

NEWSLETTER

23RD FEBRUARY 2024



Football News

Well done to the Year 5 & 6 football team, who played their first game of the year against Harrison Primary School recently. It was a great game, with plenty of great skill on show, in front of a large audience. The final score was Wickham 2 - 5 Harrison.



Sandwich Making



Kingfishers, Otters and Badgers classes worked hard last half term to become experts in sandwich making! They learnt about a famous sandwich maker, called Max Halley, who insists that the best sandwiches should have elements that are hot, cold, sour, soft, sweet and crunchy. The children designed and planned their shopping list for their extravagant snacks, before making and tasting them. Some ingredients made for some pretty interesting taste combinations! Thank you very much to our army of volunteers, for making this activity possible.

Robottle Competition



Over half term, the children were challenged by the worship ambassadors to create a 'robottle', made of reused materials. The ambassadors were blown away by the number of entries and the fantastic materials used - a huge well done to all who entered and to the two winners:

KS1 - Evan in Water Voles Class

KS2 - Noah in Herons Class

Would you like to know more about anxiety in children?

We were pleased to see a number of families attend our mental health coffee morning last term. Following its success, Mrs Woods and Mrs Palmer have invited CAMHS Mental Health and Support Team to run an 'anxiety in children' workshop on the 21st March at 9.00am. We will be thinking about what anxiety is, how it develops and when it becomes a problem. We will also look at the factors that keep anxiety going and what we can do as parents and carers to help and support our anxious child. If you would like to book a space, please complete the <u>Google Form</u>.

Parent Webinar



Please find attached the details for a parents webinar about child exploitation (county lines) on 21st March 2024, 7pm – 8.30pm, run by Ivison (formally PACE – Parents against child exploitation). This

is the first of two workshops and is for both parents and their children. The date of the second webinar will be announced in due course.

Food Bank & Pantry



The Meon Valley Food Bank is offering a food parcel to cover the five lunches per week for each qualifying child during the Easter break. The parcel will include pasta and a pasta sauce, hot dogs/meat balls, crisps, snack bars, baked beans, tinned fruit, custard/rice pudding.

Referrals need to come via the school and we therefore ask you to complete the <u>Google Form</u> to request a referral by **Friday March 9**th.

A member of the food bank team will then contact each family to arrange collection of the food parcel from Wickham Community Centre, either on a Monday between 10am and noon or Tuesday between 10 and 1pm.

We also currently have a number of vouchers for Wickham Pantry. Please contact the school office if you would like to request some.

School Car Park

The school car park is becoming increasingly busy with vehicles at the end of the school day and there have been a number of near misses between cars and pedestrians. For this reason, the school car park will be closed between 2.50pm and 3.20pm every day. Those parents and carers with explicit permission to use the car park are welcome to continue to do so but must be inside before the gates are closed at 2.50pm and wait in the car park until the buses and the main footfall of pedestrians have left the site at 3.20pm. Please remember that parents/carers who are dropping off or picking up from our wraparound care or pre-school should not be using the car park for the same reasons. We apologise for any convenience but the safety of our children must come first without compromise.

Dates for the Diary

1st March Year 5/6 Wonderdome visit

6th & 11th March Parents' Evenings

7th March World Book Day – Hats and Headbands (see letter from Mrs Johnstone)

20th March Athlete Visit

21st March Anxiety Workshop

28th March INSET Day

1st - 12th April Easter Holidays

24th June INSET Day

23rd July Last Day of Term/Academic Year