

# William Gilpin CE VA Primary School

## Newsletter 22-01-16

### This Week...

What a cold, chilly week it has been. We have been insisting the children put coats on at breaktimes and as it has been drier we are reintroducing the use of the field at lunchtimes. Please make sure children have trainers or wellies and a change of clothes if they wish to use the field at this time.

### RSPB Birdwatch

Next week the children will be taking part in the RSPB annual Big Schools' Birdwatch by identifying and counting the birds they can see in the school grounds. If you would like to be involved at home, why not take part in the annual Big Garden Birdwatch and contribute to the world's biggest bird survey! Count the birds in your garden or local park for an hour, over the weekend of 30-31 January, 2016 and provide a vital snapshot of UK birdlife. More details can be found on the RSPB website.

### The New National Curriculum What does it mean for our children?

Some of you will be aware that a new National Curriculum came into force as of September 2015. Along with this there were a number of changes made to the ways schools are asked to assess pupils including the statutory testing for children at 7 and 11 (end of Year 2 and Year 6). Much of the information about this has been very slow to be released but we now feel in a position to share with you what we know so far, and the implications of this for the children and the way we assess and report attainment and progress.

There will be two opportunities to find out more about the new curriculum on Tuesday 9th February - you could join us for coffee in the morning straight after drop off at 9am or in the evening at 7pm. It is anticipated that these sessions will last about 45 mins.

Having accosted a good number of you in the playground on Tuesday to canvas opinions, we hope that the planned arrangements will allow as many of you as possible to attend one of these sessions. A letter will be sent out next week for you to indicate which session you would like to attend.

### Chris Lubbe Visit

Chris Lubbe, who now lives in Fareham, was one of 24 bodyguards who had the responsibility of protecting Nelson Mandela between 1990 and 1998. We are very lucky that he will be in school on Tuesday 26th January to talk to the children in KS2 about his experiences with a focus on our core value of forgiveness. **We would also like to open this to any parents who would be interested in hearing Chris speak ~ you are most welcome to join us from 1:30pm.**



Focus Christian Value  
Forgiveness



### Important Dates:

#### January

**Tues 26th** Talk from Chris Lubbe  
1:30pm

**Weds 27th** Celebration Worship

#### February

**Weds 3rd** Family Worship  
Curriculum Evening 7~8pm

**Thurs 4th** Open Classrooms 3:15 –  
4pm

**Fri 5th** Class 2 Trip to  
Southampton Sea City  
Museum

#### Week Beginning 8th February

Anti-bullying Week

**Tues 9th** Curriculum Events  
9am /7pm

**Tues 9th** Community Pancake  
Races - First race 2.30pm

**Fri 12th** KS2 Cluster Rugby at  
Burley

#### HALF TERM ~ 15th - 19th Feb

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

Diary dates can also be found on the school website.

### Question of the week...?

What are the things that you like best about yourself and why?



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

**Forgiveness, Kindness, Belief**

## Internet Safety

We are increasingly aware in school of how much our pupils use the internet to connect with others ~ snap chat, Instagram, online gaming ~ to name a few. We know that the vast majority of parents are aware of which applications their children are using but are you fully aware of what they are posting? Are you sure that the privacy settings and security settings are adequate?

As part of our anti-bullying week we will focus on appropriate use of these sorts of forum. PCSO Kelly Cole and Stuart Readhead are going to talk to the KS2 children and will also provide a parents on-line safety presentation after school (3:10pm) on Thursday 11th February. We will provide care for school aged children in a classroom for those wishing to attend.



## A Job in Teaching?

South Coast SCITT (School Centered Initial Teacher Training) based at Bransgore Primary School are holding an Open Event which is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 27th January 2016 at 5:00pm. For further details see the poster in the office or email them at: [info@scscitt.co.uk](mailto:info@scscitt.co.uk)

There are also a number of recruitment fairs planned by Hampshire County Council throughout January and February.

## Children's toys and books to the Philippines

If you have children's reading books, toys or sports equipment that are in good condition that you would like to donate to the children of the Philippines then please drop them into the school office by the 12th February so that Timoka and her family can take them with them when they return.



## Other Dates:

Weds 24th Family Worship  
Fri 26th Class 3 Worship 2:40pm  
Mon 29th Class 4 Trip to the Planetarium

## March

Weds 2nd Celebration Worship  
Fri 4th Class 2 Worship 2:40pm  
Weds 9th Family Worship  
Thurs 10th Reports home  
Fri 11th Class 4 Worship 2:40pm  
Weds 16th Celebration Worship  
Fri 18th Sport Relief day  
Class 1 Worship 2:40pm  
Thurs 24th Service at St Johns Boldre at **9:00am**  
**END OF TERM ~ 3:10pm**

## Eco Bags of Fundraising!

A reminder that the Eco kids bags need to be returned to school next week, ideally Wednesday, for collection on Thursday 28th.

Don't forget we get paid up to £500 for every tonne of unwanted good quality clothing! Please make use of this opportunity to recycle unwanted goods. The more bags you collect the more we will raise.

## Outstanding Accounts

As it's nearing the end of the financial year, we would be very grateful if you could settle any outstanding accounts by the end of term please. Do ask in the office if you're not sure whether you have any monies owing. Thank you.

