

William Gilpin CE VA Primary School

Newsletter 26-02-16

Welcome Back

Welcome back to what is promising to be a short but packed half term. The weather has been cold and crisp this week but we are delighted to be able to get the children outside for playtimes. Please make sure children who wish to play on the field at lunchtime have a change of clothes that you are happy for them to get dirty.

Topics

The children are already well into their topics. Class 1 will be studying 'All Creatures Great and Small' this half term and this week are finding out about pets. There has been a steady stream of furry visitors to ensure they have first hand experience! Class 2 are starting their 'Katie Morag' topic which will focus on the geographical, communication and transport aspects of living on an island. In Class 3 the Anglo-Saxons will be their focus this half term and in Class 4 the Mission to Mars topic will cover a range of aspects of life in space. They will once again benefit from the expert knowledge of Mr Rogers - the astronomy teacher from Priestlands.

The School Council met with representatives from HC3S - Hampshire Caterers this week. They shared their thoughts on current school meals and the new Summer menu. They also discussed the possibility of starting a snack trolley.

FroWGS met just before the half term holiday and elected Dan Clark as Chair person. They have a number of events already lined up. Please see the important dates for information about meetings and cake sales. In addition a disco is planned for Wednesday 16th March - further details to follow. There will also be a second hand uniform sale on Friday 18th March. Donations of good quality uniform for resale would be gratefully received.

A Gold Run

We are very proud of our cross country team who represented us at a New Forest Schools competition at Gang Warily Recreation Centre on Wednesday afternoon.

The children had trained hard and all of the runners were a credit to the school. The stars of the afternoon were the Year 3/4 girls team (Emma, Alesha and Olivia) who put in a stunning performance and came home with gold medals and the first place trophy.



Rugby Tots

We are very pleased that enough of the children have signed up to take part in Rugby on Wednesday after school. The club will start on Wednesday 2nd March — KS1 3.00 - 3.40pm and KS2 3.40 - 4.40pm. The cost of the club up to Easter is £14.00. Cheques should be payable to Rugby Tots.

Focus Christian Value
Forgiveness



Important Dates:

February

- Fri 26th** Class 3 Worship 2:40pm
Class 3 Cake Sale 3:10pm
- Mon 29th** Class 4 Trip to the Planetarium

March

- Wed 2nd** Celebration Worship
- Fri 4th** Class 2 Worship 2:40pm
FRoWGS Fete Meeting 2pm
- Wed 9th** Family Worship
- Thurs 10th** Reports home
- Fri 11th** Class 4 Worship 2:40pm
- Wed 16th** Celebration Worship
School Disco
- Fri 18th** Sport Relief day
Class 1 Worship 2:40pm
Class 1 Cake Sale 3:10pm
Second Hand Uniform Sale
- Tues 22nd** Class 3 Listen to Me
Concert 1:30pm
- Thurs 24th** Service at St Johns Boldre at 9:00am
END OF TERM ~ 3:10pm

Summer Term starts
Monday 11th April

Question of the week...?

What would you be prepared to sacrifice to achieve something you really wanted?



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'The greatest oak was once an acorn that held its ground'.

Forgiveness, Kindness, Belief

Priestlands' Easter Activities

First Forest Footsteps

It's Spring in the New Forest, and the young animals are taking their first footsteps into the wide world. Learn all about this exciting time of year in the forest with **Sue Palma**, the **New Forest National Park's** Education Officer. Craft activities and scavenger hunts inside and outside.

Wednesday 30th March 10.00am – 12.00noon

£3 a child. Fun for the whole family.

Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

Jewellery and Accessory Workshop

Necklaces, bracelets, hairbands! Try your hand at making your own jewellery and much more.

Wednesday 30th March, 10.15am – 12.15pm

£5 a child or £10 for a family

For ages 7 and above. (Younger children welcome if accompanied by an adult).

Beginners Acoustic Guitar Workshop

Come along to this workshop run by our talented guitar tutor Joe Dunwoody. Joe will teach some basics of guitar-playing using our school guitars. No experience necessary.

Thursday 31st March, 10.00am – 12.00noon

£5.00 per child £10 a family.

For ages 9 and above.

Spring Arts Drop in

This Spring workshop provides all the materials to let your artistic imagination run riot. Fun for all the family.

Thursday 31st March, 10.00am – 12.00noon £5 a child or £10 for a family For ages 7 and above. (Younger children welcome if accompanied by an adult).

May the Force Be With You

Come along and enjoy a morning making your own light sabre or death star amongst many other activities.

Friday 1st April, 10.00am – 12.00noon

£5 a person, £10 for a family. For ages 7 and above. (Younger children welcome if accompanied by an adult).

To book please call on 01590 613478 or email gillian.hastelow@priestlands.hants.sch.uk

For further details see the poster on the playground notice board.

Other Dates:

April

Thurs 21st FroWGS Meeting 7:30pm

May

W.b 9th Year 6 SATs week

Sat 21st Summer Fete 11am-3pm

W.b 23rd Curriculum Week - Africa

W.b 30th Half Term

June

Fri 24th Yr 6 Leavers Service - Winchester Cathedral

July

Weds 20th **END OF TERM ~ 3:10pm**

Please look at the complete Diary dates sheet for a full list of events.

Diary dates can also be found on the school website.

Importance of good hygiene

There has been a few cases of children suffering from worms in school. We will remind children of the importance of washing their hands after using the toilet and before eating and would be grateful if you could reinforce this message at home too.

Science and Engineering Day

Southampton University are holding a Science and Engineering Day on Saturday 12th March. This event is aimed at the general public but especially children and is completely free if you register online! Again please see the poster for further information or visit their website: www.soton.ac.uk/scienceweek

