

AUTUMN TERM - NEWSLETTER NO. 3

Curriculum Updates

We were really pleased to have such positive feedback from the parents who attended our recent curriculum evening which gave the opportunity to attend three workshops about different approaches to the teaching and learning we use at Hazel Wood. Parents who came were keen to have another chance to see some of the other workshops on offer. As such, we are pleased to be able to provide another evening for you to come to on Wednesday 18 November, from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Even if you missed the first evening why not pop in to find out more about what the children are doing? We will send you further details nearer the time.

Parent Consultations

Lists will be displayed outside the class areas on Thursday 22 October, at 3:00 p.m. for our parent consultation appointments, which will be held after half term.

Recorders

All Year 2 children will be learning the recorder after Christmas. More details to follow after half term.

Posters for Sale

Hopefully you will have noticed, and are enjoying, the fabulous posters that we are displaying in the entrance hall, which we update every two weeks. If you would like to purchase one of the pictures once they have been replaced, please enquire at the office. The pictures will be sold for £5 each and the funds raised will be put towards additional classroom resources. We have the facility to print additional copies if required.

Help Needed

We would very much like some more help to hear individual children read in Year 2. Any parent, grandparent or friend of the family is welcome, subject to CRB clearance. Please come and see Fiona Cross in Otters if you could offer some time and then collect a CRB form from the office. Thank you.

Birthday Sweets

When a child has their birthday, it is becoming increasingly commonplace for them to bring in sweets to share with their friends at the end of the day. As we are trying very hard to encourage healthy eating and lifestyles we would respectfully request that this practice ceases. We hope that you will agree that this will also help you to keep some control over the amount of sweets your child is having.

Christmas Performances

This year, the children in Year 1 and Year 2 will be planning and performing a Christmas production called "Christmas Around the World". Year R children will be performing "It's a Baby". Having separate performances will mean that the children will all have more input and also more time to show their parents what they have been learning.

The dates for the performances are:

Monday 14 December, at 9:30 - Year R parents to see "It's a Baby"

Monday 14 December, at 1:45 - Year 1 parents to see "Christmas Around the World"

Tuesday 15 December, at 9:30 - Year 2 parents to see "Christmas Around the World"

If you have children in both Year 1 and Year 2 you need only come to one performance as they will be the same. If you also have a child in Year R you are welcome at "Christmas Around the World" and also "It's a Baby". There will be crèche facilities available for each performance; more details to follow.

I hope the advance warning of these dates will help you with your planning and look forward to sending you two tickets, per family, for the appropriate performance, nearer the time.

Thank You

We had a lovely fun run last Sunday, organised by the Friends of Hazel Wood, and the weather was very kind to us. Thank you for all your support. We have recently bought new plants for the children's gardens and some wormerys and are now looking to redevelop our pond area with funds raised.

Poppies for Remembrance

Poppies will be on sale during the week after half term. Please can children wishing to purchase one bring any donations, in a named envelope, to ensure it doesn't get lost in transit.

Quest Seekers

I am pleased to advise you that Hampshire County Library & Information Service have informed us that *Quest Seekers* has been their most successful summer reading game ever! Libraries have been buzzing with children and families throughout the summer! In the whole of Hampshire over 25,000 children joined the Quest. Of these, over 16,000 completed the challenge, reading six books by September 13, and they have each been awarded a medal and a certificate by their local library.

The following **Roll of Honour** comprises a list of all the children at our school who completed the Challenge and received *Quest Seeker* medals and certificates. Many more children made an enthusiastic start to the challenge and read at least three books, so they are to be congratulated too for taking part.

Neo Bratcher
Darcey Bresnihan
Benjamin Bridge
Steven Bundy
Nathan Burden
Ryan Carty
Henry Chandler
Max Clarke
Nathan Clifford
Ben Ellison
Sophie Erskine
Paige Evans
William Eves
Ciaran Hales
Sam Hatchett
Abigail Hayter
Amelia Hayter
Eloise Hilton
Freya Holgate
Samuel Honey
Dalton Jones

Ben Laughland
Joe Mawby
Bethany Milburn
Joshua Pascoe
Joshua Popusi
Rebecca Reed
Jay Reid
Cassie Rivers
Amber Scammell
Reece Scammell
Joseph Stevens
Elizabeth Surtees
Lewis Thomason
Chloe Walton
Sophie Whale
Charlotte White
Cameron Whitlock
Eleanor Whitlock
Thomas Withers
Amy Yendall

In-Year Admissions

The County Council is consulting with parents on how it processes in-year admissions from September 2010. The consultation can be accessed on HCC's website,

<http://www.hants.gov.uk/education/admissions/consultation-admission-arrangements>

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