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Newsletter No 1 - Spring Term

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back everyone and a Happy New Year! It has been great to see how quickly everyone has settled back in to life at school, especially after the busy Christmas and New Year holiday. As we enter into the first few weeks of this spring term, we have a busy schedule of events and lots to look forward to leading up to half term, the final day of term being Friday 17th February, returning back to school on Monday 27th February. As always, please continue to check the whiteboard at the front of the school or information in related letters for updates.

Children starting School in September 2017

A reminder for those of you with children starting school in September, that the deadline for applications is Sunday 15th January. If you are yet to apply, you will need to either apply online at www.hants.gov.uk/admissions or by completing a paper application form, available from the school office.

Extreme Weather Procedure

If the national press are to be believed (a big 'if' I know!), there is likelihood that we will have snow before the end of term. As such, I would like to remind you of our procedures in the event of extreme weather:

- 1) I will contact Lynne Solly first thing in the morning to find out about the situation locally to the school.
- 2) All staff will be contacted to check the position locally to them.
- 3) A decision will be made based on the following factors...i) Is the school site accessible and safe; (ii) can enough members of staff get to the school site in order to safely operate; (iii) is the weather likely to deteriorate as the day progresses. Please note that the early morning 'picture' within Burley is not the only contributing factor towards the final decision.
- 4) In the event of a decision that it is unsafe to open the school, the banner on the home page of the school website will be updated and local radio will be informed. Where possible, a decision will be made before 8am.

We appreciate that any decision to close the school will cause inconvenience to a large number of our families and as such will not be taken lightly. Thank you in advance for your support and understanding around what is a potentially a difficult situation.

Snack Money

As you know, the children have the opportunity to purchase drinks and snacks to enjoy at playtime. Please can we ask that you send in your child's money in a named purse or wallet, rather than an envelope, as money is falling out of the envelopes and causing confusion.

Sickness

As we enter into what can sometimes be the season of coughs, colds and tummy upsets, can we remind you that if your child has had vomiting or diarrhoea, they need to have been clear from this for 48 hours, before they return to school. Thank you for your cooperation.

Dogs on School Premises

As much as we love to see all family members on our school premises, unfortunately we are not allowed to have dogs on the school site, either on a lead or hand-held. Hampshire County Council and the Children's Services Department strongly discourage dogs on school sites. It is recommended that schools strongly discourage parents from bringing dogs on site or from tying them up at the school entrance. Following this guidance, dogs are not allowed on the school grounds, with the exception of guide/assistance dogs.

After-school Science Club

On Monday the children were entertained and enthralled by the 'Mad Science' Assembly presented by 'Super Sian'. As a result, many children were keen to apply for a place for the new club which will run for five weeks from the 19th January. The club will take place on a Thursday from 3.15pm until 4.15pm. The club is open to children from Year 1 upwards and we would need a minimum of 15 children to enable the club to run. Details have been sent home regarding how to apply for a place. Unfortunately, the Science Club will clash with Choir Club, due to the availability of days on offer to run the club. However, there will be another chance later in the term to apply for places on the next round of Science Club which will run on a Wednesday. Can we please remind those parents whose children attend the Choir Club that this is provided at a cost of £1 per week per child, which can be paid via the office, or on-line, it works out at £11.00 for the Spring Term.

Karate

On Sunday 11th December, the karate students of Burley school were selected to take their karate exam. Danny, their instructor, has been very pleased with the students' progress, commitment and focus this term. Their hard work and commitment has definitely paid off as all students successfully breezed through their grading. Well done to all our Karate students. Anyone wishing to start karate is more than welcome – classes are on Tuesdays from 8:00am -8:50am in the school hall. Contact details: Danny on 07813329710 or Collin on 01202 893633.

Electronic Communication

Electronic communication is now up and running via email. Newsletters will continue to be put on the website too and hard copies of correspondence will be passed on to those parents who have requested them. Please let us know if you experience any difficulties regarding the electronic mail.

Clubs for the Spring Term

We are pleased to be able to offer the following clubs for this term.

Day	Before School	After School
Monday	Fencing <i>8:00am – 8:45am</i>	KS2 Football Club 3.15-4.15pm
Tuesday	Karate <i>8.00am – 8.50am</i>	Yr R – Yr 3 Multi Skills 3.15-4.15pm
Wednesday		
Thursday		KS2 Choir Club 3.15-4.15pm Science Club (commencing 19 th January dependent on numbers) 3.15 – 4.15pm
Friday		

Coming Soon 'Brain Booster Club' for Year 6 Pupils – further details will be sent out later this term.

BPSA News

There are still a few tea-towels left if anybody would like to purchase one, or more! They do make a unique gift for family and friends, so if you have any birthdays or other occasions coming up, these would make a lovely present.

