ISSUE 17 Monday 16th January 2017

ad sciurus

THE SQUIRREL

Whole School Attendance
since 5th September 2016:
97.58%

On Friday I went to visit **Cowes Enterprise College** to meet up with some of our children who left us in July last year. It was such a privilege to be invited in to the school and see how our children are doing (I think some of them were a little embarrassed – it was a bit like having their Mum come in to see them!) I had chats with lots of children and saw them working in class. How quickly they appear to have grown up with all the extra independence and responsibilities. Many asked why I was there and I explained to them that we never stop caring about them, and want to check in to see that they are doing ok. I have always asked for the secondary school to pass on information of where our children go, which universities, apprenticeships, jobs, but unfortunately this has never happened. If you do have children at secondary school please let us know what they are doing. It is so lovely hearing about their successes and all we do here is to give them their foundation to grow in to great adults. It would be nice to know that it worked!

Last week in school the **BBC** came and spent some time in Year 3 and met a few of our Year 3 parents to talk through a **gender-neutral environment**. What does this mean? It means looking at our environment and ensuring that we have equal opportunities for all our children to access all areas if they so wish. It is to give them the mindset that whatever job they wish to pursue is the right job for them, regardless of whether it has traditionally been a girl or boy job. It is to help us provide an environment where stereotypes are challenged and opportunities are given. It has made me think about our girls and boys toilets being pink and blue, and also having separate boys and girls football teams and ensuring that our environment allows girls and boys to feel comfortable in the choices that they make, so I am very interested in what this research could bring to our school.

LEAF: Andrea held her first meeting of the year and we had two lovely parents join us. It would be really nice if we had a few more! We have got lots of great things planned including a quiz night, pancake races, a disco and of course the summer celebration, which I am hoping will be an Indian Street Market this year! The minutes are shared through email, the website and social media and **if you can help** in any way just let Andrea know. I know she would be really appreciative.

Talking about help: **Global Rock**. As you are aware we have the most children we have ever had taking part this year and Chloe is in the Art Room throughout the week making costumes, painting sets, gluing and sticking. She has been really pleased that a few parents have been in to help, two of whom help although their children are not even in Global Rock! However, she could do with lots more **help.** It is only four weeks on Friday! Rehearsals for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday are for all cast and crew as we only have four weeks to go. Have I mentioned we only have four weeks to go? And we still have lots of things to do! A letter will be coming out this week with the arrangements for the day. Sue has now booked the tickets, so if any more are needed you must phone the Box Office directly on 02380 632601.

This week in school we welcome eight pupils from Cowes Enterprise College who are completing their **work experience** week here. We have aspiring teachers, sports coaches, actors and theatre producers. It is lovely that we are able to offer these opportunities and I hope that they enjoy being with us.

The theme this week in school is **safety**, and it began with Nicky Metcalf from Sustrans talking to the children this morning about being safe whilst walking, cycling and scooting to and from school. We did explain to the children that they have to be very aware of the dangerous actions of drivers around the school; the parking and turning around in tight spaces and mounting pavements are all hazards to them. This was followed by the Fire and Rescue Schools Officer, Jason Clabon, talking to Years 2 and 5 about the fire brigade and keeping safe. Lisa Gray from Hampshire Police is visiting Year R this afternoon. Year R are also visiting the Lifeboat Station on Wednesday, so it is only the ambulance service now that we need to arrange to come and visit us. If any of our lovely families work for the **ambulance service** and could pop in, that would be even better! Finally, continuing our safety theme this week we have Mr Randini in with his magic show on road safety too. This has been supported by the 'Isle Drive Safe – Remember Evey' campaign, of which we are very appreciative.

Also this week we have a visit from the IOW Red Squirrel Trust, Year 6 are going to the Isle of Wight College, Mr Cooper is taking a group of children to a cricket tournament on Wednesday and we have our PLASC (census) day on Thursday with a **MENU CHANGE.** We do need lots and lots of children to take up the special menu on Thursday, I am going to book my fish fingers and chips, and cookie with hot chocolate and cream! It is swimming for Year 3, week 2, on Friday.

Finally, we have some **goodbyes** to say this week. **Katie Williamson**, our receptionist, has a new job at Cowes Dental Practice and will be leaving us on Friday. We wish her well in her new job. **Jess Greenen**, who has been supporting Carrie in Finance and HR has also got a new job and will also be leaving us on Friday to join the team at Liz Earle. We also wish her well in her new role. So as we say goodbye, we also **welcome** some new changes. **Cloe Denham** will be our front of house welcomer. **Emily Pound** will move from the main office to the Finance Department, **Emily Pilsworth** will join us to support 1-1 with some of our children and an advert has gone out on the HTP website for an office apprentice. You may have also noticed an advert in the County Press for some teachers in Key Stage 2 as we begin to make preparations for later in the year.

