



Church of England Junior School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This year has flown by – I know everyone says time flies as you get older but this really has felt like the case this year!

Thank you for all your donations for F.O.O.B.S today, we are always blown away by the generosity of our school community. Planning for the Summer Fair is well underway – thank you to all those involved.

We are looking forward to the final half term of the year with lots of enrichments activities and interesting learning opportunities planned.

This week, Year 3 have enjoyed their trips to the River Loddon, well done Conan Doyle for being flexible and changing your day due to the good old British weather turning on us on Wednesday! The highlight for many was finding out what living things there were in the river and on the surrounding banks. There were a few wet socks on return to school! Thank you to the parents who supported the children on this trip.

Last week, the Year 6 pupils completed their SATs tests. They all did brilliantly, stayed calm and showed a huge amount of resilience. They are now looking forward to preparations for their production of 'Madagascar the Musical!'

It was lovely to see many of our musicians perform at the summer concert held at Christ Church Chineham last night. Thank you to Mrs Malone and our team of music teachers for putting this together – I am always in awe of how our children have the skills and confidence to perform in the way they do.

Finally, well done to Brunel class for your Sharing Assembly this week; it was a lovely way to end the half term, with lots of funny moments - well done Miss Dee and all of the class.

A reminder that tomorrow, **Friday 24th May is an INSET day**. We look forward to seeing you all back in school on Monday 3rd June. Have a lovely half term everyone, let's hope it is dry!

Olympics Week

Please make sure you have read the letter that was sent out yesterday with details of our upcoming Olympics Week. This will be a chance for us all to celebrate the upcoming Olympic Games in Paris and enjoy our annual Sports Day! We look forward to seeing all of the completed homework projects and learning more about past Olympians.

Safeguarding

As our Safeguarding Governor, Philip Hiorns regularly meets with myself to discuss safeguarding arrangements and procedures within the school. Recently we have been looking at aspects of the local authority's annual audit which supports in checking and evaluating our current systems and policies. As a school we work closely with outside agencies to share information and support children and families within our school community. Anyone can contact children's services if they are concerned about the safety or welfare of a child. Members of the public should contact Hampshire Children's Services on: 0300 555 1384.

News from Hampshire Music Service- Please also see attached flyer.

Following the success of our Pop Up Orchestra event in March this year, we have arranged another one for Sunday 14th July. The event is for all instruments and all levels from beginner to Grade 4 and players do not need to be receiving lessons from Hampshire Music Service.

Michelle Smith, Admin Officer, Hampshire Music Service

Parking

We continue to get complaints from local residents in regards to parking around the two village schools. We appreciate that it is difficult and with more children attending both schools from out of the catchment area it is not a problem that can be easily solved. We do ask you to make sure you are not parked on double yellow lines and not to park across driveways so blocking residents in. Please see the attached flyer from Hampshire County Council about parking and driving safely near your school.

Attendance

At the end of this half term, the school's overall attendance was 96.5%. Congratulations again to Conan Doyle Class with the highest attendance of 97.8 %. Please can we remind parents that holidays should be taken during school holiday periods. Only absences for very exceptional circumstances will be authorised and 10 sessions (5 days) of unauthorised absence can result in a penalty notice. Since our last newsletter, we have seen an improvement in the punctuality of some pupils in the mornings, thank you for your support in this.

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Please note final payment is due on 1st June, please ensure any outstanding balance has been paid by this date.

Governors' Corner

Dear Friends,

We talk a great deal in life about 'lifelong learning'. I wonder what that looks like to you, and what your experiences are of that learning.

For me part of being a Christian is always being open to new ways of seeing the world, engaging with the world and allowing others to be who they are truly meant to be. I believe in the 'abundant life' of John's Gospel.

Last week I spent a couple of days in Salisbury, trapped in the privileged confines of the theological college and dreaming of wandering the city and cathedral with a coffee in hand and the world buzzing around me.

It was necessary, but not the most exciting of courses and was something of a Powerpoint and booklets experience which left me missing the richness of previous trips there.