Volunteers are needed for the Summer Fair Committee. As this is the main school fundraiser, we are looking for a core group of people who are happy to organise this fantastic event. Please see Sally Popper, Liz Lester-Brookes or Carina Arnold if you would like to be involved.

Update on the mini-bus purchase – after much deliberation it was felt that we did not have sufficient funds to maintain the running cost or that we would use it enough for the purchase of the vehicle to be viable. Hampshire guidelines say the bus should be used 3 times a week to justify the cost. In view of this, the BPSA have made the decision to fund the cost of hiring a minibus for all school outings and this also allows the school to enjoy the benefits of being able to use one when needed.

Pancake Day (Tuesday 28th February) falls on a school day this year – so watch this space for further information regarding pancake races and other surprises!

Other exciting activities will include an Easter egg hunt, amongst other things as we venture nearer to the end of Spring 1. Watch this space and the information board for information.

On behalf of the staff and children, as always we would like to offer our biggest thank you for all the work the BPSA do for us – you are invaluable.

Other News

We are currently updating our equalities policies, equalities targets and accessibility plans - the draft document is available at <http://www.sopleyprimaryschool.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/Federation-Equalities-Policy-DRAFT-Dec-2016.pdf> or a paper copy may be requested from the school office. If you wish to share any comments and suggestions by 31.1.17 please contact the Clerk to the Governors, Liz Holroyd, via the Sopley School office - Sopley Primary School, South Ripley, Bransgore, Christchurch BH23 8ET, adminoffice@sopley.hants.sch.uk 01425 673561.

Discipleship Explored

One of our parents has asked us to share this information with you.

This time last year, a new school club started, exclusively for grown-ups! It was called Christianity Explored and met on Thursday mornings after school drop off in the School House. We had coffee, a chat and watched a short DVD discussing Jesus' life and the claims he made. Since then, we have studied various books of the Bible together, grown in number and changed location, to the lovely St John's Church next to school.

You are very welcome to join us. This term, we are starting a new course, called Discipleship Explored. It is follow-on to Christianity Explored, but does not assume Bible knowledge, so it would be ideal both for Christians, or those who are interested in finding out more about Christianity. We don't do anything that might make people uncomfortable - you don't need to read aloud and you won't be asked to pray. We have gentle discussions, enjoy friendship and cake, and we also offer a fun crèche for pre-schoolers.

We will be meeting after school drop off (so, 9-ish) at the church on Thursday mornings. We don't use the front entrance, but meet in the hall at the side. The door has a sign 'The Place to Be' over it. If you are interested, feel free to just turn up or, to find out more, ask one of us in the school playground, or email alihulbert@gmail.com. Hope to see you there!
(From Ali Hulbert, Maria Nystrom, Libby Mason-Smith and Young Gilbert-Norton).

Term Dates

For your information, term dates than be located on the following website - <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/education/schools/schoolholidays>

Lost Property

Just to remind you, all lost property will be discarded on Friday 13th January at the close of the day, this is because we have a mountain of clothing, shoes, coats, and bags – almost every item you could think of and is becoming difficult to store.

Dates (so far) for the Diary:

- **Thursday 26th January – no choir club**
- **Friday 3rd February - Beauty and the Beast Pantomime – New Year Treat from the BPSA (during the school day)**
- **Thursday 16th February – Forest School Day**
- **Monday 20th February – Friday 24th February (Half Term)**
- **Thursday 2nd March – World Book Day**
- **Friday 3rd March – Hampshire Fire and Rescue in to work with Woodpecker Class**
- **Friday 3rd March – mid-term reports out to parents**
- **Tuesday 7th March – Parents Evening 3.30 – 6.30 pm**
- **Wednesday 8th March – Parents Evening 3.30 – 6.30 pm**
- **Friday 24th March – Whole School Art Day**
- **Wednesday 29th March – Whole School Open Afternoon (from 2pm)**
- **Thursday 30th March – Choir performance to parents (3.15pm)**
- **Wednesday 5th April – Easter Assembly**
- **Thursday 6th April – no choir club**
- **Thursday 6th April – SATs Parents Evening (Year 6 Parents) at 5pm**
- **Friday 7th April – break up for Easter Holidays**
- **Monday 24th April – Back to School**
- **May Half Term – Monday 29th May – 2nd June 2017**
- **Monday 5th June – INSET DAY**
- **Friday 21st July – Last day of Summer Term**
- **Monday/Tuesday 24th and 25th July – INSET DAYS**

Obviously, as the term progresses there will be letters/information coming home, so please check your emails, the notice board and your child's book-bag. As always, thank you for your continued support and we hope you and the children enjoy their learning this half term.

Warmest Regards

Sarah Harvey
Head of School