

SUMMER TERM 2010 - NEWSLETTER NO. 1

A Lively Start

We have really enjoyed the beginning of this term with farm visits and Pet Day and, as I write this, I can hear the cheeping of our first chick which hatched yesterday morning. I would like to thank the staff for making the curriculum at Hazel Wood so exciting and memorable for our children. We also had a visit from the Area Director for schools this month. She was struck by the enthusiasm of the staff, the warm welcome she received from everyone and how lovely the school looked.

Looking Ahead

This is the time of year that we begin to plan for September. We have already welcomed the new children and parents for Year R at our open morning last week and transition for our Year 2 children to their next school is well under way. Our staffing structure for next year is outlined below for your information. Our Year R Team Leader is Hannah Simpson, our Team Leader for Year 1 will be Jo Hine, our Team Leader for Year 2 is Nicky Joyce and our Inclusions Leader for SEN children and Gifted and Talented children is Fiona Cross. Libby Wyatt, our Deputy, also teaches for two days a week across the school. Additional to our classroom support we also have extra teaching assistant support from Lin Barden, Sue Pitchers and Ruth Goodey.

CLASS	YEAR GROUP	TEACHER	TEACHING ASSISTANT
SQUIRRELS	R	Hannah Simpson	Wendy Schultze
MICE	R	Marilyn Hill	Suzanne Lucas (Tue/Wed/Thu) Jenny Harrison (Mon/Fri)
BADGERS	R/1	Jo Hine	Joanne Postlethwaite Trish Richardson 5 mornings
RABBITS	1	Carly Wilkinson	Bev Giles
HEDGEHOGS	1	Fiona Cross	Sheryl Chapman
OWLS	1/2	Caroline Sledge (Mon-Thu) Suzy Howick (Fri)	Kim Farrell Lin Barden (Wed am)
FOXES	2	Nicky Joyce	Jeannette Croft
OTTERS	2	Suzy Howick (Mon) Lorraine Burgess (Tue-Fri)	Jane Clark (Mon/Tue/Thu/Fri) Jenny Harrison (Wed)

We will be sending a letter home with our Year R and Year 1 children the day before they spend the day with their new teacher on Thursday 8 July. The letter will include photographs of their new Teacher and Teaching Assistant so you can talk to them about who they will be having. You are welcome to drop into the classroom at pick up time on Thursday 8 July to meet their new teacher informally and see the classroom. All our classes are arranged to ensure a balance of friendship groups and abilities in each class base. The children also work across the classes to follow the appropriate year group curriculum. As our admission number is 80, two of our classes have mixed year groups to ensure that our registration groups do not have more than thirty in each. As such, Badgers have 10 Year 1 children and 20 Year R and Owls have 10 Year 1 and 20 Year 2. The children in these classes still follow their age appropriate curriculum and work with friends in the same year group from different classes as well.

Lost Cycle Helmet

Jacob Hill in Squirrels has lost a blue helmet with black flashes on it. Could you please check at home to see if you have it by mistake? Thank you.

Sustainable Modes of Travel

The Sustainable Modes of Travel Team at Hampshire County Council are working to encourage sustainable alternatives to driving on the school journey. To this end they have set up a webpage (<http://www.hants.gov.uk/traveltoschool>) aimed at parents to help them make informed choices about how their child travels to school.

We also have a supply of School Travel Leaflets in our Information for Parents area, outside the school office, if you would like to pick one up.

Haiti Disaster Fund

We were delighted to raise £91 towards the Haiti appeal. Thank you to parents in Year 1 and Year 2.

Father's Story Week 14 – 20 June 2010

This year we will be celebrating Father's Story Week, organised by the Fatherhood Institute, to promote reading.

So, to give an opportunity to enjoy some special time reading with your children, we would like to invite the male family members who attend the Father's Day Lunches to come into school early, at 11:30 a.m. on those days to share some books with your children. Further details to follow...

Did you know?

- *Positive engagement between male family members and children is directly linked to them developing a higher IQ at ages 7 and 11 and also to them gaining higher exam results at age 16.*
- *The more that male family members read to their 1-2 year old children, the greater their child's interest in books throughout their life.*

World Cup Poster for Summer Fayre

If your child would like to design some artwork for our Summer Fayre poster and programme, the theme this year is the World Cup.

Entries should be on an A4 sheet of paper with the artists name, class and age.

Every entry will receive a small prize and some of the children's artwork will be used to advertise the Summer Fayre.

Please return entries by the half term holiday.

Computer Club

Due to unprecedented demand, we are having to draw the final names for this term's club out of a hat. This means that some children will, unfortunately, be disappointed. Children currently in Year 1 will be able to attend the club in the new academic year.

Photographs

As you will have seen, the class photos this year have been taken in a different style. We are keen to have your feedback as to whether you like this style or prefer the more traditional class photo where the children stand facing the front in one large group. Please complete the reply slip below, indicating your preference. This will help our planning for next year. Thank you.

Parking

Please could you try to use the marked bays for parking and avoid parking across other vehicles. A parent was "boxed in" for a length of time recently and this made her late for another appointment. Thank you!

Grounds Day

Thank you to everyone who helped, it was lovely to see you. The grounds are looking really nice and we are now developing the front area outside Year 2. Thank you to Lorraine Burgess and Tracy Torpey for organising it and also to Libby Wyatt for the doughnuts!

Attendance

Your children need to be in school before the gates close at 08:45 a.m.. Signing in at the front door should be a very rare occurrence because each minute of school your child misses seriously affects their achievement and enjoyment. Young children also find it really embarrassing to go into the classroom late when all their friends already know what they are doing.

Cathy Davies

Cathy Davies
Headteacher

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Class Photograph Preference - Reply Slip

Name of Class

I prefer the new format*

I prefer the traditional format*

* Please tick your choice