



End of the school year



There are so many people to thank for their involvement in making this school year a success. We are grateful to our dedicated teachers and support staff, our office staff and also to our lunch ladies and cleaning and caretaking staff. We are also so lucky to have our FoSM volunteers who arrange events in school which our children enjoy at the same time raising money for "extras" which we couldn't afford from our school budget.

Also, we couldn't achieve as much as we do without the support of parents, who help their children at home with reading (as can be seen by the tremendous support for our new reading award scheme), and other activities, and who are so generous in supporting the events in school.

We were delighted to see so many year 2 parents supporting Hampshire Music Service last week and at the Leavers' Assembly today. We'll be sorry to see our Year 2 children leave us, and we wish them all well as they move up to Junior school in September.

We look forward to welcoming our Year 1 & Year 2 children back on Wednesday 6th September. New Year R children will be joining us on 8th September.

We hope all of our families have a fantastic summer break.

Summer Reading Challenge

The Library Summer Reading Challenge is run every summer, and this year the theme is 'Animal Agents'.

The challenge is completely free to sign up to by visiting Aldershot Library. Children will need to read six library books and visit the library regularly over the summer, collecting rewards and stickers along the way.

Please encourage your children to visit the library and sign up and see the difference the Summer Reading Challenge makes to their reading. There is more information at www.animal-agents.org. We will be celebrating and rewarding all children who took part in an assembly at the beginning of the school year.



New member of Staff

We are thrilled to have appointed Mrs Vanessa Shefras as the new ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant) for our school. Mrs Shefras will be working lunchtimes and afternoons from September, supporting children who need some extra help in a variety of ways. Mrs Shefras will also run our lunchtime club, together with Mrs Vicky Gear. A huge thank you to Mrs Gear and Mrs Ng who have been running the lunchtime 'Caterpillar Club' this year.



Volunteer helpers for September

When we come back after the summer break, we'll be reviewing our needs for parent volunteers in school. Luckily many of our current helpers have kindly agreed to



carry on next term, but we do have vacancies for library helpers, and are always grateful for extra help with readers.

If you have some spare time and would like to help, please pass your de-

tails to the school office. All volunteer helpers will need to have a "DBS" police check in place before working with children.

Building Work

Thank you for bearing with us whilst Rocon have been doing extensive work in the school grounds. The project, which is due to take 8 weeks, is as you know, not being funded by the school, but by Hampshire County Council to ensure that the windy path is safe for everyone to use. All being well the path will be open for use on the first day of term in September. I am sure that those of you with younger children in prams or buggies will be most relieved to have the path open again. I have asked whether there are likely to be any delays, and have been told that the only thing that might cause a pause in the construction work is the weather. Let's hope that the weather is kind during the Summer break, for the building work and for us!



Meet The Teacher

It was lovely to see so many parents visiting their child's new classroom after 'Move-Up Afternoon'. There will be a further opportunity to meet your child's new class



teacher on the evening of **Wednesday 13th September**. Y1 parents are invited to come to their child's classroom at 6.00 where the teacher will explain more about the structure of the day in Year 1, and following that there will be a talk in the school hall at 6.20. Y2 parents are invited to come to their child's classroom at 6.30, where again the teacher will talk to parents and there will also be a talk in the school hall afterwards. **This is designed for parents only.**

INSET DAYS

As I'm sure you are aware, schools have to have 5 days during the school year for staff training. On INSET days schools are closed to children but staff attend for training.

Both the Infant and Junior schools have agreed to have:

Monday 4th September
Tuesday 5th September
Thursday 4th January
Monday 19th February
Monday 16th April
 as INSET days.

We have added these to the beginning of existing school holidays to try to make it easier for working parents to arrange child care.