the time to attend.



# **Quality of Teaching, Learning and Assessment**

#### **Shakespearean Song**

On Wednesday we were delighted to travel to Warwick school where we performed with the Birmingham Conservatoire and Julian Lloyd-Webber. After entering a composition competition during Shakespeare week we were chosen as one of four winners and after rehearsals at school made the long journey. Thanks to Mrs Martin and Mrs Macey-Dare for driving and Miss Ashness/Mr Thomas for linking us with the great bard and musical interpretation. Thanks also to parents who made the long journey, especially those who helped transport children and instruments, to support the event.

#### **Pirates of the Curry Bean**

Rehearsal time is vanishing fast like a ship heading to the horizon. The songs and acts are coming along and the corridors are filled with the sound of music. It is a great opportunity for children to show their character and build confidence. The casting by Mrs Pepin has given children real opportunity to try and indeed shine as a result. Tickets are available from the school office and performances are on Monday 3rd and Wednesday 5th July at the Village Hall.

#### Tree Top Adventure

Year 1 and Year 6 had a fantastic afternoon last Friday at Beaulieu. Thank you to all the parents who helped.

'The children were introduced to a variety of trees on the new tree trail at Beaulieu CET and along the way there were a whole range of people who showed us what could be done with the trees including leaf and charcoal art work, not forgetting the ever popular melting of marshmallows on sticks over a campfire. Yum! It was a lovely location and I hope as a school we are able to arrange other trips to the CET to support our science curriculum.'

The Full report is on the Y1 blog thanks to Mrs Stack.



# Personal Development, Behaviour and Welfare

#### Esafety/Safety parent information session.

As promised we will be rerunning the information session that was held during the day in January. The session will be in the school hall from 7.00-8.00pm on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July. If you would like to attend please let us know by booking on the school website under 'parents information'.

#### Sports day

Will be on the school field on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, weather permitting. There will be team sports in the morning, a family picnic lunch and then competitive games in the afternoon. I do hope you will be able to join us and support all the children taking part.





# Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural

#### Den Day

All children had a fantastic time on Friday working with Mrs Hulme and supporting Save the Children. A huge thank you to Mrs Hulme and all her helpers.

At Kiddiewinkles we strongly believe all children deserve the best start in life and when we heard about Save the Children's Den Day we just had to get involved, as it resonates so closely with our values.

#### Save the Children and What They Do

Save the Children do whatever it takes to help children when they need them most. They are there for children when disasters like earthquakes strike or when conflict in countries like Syria forces them to leave behind everything they have in search of a life where they're not afraid.

They give children vital things like food and water, healthcare, protection and education. They make sure the children have a safe place to shelter at night. No child should miss out on any of these things, but every year, millions do. They are working in 120 countries around the world to change this.

## How we got involved

Kiddiewinkles collated allsorts of materials to enable children at the local primary school to get their creative juices flowing and construct a shelter. The materials included a huge pile of cardboard boxes (kindly donated from a local removal company Peter Cooper), twine, pegs, material and off cuts of fabrics (kindly donated by a local Interiors shop Forest Mill), and bamboo canes (kindly discounted by Moles store). We had 3 different Den building sessions throughout the day and children from 4-11 years old made a donation to Save to Children to get involved. Dads also joined in as they were in school for a Father's Day assembly celebration.

#### On the Day

We split the children into groups of 4 or 5 and asked them to spend time in their groups having a think about the type of Den they wanted to build. They came up with allsorts of ideas such as Princess Castles (made from cardboard), tunnel style shelters, Teepee and tarpaulin style dens are just a few of the creative ideas. It was wonderful to see children free to explore the different materials, experiment with them, find out what would hold and what wouldn't (!!) and construct their design. The children had loads of fun and our Den Day raised money for a good cause at the same time. It also helped the children to think about the value of a safe, secure and weather-proof roof over their heads! Fortunately the sun was shining for us so the shelters didn't get tested for their waterproof properties!

## Some quotes from the children:

"We made the best den ever as we had Roger helping!"

"Destroying the den was fun, we all jumped on top of it!"

"I jumped on my den and then it all collapsed down!"

"Making and destroying the den was really good fun"



#### PTA - Summer Fair

Please do support our annual Summer Fair on the 30th June by offering help to your reps and by coming and spending money to support the school. Bronya and Sarah are in the full throws of final arrangements and all help is greatly welcomed. We are hoping for good weather and a great community feel just like the Christmas Fair. All money raised goes towards supporting your children with opportunities and resources. In the current financial climate this support is a real lifesaver.

### **Breakfast Club - NFCC**

Attached to this newsletter is a letter of interest for the New Forest Child Care breakfast club which will be hosted on site by our already well established after school team. We have been aware for a while from conversations with parents that there is an increased need for extended childcare before school and during INSET days.

As you will see from our Extended Provision (clubs) timetable we aim to offer this support, but it does need to be financially viable. With sufficient responses we aim to meet your need and have sourced the offer for you.

#### New Forest Soccer (NFS) and Drama

Through conversations with parents we have been made aware of opportunities at other local schools and areas of expertise that children have but do not share with us. In supporting these areas we have sourced and set up the offers of football and drama with successful local providers.

#### KS2 Drama Taster session—Friday 7th July between 3.30-4.30pm.

20 places maximum. Please let the school office know if you would like a place on the FREE taster session in preparation for a club in September. There will be a charge for the club from September of approximately £4.00/week payable to the club leader.

#### The future

We never stand still and will be looking at art, music/choir, cricket and other areas of extra curriculum activities. If you have any links or suggestions we would welcome hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

John Littlewood

**Head Teacher** 

Pause for thought.....

Change is inevitable, Change is constant.

Benjamin Disraeli

## Dates for your diary for Summer term 2017:

# PLEASE NOTE DATES AND TIMES OF EVENTS MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
26/06/17		26 <sup>th</sup>		27 <sup>th</sup>		28 <sup>th</sup>		29 <sup>th</sup>		30 <sup>th</sup>
Week 4									KS2 Production Rehearsal at Villa	age Hall
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03/07/17		3 <sup>rd</sup>		4 <sup>th</sup>		5 <sup>th</sup>		6 <sup>th</sup>		7 <sup>th</sup>
Week 5	Sports Day (if fine weather)				Y6 Induction Day Highcliffe		Sports Day (Reserve)		Reports to parents	
	KS2 Production (Eve)				KS2 Production (Eve)					
10/07/17		10 <sup>th</sup>		11 <sup>th</sup>		12 <sup>th</sup>		13 <sup>th</sup>		14 <sup>th</sup>
Week 6			Y6 Induction Day Priestlands		9.00am Y4 Listen2Me Samba—parents wel- come.				Moving Up morning 09:00-10:00	
17/07/17		17 <sup>th</sup>		18 <sup>th</sup>		19 <sup>th</sup>		20 <sup>th</sup>		21 <sup>st</sup>
Week 7	Y6 Leavers Service Winchester				Achievement Celebration Time/Venue—TBC				Worship 10:00-10:30 Leavers Service at St Saviour's church	
24/07/17	2	4 <sup>th</sup>	2	25 <sup>th</sup>						
Week 8	INSET No children in school		INSET No children in school							

## Please note:

The dates for the academic year 2017/2018 with INSET Days are now online :

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