

# NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you to everyone who gave feedback to Kathryn Gunn who was governor on the gate last week. She was finding out about your response to the new approach to homework. Overall it was a very positive response from everyone. Many felt it had eased tensions at home – good! Many also liked the fact no formal writing or maths left more time to focus on reading and spellings. This was **exactly** our aim. It is not that children don't have homework – **they must still complete their thousand points on Mathletics, read, read and read and learn those spellings!** If your child still wants more to do outside of school research into their current topic is always helpful – or how about more practise of those pesky times tables! The new incentive scheme for reading at home is going really well in key stage 1 – we have our first gold band! Thank you to all those parents who are making sure they listen to their child read. It is so important – we want all our children to be competent readers who enjoy books! We will continue with the current arrangement but will again monitor how it is going after Easter. Thank you for your support – we want to be a school that evolves and grows and supports our families whilst ensuring children make the best progress and your support helps us do just that.

## Eco Top Tip

There are many varieties of paper straws around to buy and re-cycle rather than plastic ones which just go in the bin.

## Reading Clinic

Come along on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January at 9am to find out lots of ways to get your children reading for pleasure. This would be great for parents of 'reluctant' readers, but also parents of avid readers who want to encourage a wider reading of different and exciting materials. Hope to see you there – Mrs Ingram

Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	Parents' Reading Clinic & Coffee Morning 9am
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	KS1 to New Forest Wildlife Centre
Friday 26 Jan	Bake sale – Potter
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	Years 5 & 6 to Winchester Science Centre
6 <sup>th</sup> February	Krafft assembly 3pm
9 <sup>th</sup> February	Break up for half term
19 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>INSET DAY</b>
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Children return to school
23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Bake sale – Faraday
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Faraday assembly 3pm
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Merian Assembly 3pm
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Turing assembly 3pm



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<b>29<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Break up for Easter Bake sale - Krafft
<b>16<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Return to school
<b>27<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Bake sale - Turing
<b>24<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Bake sale - Merian

We try to stick to these dates, however please be aware that there may be occasions when changes are necessary.

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