

# Netley Abbey Junior School

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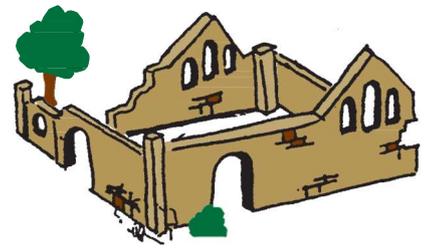
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## Newsletter 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2019

I hope you had a lovely Easter break, everyone at Netley Abbey Junior School has certainly returned to school feeling refreshed and enthusiastic to learn.

Year 5 children started their swimming lessons at The Hamble School last week and will continue to enjoy these weekly sessions until July. Some of our pupils in Year 5 also took part in their Bikeability training. At the end of the training sessions each child was assessed and awarded either a Level 1 or Level 2 certificate.

This week we had 2 groups of Year 4 pupils attend Minstead Study Centre. The trip consisted of a 2 night stay in the New Forest, where they explored the outdoors and found out more about nature. The children had a wonderful time and thank you to the staff involved for making this such an enjoyable experience.

This year, to celebrate the 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday of Sir David Attenborough, we are joining lots of other schools taking part in the 'Plastic Free Day' on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May. We are asking that children who have a packed lunch at school, to use as little as possible single-use plastic packaging. On the day, there will be a House Competition, where children will earn house points if they have used minimal single-use packaging.

Thank you in advance for supporting this event.

## Water Bottles - Drink to Think!

Please ensure your child brings in a named water bottle to school every day. This is especially important during the summer months. Drinking water throughout the day keeps children hydrated which in turn increases brain activity. It also prevents headaches. Children are encouraged to refill their bottles during the school day.

Thank you for your co-operation.

## Year 5 Swimming - Reminder

Please can we ask that **NO JEWELLERY** is taken into the pool area. It would be sensible to leave earrings and watches at home for the day.

Thank you.

## Eco Warriors

In November we welcomed the School Energy Project to the school to deliver an assembly to look at the many ways that we can all save energy and water. As part of their visit, they handed out a family activity sheet which we asked children to complete with you at home.

*'Congratulations on your school's superb effort in the Schools Energy Project Activity Sheet Competition! I am delighted to tell you that your school has won the Runner-Up prize, having collected Activity Sheets from 15% of your pupils - an excellent result! The prize you have won is a plug-in power monitor which will be really useful for energy monitoring, eco-group activities or science classes.'* From The Schools Energy Project.

Thank you!

**Don't forget 'Plastic Free Day' on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May**

### **Pupil Voice**

This section is written by groups of children within our school and the following report is about Bikeability Week.

### **Bikeability**

Last week, Year 5 children were able to experience riding their bikes on the roads with professional tutors. We learned how to perform all types of turns such as; u turns, right turns and left turns. We also learned different positions of how to ride our bikes; block position, pedal ready position and normal position. Throughout all the sessions, the Year 5 pupils focused and learnt so much about riding their bikes safely on the road.

At the end of the week the children were awarded with either a level 1 or 2 certificate and badge to celebrate their success.

By Kaci and Evie (Year 5)

### **Special Mentions**

Over the last few weeks our school value has focused on 'reflectiveness'. Congratulations to the following children who were all awarded a Special Mention.

Josh (Crescent)

Craig (Denzil)

Ben (Heath)

Tamara (Wykeham)

Luke (Priory)

Jay (Grange)

Ollie (Heath)

Lylee (Westwood)

Camron (Crescent)

Eloise (Priory)

Xing (Moore)

Reuben (Sellwood)

Charlie (Castle)

Lexie (Westwood)

Lyla (Moore)

Daisie (Beach)

Esme (Denzil)

Matthew (Wykeham)

Bobbie-Mae (Sellwood)

Hollie (Grange)

Alexandra (Seaview)

Edward (Beach)

### **Attendance Matters!**

As we are now in the final term of this academic school year we would like to remind you all that at Netley Abbey Junior School, if a child is to reach their full educational achievement, then a high level of school attendance is essential. At Netley Abbey Junior School we try to work hard, in partnership with parents, to ensure that good attendance to school remains the priority of all involved in a child's education.

Whole School Attendance is currently 96.76%

Attendance by Year Group;

Year 3 is 96.89%

Year 4 is 96.99%

Year 5 is 96.78%

Year 6 is 96.35%

The class with the highest attendance to date is still Westwood with an attendance of 97.63%.

Well done again!

### Attendance and Punctuality

We would like to remind all parents that Hampshire County Council's policy on attendance and punctuality remains unchanged and legal action could be taken for the following:-

- If a child has unauthorised absence for 10 or more half-day sessions in any 10 school week period.
- If a child is continually late to school and this lateness is unauthorised for 10 or more sessions in any 10 school week period.
- If a child has any unauthorised absence during any formal examinations, assessment or testing.
- A child who is continually late can have their marks recorded as unauthorised and any absence which is subsequently deemed to be untruthful can also be unauthorised.

All leave of absence must be requested in advance on the County's leave of absence form, which is available from the school office. Leave will only be granted in 'exceptional circumstances'.

Thank you.

### Reporting absences

If your child is unable to attend school please phone the school as early as possible and either speak to a member of the office staff or leave a message on the absence mailbox. The mailbox is available 24 hours a day. You should call in each morning that your child is absent not just on the first day unless it is otherwise agreed with a member of the office staff and leave a reason for absence.

Thank you.