On the second morning I decided that it was probably allowed to arrive at morning prayer in the cathedral with a takeaway coffee and thus combine a physical and spiritual early morning boost. I thought that I was early into Cafe Nero, but there was already a substantial queue and only one poor lonely barista. Time was used productively taking in my surroundings.

Ahead of me were two people conversing in spoken English and BSL. One explained that his first three BSL words were 'biscuit', 'thank you' and 'help'. This seemed very useful and sensible to me!

I already knew a few words of sign language from a friend and was keen to learn more. 'Biscuit' seemed particularly helpful to me! Not everyone gets my queue chatter, but these two delightedly shared - and I learnt 'cake' as well! I was thrilled!

Where our learning takes place is how open we are to being aware and joining in, being present to the moment and to the people around us. We are placed in life and community because human beings do not operate in isolation, but as a whole.

For me, this is lifelong learning - a learning which grows and flows and lives as we learn the essentials of nourishment and life from each other - woven as humanity - wherever we find ourselves.

Love & Blessings,

Reverend Jo, Foundation Governor

F.O.O.B.S. News

Hello from F.O.O.B.S!

We hope the children all enjoyed their non-uniform day today and many thanks for all your donations for the Tombola/ Have You Got the Bottle Stalls at the Summer Fair.

We are still in need of donations of uniform jumpers/cardigans, grey items and summer dresses that are in a good condition for re-sale. Please contact us at friendsofoldbasingschools@gmail.com if you need to purchase any second hand uniform or have any to donate.

Finally, we have some dates coming up after half term for the Summer Fair - the collection for the Toys, Books & Uniform stall is on the first Friday back after half term (Friday 7th June) and the filled jars collection is the week after. Thank you in advance for your support!

Coffee Mornings and Parental Support

Our final parent Coffee Morning of the year with Mrs Alvarez, Mrs Squire and Miss Bunkle will take place on **Tuesday 2nd July**.

Gemma Lillywhite
Headteacher



Dates for your Diary

24th May – INSET Day (school closed to pupils)

27th-31st May – Half term

3rd-7th June – Olympics week (details sent out on 21.05.24)

4th-10th June – Book Fair (paused on 6th June for Sports Day)

6th June – Sports Day

10th June – Yr. 4 Egyptian Drama day

11th June – School Photos – Class & whole Year 6 (**please note change of date and no PE on this date**)

13th June – Reserve Sports Day

14th June – Orchestra at Christ Church, Chineham 09:30am-2:30pm

17th June – Yr. 5 trip to Costello

18th June – Orchestra at Anvil, 09:30am-2:30pm

18th June – Yr. 3 Church visit 1:30pm

18th June – Orchestra BPSM Concert, 7pm-8:15pm

19th June – Orchestra BPSM Concert, 7pm-8:15pm

21st June – Yr. 6 Leavers Service in Winchester

26th June – Yr. 3 new parents meeting (further details to follow)

2nd July – Coffee morning 09:00-10:30am

2nd July Yr. 4 Primary Prom at the Anvil (am)

2nd July – Yr. 3 QMC Science Trip (am Austen, pm Dickens) details to follow

4th July – Yr. 3 QMC Science Trip (am Conan Doyle) details to follow

5th July – Shuffle up morning

7th July – F.O.O.B.S Summer Fair

8th-11th July – Yr. 6 Show week

16th July – Yr. 6 Pilgrimage Day

17th July – Yr. 6 Leavers Service at Church, 2pm

22nd July – Yr. 6 Picnic/Beach Party

23rd July – Hampshire Music Service Inset Day (no HMS music lessons)

23rd July – End of Year Church visits (am)

23rd July – Last Day of term, normal finish time of 3:25pm

NSET Days for 2024/2025

The following INSET days for next academic year have been agreed with Old Basing Infant School and approved by our governors:

Monday 2nd Sept 2024

Monday 4th Nov 2024

Friday 20th Dec 2024

Monday 24th Feb 2025

Friday 23rd May 2025