I am sad that the snow did not come as I really wanted to make a snowman, but maybe before the cold season ends we will get a day to play in the snow… Have a good week.

Caroline Sice

FOR YOU

Reminder:
DEVELOPMENT DAYS 2016-17:
Monday 5th June
Tuesday 6th June
Wednesday 7th June
Thursday 8th June
Friday 9th June

MENU CHANGE!
Thursday 19th January
£2.15
Fish Fingers and Chips or
Quorn Hot Dog
Corn on the Cob, Beans or Peas
and Coleslaw
Followed by:
Cookie and Hot Chocolate with
Cream on Top!
Yum Yum!

Attendance – Incentive Scheme Results

100%:
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (£5)

Most Improved:
The Magic Finger (£5)

Above school target of 97.65%:
The Enormous Crocodile, The Giraffe, The Pelly & Me, Going Solo, The Twits, Matilda, George's Marvellous Medicine and Danny, Champion of the World (all £1)

Star Awards Year 2 Ms Coppen

Explorer Award	Sophie Buggs
Teach-ability	Penny Grove

Star Awards Year 2 Miss McQueen

Team-ability	Olivia
Pride-ability	Ellis Hanks-Marinelli

Star Awards Year 2 Miss Poulton

'More Tennyson'	Kai Potter
'More Tennyson'	Michael Tindall

Star Awards Year 4 Mrs Evans

Star Work	Olivia St John
Change-ability	Elliott Carr
Team-ability	Kacie Moore

Star Awards Year 4 Miss Harrison

Star Work	Shanice Harrison
Maths	Alex McMahon
Stick-ability	Esme Burns

Star Awards Year 4 Miss Barton

'More Dog'	Joshua Hoare
Maths	Lewis Hall
Maths	Lola Murray

Star Awards Year 6 Mr Evans

'More Dog'	Elizabeth Parr
Maths	Harry Hall

Lunchtime Awards

Olivia Arnold	Jack Rawe
Alfie Hough	Cadence Wilson
Lacey Wolton	Brandon Ford
Alex Freeman	

Star Awards Year 6 Mrs Proctor

Team-ability	April Parkman
Team-ability	Darcy McBride

Lillie Newson
Lillie made this incredible wooden lion and wrote about it – well done Lillie. Amazing woodwork skills!

Gymnastics Awards

Bella Cundall
Ruby Cass
Eli Pedder
Flynn Baker-Rundle
Evelyn St John
Grace Parker
Kara Duff
Chloe Williams
Yazmin Brock
Cloe McDonough
Elayeha Jones

Year R Lifeboat Trip – Wednesday 18th January
Please make sure your child has a warm/waterproof coat, and hat and gloves if it is cold. Please arrive at school as close to **8.25am** as possible. Please note: children do NOT need snacks or back-packs! Thank you.

Millie-Anne Collett
'Just Dance' Millie was awarded 5th place in pairs and 2nd place in slow dance. Fantastic! Well done Millie!

PLEASE pay for school lunches, trips, uniform etc **online** whenever possible! We don't have change at the office so please avoid using cash. Alternatively you may pay at the office using your debit or credit card, or cheque.

Attendance week ending 13th January 2017

Esio Trot	97.6%
The Giraffe, the Pelly & Me	98.4%
The Magic Finger	97.1%
The Twits	97.7%
James & the Giant Peach	94.0%
George's Marvellous Medicine	98.0%
The Enormous Crocodile	98.0%
Charlie Chocolate	100%
Charlie Glass Elevator	97.3%
The BFG	96.0%
Matilda	97.7%
The Witches	97.0%
Danny, Champion of the World	98.8%
Going Solo	98.8%
Boy: Tales of Childhood	96.3%
Whole school	**97.5%**

DATES

Spring Term 2017: 'Made on the Isle of Wight'

January 2017:

Whole School Spring Term Topic:
'Made On The Isle of Wight'