### Lateness - Reminder

Please note that the gates open at 8.30am and the doors open at 8.40am for the children to come inside and settle down ready for learning to commence at 8.50am. There has been an increase in the number of children arriving at school at 8.50am or after, when they should already be in their class.

Thank you.

### School Dinner Menu

A copy of the latest lunch menu can be found on our website:

[http://netleyabbey-jun.hants.sch.uk/our\\_school/letters/whole-school-letters/](http://netleyabbey-jun.hants.sch.uk/our_school/letters/whole-school-letters/)

### Special Diets - School Menu

HC3S can provide special diets for pupils with allergies who want to have a school meal, but medical evidence confirming the child's allergy is required, for example a letter from a GP or consultant paediatrician. If your child has a special dietary requirement, please contact the School Office.

### Allergies Reminder - School Dinners and Snacks

Can we please remind all parents that we have children in school with the following allergies:-

#### **Nuts, sesame and legumes**

These allergies can be triggered from indirect contact i.e. touching areas where the products have been.

**Please consider carefully when providing your child with a snack or a packed lunch.**

The following foods should **NOT** be brought into school:

- **sesame topped buns, seeded bread and humous**
- **nut based products (i.e. chocolate spreads with nut products, cereal bars and cakes containing nuts)**
- **peas, broad beans, lentils, chickpeas, French beans, butter beans, haricot beans, kidney beans, sugar snap peas, pulses, soybeans and soya.**

The health and safety of all children in school is a high priority and trust that you will support the school to ensure that it is a safe environment for all and thank you in advance for your co-operation.

## Sports News

### Fair Oak Cross Country at Fair Oak Junior School - 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2019

Fair Oak Cross Country is always a great event for our budding running teams, and in true fashion it rained!

The event is organised as a team relay with each runner completing one lap before passing the baton.

The lower school teams raced exceptionally well and both secured 21<sup>st</sup> place. I must mention that this impressive as both the lower school teams were made up of Year 3 runners, racing mostly

against Year 4's.

We had a good turnout for the upper school events, having almost enough runners to have entered multiple teams. Fortunately, this event lends itself to have more than one child running the third leg of the relay, so no-one had to miss out. The boys finished in 23<sup>rd</sup> position with the girls again sprinting into 7<sup>th</sup>!

Great determination and motivation was shown by all, a great way to finish the season.

The Teams:

Lower School Girls - Matilda, Molly, Jessica and Bella.

Lower School Boys - Archie, Charlie, Austen, Rory and Joseph.

Upper School Girls - Saffi, Lexie, Milly, Sienna, Sasha and Madison.

Upper Boys - Ollie, Dylan, Harrison, Reggie and Joshua.

### Sports Competitions and Fixtures

It was with much regret that we had to withdraw the two teams entered into the Tag Rugby event on the 30<sup>th</sup> April, which was to be held at Wildern School. I appreciate that sometimes we aren't always able to give you as much notice as we would like to (mostly out of our hands), however the lack of support and interest from the children has reduced significantly. Noticeably more from Year 4 and 6 and by the girls in general.

I have noticed that a trend is beginning to form between our cohorts and regardless of the reward trip incentive being offered - this was initiated last year to boost and encourage numbers. Each term it is becoming increasingly more difficult to get the interest and commitment to secure a team. This sadly has resulted in much disappointment with the children and multiple unnecessary hours being spent chasing unreturned letters and withdrawing from events.

If every parent could encourage their children to consider regularly attending a free school run club and/or playing in a team at least once every year, this would massively improve the number and success of our teams.

May I please take this opportunity to thank all parents who have supported the school teams so far this year.

Mrs K Kenway - PE Specialist

### Useful Website Links

School website: <http://netleyabbey-jun.hants.sch.uk/>

Tucasi (on-line payments): <http://www.scopay.com/netleyabbey-jun>

mySchoolApp: <https://myschoolapp.co.uk/parents-page/>

### Letters Home

Please note that letters home to parents are put on our school website. Should you need to refer to any letters, please check the website first on [www.netleyabbey-jun.hants.sch.uk](http://www.netleyabbey-jun.hants.sch.uk)

Thank you.

## **Dates for Your Diary**

Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	- Plastic Free Day
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	- Year 5 Swimming
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	- SATs Week for Year 6 (including Breakfast Club at 8.15am)
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	- Year 5 Swimming
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	- Walk to School Week
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	- Year 5 Trip to Winchester Cathedral
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May 2019	- Happy Shoesday
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2019	- Class & Group Photos
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2019	- Year 5 Swimming
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	- Break up for Half Term at 3.20pm
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2019	- Back to school
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	- Year 5 Swimming
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	- Summer Music Concert at 6pm
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	- Year 5 Swimming
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	- Father's Day Shop at 3.20pm
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	- Year 5 Swimming
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June 2019	- Summer Fayre at 12pm
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	- Year 5 Swimming
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	- New Year 3 Parent Meeting at 7pm
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	- Inset Day
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2019	- Inset Day
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	- Year 5 Swimming
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	- Transition Day
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	- Transition Day
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	- Year 6 Leavers Play at 6pm
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	- Year 6 Leavers Play at 9.30am
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	- Parent Drop In Evening at 3.30pm
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2019	- Golden Day
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2019	- Break up for the Summer Holidays at 1.15pm (Early Finish)

## **Advance Inset Days and Early Closures 2019**

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2019 - Inset Day  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019 - Inset Day  
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2019 - Early Finish at 1.15pm

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