

Honesty **Respect** **Responsibility** **Kindness**



Hello

Happy New Year! Getting back to “normal” after Christmas can be hard, whatever job you do, but our children have returned full of joy and energy which has given all the adults a lift. They have settled back beautifully after their holiday and been so excited to see each other.

Today has been particularly busy as our Key Stage 2 children have had a science day, with a visit from EXON (see below), our Year 4 and a few Year 5 children have been swimming at Applemore, our Key Stage 1 children have been taking the next steps in their computing journey to excellence, and we all had an unexpected fire evacuation (although fortunately no fire).



Science Spectacular

Eddie from EXON demonstrated some inspirational science in a series of interactive sessions for our Key Stage 2 children today. We were impressed by the children's focus and enjoyment and extremely pleased with the way all our children evacuated the building so quickly, sensibly and silently when the fire alarm went off (twice)!



Here's what some of the children thought about their exciting learning.

Evie – Year 6 *My favourite moment was when Indy touched the ball and the electricity created static. Slowly her hair went up... by the end it was all up in the air and looked very dramatic. In fact, Eddie turned Macie into a human battery! My dream when I'm older is to be an engineer.*

Josh – Year 5 *There was a long metal pipe and Eddie put gas in it and then lit it. There was a speaker at each end of the pipe. When Eddie played music, depending on how high the pitch of the music was, the flame rose higher. I'm keen on being a scientist when I'm older.*

Phoebe – Year 3 *I loved becoming a human lightbulb – it made my hands tingle!*

Jude – Year 3 *The electricity ball made Rogue's hair go crazy!!*

Bella – Year 3 *I loved watching the magnets make the cup float!*

Bella – Year 4 *I didn't expect him to shoot a laser at me!! It made a super loud bang.*

Reading, reading, reading



Reading is top priority in our school and Mrs Burt is leading our charge to make every one of our children the best reader they can possibly be. We are on a mission to ensure not one single child leaves our school without being able to read well enough to thrive in secondary school and beyond.

In September, Mrs Burt introduced a highly structured new phonics and reading scheme into Key Stage 1 called Little Wandle. She bought new reading books using the money raised during our sponsored walk to Bucklers Hard last summer and has provided intensive training for staff. The Key Stage 1 team has worked very hard to reorganise books and to embed our new approach.

Mrs Burt and the other Key Stage 1 teachers are so excited by the progress the children have been making. (In fact I can hardly pass them in the corridor without hearing about it!) In addition to their daily phonics lessons, the children have daily "Reading Squad" sessions and there is also a Keep Up programme for children who need a little extra and a Catch Up programme for children who need a lot of extra support.

Last week, Little Wandle was introduced into Key Stage 2 and Miss Bennison and Mrs Lawlor are already delighted with the impact it is having.



The Little Wandle approach relies on the children's reading books being exactly at the right level for them – this boosts their confidence and independence and leads to more rapid progress. There are lots of books Mrs Burt would love to buy to support reading in both our key stages. Of

course, books are expensive but we have no doubt they would make a huge difference to our children's success.

Please watch this space for further fundraising ideas and do talk to Mrs Burt, to your child's teacher, or to me if you would like to know more.

Lucas – Year R *I like reading all the words 'cause I just like words and I like sounds. We learn loads of digraphs and trigraphs (that's 3 letters, one sound like light in the night).*

Ned – Year R *My favourite story is about Ladybug and the bit when they had to stop the bad guys.*

Isabelle – Year R *I really like Reading Squad because I'm really professional at it. The books are exciting and the pictures are really nice.*

Belle – Year R *I like that we learn loads of new sounds and we can blend them and sound out words by ourselves. Our teachers are so proud of us!*

Parking before and after school

Mornings are busy for families. We understand that getting to work and school on time can be highly stressful, especially as young children often have little sense of time and can be uncooperative about getting ready quickly. However, the safety of our children must come first and every member of our school community shares responsibility for this.

In order to keep all our children as safe as possible, it is very important that everyone drives safely and parks sensibly. I have been concerned recently to observe a few parents parking on the yellow zig-zag lines or on the white line opposite the school. The crossing area and the area immediately to the left and right of the opening to the car park should be completely free of cars to maximise sight lines and safety.

I have also noticed one or two parents slowing down outside the school to drop children off (instead of parking and walking). This also reduces safety for all our children.

Of even more concern is a report we have recently received of a parent driving along the pavement into a space before parking half on the road and half on the pavement. This caused a "near miss" for another family who were walking along the pavement at the time.

Please remember:

- **Do not park or stop on the yellow zig-zag lines outside of the school**
- **Do not park on the white line opposite the school entrance**
- **Do not drop your child off from the road (please park safely and walk)**
- **Never drive or park on the pavement**

Many thanks for your support.



Beaulieu Pancake Races

I am delighted to say that our traditional village pancake event will take place on Shrove **Tuesday, 21st February from 2.00 pm.**

Families are warmly welcome to come along and watch or – even better – to take part. The first race will start at 2.00 pm (when the High Street will be closed) and the children will start to assemble at approximately 1.50 pm.

If you haven't attended one of these events before (and we missed a couple due to COVID) they are great fun, if slightly unpredictable... definitely a unique memory! Families and neighbours gather along the pavement on the opposite side of the road from the school and the children stand with their teachers along the pavement outside school.

Families are encouraged to shout, cheer and make as much noise as possible during the races. All the children are encouraged to join in (we race in year groups) but no-one is forced, and occasionally one or two of our youngest children prefer to watch. At the end of the children's races, parents and spectators are invited to take part in the adults' pancake tossing competition. There are also some races between community groups, such as the Montagu Arms, the Beaulieu estate and parents from the school.