Mon 16th	Year 2 parents invited to lunch all week, £2.95, please book
Mon 16th	Sustrans assembly 8.45am
Mon 16th	Years 2 and 5 Fire Service visit
Mon 16th	Hampshire Police visiting Year R
Mon 16th	SNAG meeting 2pm – please come along if you can
Tue 17th	Fire Drill 2.00pm
Tue 17th	IOW Red Squirrel Trust – class talks
Tue 17th	IOW Red Squirrel Trust – class talks
Wed 18th	Year 6 students to IW College for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths)
Thu 19th	Full Governing Body meeting
Fri 20th	Celebration Assembly Yrs 1, 3 & 5 @ 8.45am
Fri 20th	Year 3 swimming week 2
Mon 23rd	Year 3 parents invited to lunch all week, £2.95, please book at the office
Wed 25th	Year 6 to IW College (STEM)
Wed 25th	Money Group Governors 6.15pm
Thu 26th	Pupil Council Mr Cooper 8.40am
Fri 27th	Celebration Assembly Yrs 2, 4 & 6 @ 8.45am
Fri 27th	Year 3 swimming week 3
Mon 30th	Year 4 parents invited to lunch all week, £2.95, please book at the office
Mon 30th	Cake Sale after school – proceeds towards a new minibus!

February

Wed 1st	Authors Abroad Cowes Primary Years 5 & 6
Wed 1st	Parent Forum Meeting 2.00pm
Fri 3rd	Celebration Assembly Yrs 1, 3 & 5 @ 8.45am
Fri 3rd	Year 3 swimming week 4
Fri 3rd	Life in the Estuary workshop @ Medina Valley Centre
Mon 6th	Year 5 parents invited to lunch all week, £2.95, please book at the office
Mon 6th	Reverend Amanda assembly 8.45am
Mon 6th	Year 5-6 basketball @ CEC
Tue 7th	Footprint Trust assembly 8.45am
Tue 7th	Mike Fleetham in school
Wed 8th	Footprint Trust assembly 8.45am
Thu 9th	Pupil Council 8.40am Mr Cooper
Thu 9th	Year 1 parent meeting – phonics – 6pm
Fri 10th	Celebration Assembly Yrs 2, 4 & 6 @ 8.45am
Fri 10th	Year 3 swimming week 5
Fri 10th	Clubs finish
Mon 13th	Year 6 parents invited to lunch all week, £2.95, please book at the office
Mon 13th	Sustrans assembly 8.45am
Mon 13th	Members Meeting
Thu 16th	Full Governing Body Meeting

February cont…

Fri 17th	Celebration Assembly Yrs 1, 3 & 5 @ 8.45am
Fri 17th	Year 3 swimming week 6
Fri 17th	GLOBAL ROCK CHALLENGE!
Fri 17th	**BREAK UP**
Mon 27th	**School Open**
Mon 27th	Year R parents invited to lunch all week, £2.95, please book at the office
Tue 28th	Shrove Tuesday – Pancake Races!

March

Wed 1st	Money Group Meeting
Thu 2nd	Pupil Council 8.40am Mr Cooper
Fri 3rd	Celebration Assembly Yrs 2, 4 & 6 @ 8.45am
Fri 3rd	Year 3 swimming week 7
Fri 3rd	School Disco! KS1 4.30pm-5.45pm KS2 6.00pm-7.15pm
Mon 6th	Year 1 parents invited to lunch all week, £2.95, please book at the office
Mon 6th	Reverend Amanda assembly 8.45am
Tue 7th	BAR visit Portsmouth – Year 6
Fri 10th	Celebration Assembly Yrs 1, 3 & 5 @ 8.45am
Fri 10th	Year 3 swimming week 8
Mon 13th	Year 2 parents invited to lunch all week, £2.95, please book at the office
Mon 13th	NSPCC assemblies (KS1 & KS2 separate)
Mon 13th	NSPCC workshop Years 5&6
Tue 14th	Mike Fleetham in all day
Thu 16th	Pupil Council 8.40am Mr Cooper
Thu 16th	Fire Drill 10.30am
Thu 16th	AEN Coffee Afternoon 2.00pm
Fri 17th	Celebration Assembly Yrs 2, 4 & 6 @ 8.45am
Fri 17th	Year 3 swimming week 9
Mon 20th	'The Big Pedal' until 31st March
Mon 20th	Year 3 parents invited to lunch all week, £2.95, please book at the office
Wed 22nd	Parent Forum meeting 9.00am
Thu 23rd	Full Governing Body Meeting 6.15pm
Fri 24th	Celebration Assembly Yrs 1, 3 & 5 @ 8.45am
Fri 24th	Year 3 swimming week 10
Mon 27th	Year 4 parents invited to lunch all week, £2.95, please book at the office
Wed 29th	Whole School Celebration Day
Thu 30th	Pupil Council 8.40am Mr Cooper
Fri 31st	Celebration Assembly Yrs 2, 4 & 6 @ 8.45am

April

Mon 3rd	Reverend Amanda assembly 8.45am
Mon 3rd	Year 5+6 parents invited to lunch all week
Fri 7th	Celebration Assembly Yrs 1, 3 & 5 @ 8.45am
Fri 7th	END OF TERM