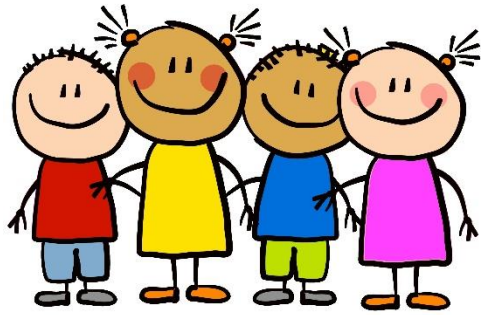
We try to keep going whatever the weather, but we have occasionally had to cancel or foreshorten the event due to heavy rain or (in one memorable year) hailstones!

During the races, parents are asked not to come over to where the children are standing as the teachers need to be able to see all the children clearly to monitor them and keep them safe.

When all the children's and adult's races are complete the teachers will take the children back into school. Please do not come and take your child or talk to their teacher at this point as teachers need to be focused on keeping the children and safe. Teachers will dismiss the children from the classrooms in the usual way.

Pancakes will be served in the village hall immediately after the races, in exchange for a small donation. Please feel welcome to come across as soon as you have collected your child and join in the fun!

You are very welcome to collect your child before the end of school, if the races finish before 3.15 pm. Please come to the school office and bear with us. Our focus will be on dismissing children safely rather than quickly.



Headteacher Stickers

Zoja and Emily – Year R For fantastic concentration and effort every day
Lenny – Year R For beautiful manners
Benny – Year R For excellent name writing
Bethany – Year 1 For using her phonics to help her read independently
Ruben and Charlie – Year 2 and Felix – Year 1 For thoughtful and skilled application of the cross-hatching technique in Art
William – Year 2 For outstanding Art homework
Alexa – Year 2 For impressive progress in reading
Henry – Year 2 For showing great responsibility
Zac – Year 3 For showing great kindness and patience in teaching another child
Rebecca and James – Year 4 For an outstanding presentation in their pupil assembly
Neve, Skylar and Ruby – Year 5 For excellent demonstration and explanation in their pupil assembly
William, Poppy and Lily – Year 5 For effort and mathematical thinking
Daisy – Year 6 For impressive progress in reading
Zach – Year 6 For kindness

Wishing you and your family a relaxing weekend,

Katherine Jones

Headteacher



Diary Dates

Please keep these dates for your diary.

New dates will appear in red

Day/Time	Event	Notes
Monday 13 th – Friday 17 th February	HALF TERM	
Tuesday 21 st February	2.00 pm Pancake Races in the High Street	Families are very welcome to come and watch (or even take part)! We hope to see you there.
Wednesday 15 th March	Parents' Evening	For parents/carers of children in all year groups – details to follow
Wednesday 22 nd March	Parents' Evening	For parents/carers not attending on the 15 th March
Friday 31 st March	Break up for Easter	
Monday 17 th April	Return to school	
Monday 29 th May – Friday 2 nd June	HALF TERM	
Monday 5 th June	INSET day	
Tuesday 20 th June	Sports Day	Whole school picnic followed by traditional races – families welcome. Details to follow
Friday 23 rd June	Sports Day Reserve	In case it rains on the 20 th !
Friday 21 st July	Break up for the summer holiday	

Activity Club

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Beaulieu Village Primary School

Spring 1 Term : 3.15pm – 4.15pm

Monday – Football Boys & Girls Years R-6

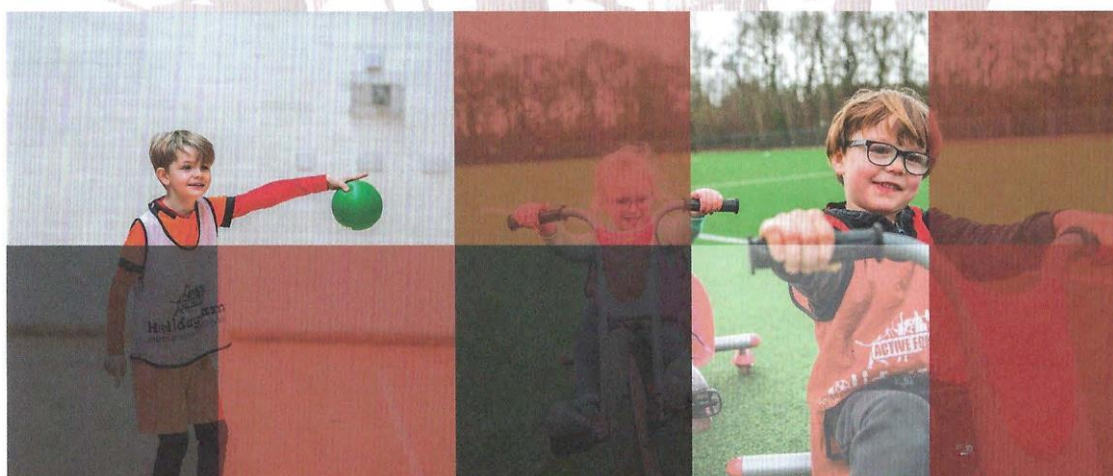
Tuesday – Dodgeball years R-6

Wednesday – Arts & Crafts/Lego Years R - 6

Thursday – Multi-Sports Years R - 6

Friday – Team Games R - 6

For more details or to book go to our website



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