

COMPTON ALL SAINTS' C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter Friday 17th February 2017

Hello everyone, I hope you are all well.

The first half of the academic year has flown past and so much has been achieved already! To make a change from just describing what's been going on over the last fortnight, I asked the teachers to chat with the children and find out what their half term highlights have been...

In Ladybirds class the children commented about lots of different things they'd learned about and played. In particular they loved:

- Making perfume from ingredients in the discovery area.
- Playing tag.
- Making the picture of the buses on the bridge in the classroom.
- Playing super-hero games.
- The story of Zacchaeus.
- The school disco.
- Making Buckingham Palace in the discovery area.
- Using the computer.



Hedgehogs had lots of highlights and their Great Fire of London topic featured heavily! They particularly enjoyed:

- Learning about Samuel Pepys' diary.
- 'Writing about the Great Fire of London was fun, especially making our own old-looking paper with tea.'
- Homework (yes really!) especially drawing Tudor houses and finding out about landmarks in London.
- Making paintings of the Great Fire of London.
- Using Beebot around the map of London.
- Drawing a map of London with all the landmarks they could remember.
- Making the Pudding Lane Bakery shop in the classroom.
- Mr Moore's visit to class to talk about being a fire officer.
- The 'Prove It!' maths questions and problems.



Foxes class also had lots of things in their list!

- Discovering new things in the Anglo Saxons topic.
- Creating an information report about Anglo Saxons and making decisions about pictures and layout.
- Making our own board games in Maths that had to be about time; having to think of clues and answers.
- Learning about time ('I couldn't tell the time before and now I can!')
- Learning about place value ('I didn't understand and now I can use it!')
- Learning about electricity and how to play with electrical circuits.
- Dodging and weaving around cones in netball.
- Learning to touch-type with Dance-Mat typing. ('I like learning it because it will be useful when I'm older.')
- Making new friends.
- 'I liked becoming a PE monitor.'
- Forest School – making dens, cooking bread, toasting marshmallows, singing songs, lighting fires and making musical instruments.
- Doing football in PE.



Falcons class was no exception and also picked a broad range of activities that they'd particularly enjoyed:

- Bikeability – 'It was fun learning to ride safely on the road.'
- Making canopic jars from clay as part of the Ancient Egyptians topic. Also making 'Book of the Dead' paintings.
- Biographies – 'I wasn't at all interested in Mary Anning before but now I am.'
- 'Ready, Steady, Go' with Mrs Fisher (curriculum enrichment), especially the challenges and memory games.
- Learning how to make different positions and partner balances in gymnastics.
- Finalising animations for entry into a competition.
- Making plaster-of-paris fossils in Science.
- Writing stories for the BBC 500Words competition.



School Meal Cost Increase

Hampshire County Council has announced that the daily cost of a school meal will rise from £2.10 to £2.15. Effective from 1st April 2017. This is being introduced to help with the rising costs of providing school meals.

Financial Year End 2017

To help the office with the financial year end process can I ask that all lunch, music and trip deposit invoices are paid by Friday 10th March at the latest. We are required to have every account at a nil balance. Thank you for your help with this.



Pupil Premium update

From April 2012 all schools have received funding known as Pupil Premium. This funding is given to support the achievement of eligible pupils in school and is currently £1320 per pupil. This level of funding can make a big difference to the children in our school.

Parents and carers can find up to date information about pupil premium for Compton on our school website, including our Pupil Premium Strategy, the interventions planned for the current academic year and the impact made in previous years. It is also important that parents/carers know how to claim. You will have received information about this when you first joined the school but as a reminder, or if your circumstances have changed, you are able to claim if your child falls into one of the following categories:



- Eligible for free school meals; for further information visit www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/freeschoolmeals/juniorsecondary
- He/she is adopted from care or has left care;
- He/she is looked after by the Local Authority for one day or more;
- Parents are currently employed or in receipt of pensions from the armed services;
- Parents who have been employed in the armed services in the last 6 years;

If you have any queries about eligibility or Pupil Premium, please contact the school office.

Holiday Clubs

Due to the increased number of holiday club companies contacting the school we have taken the decision to stop sending out leaflets to parents with the exception of the external providers we currently use. Posters for all other companies will be displayed on our notice board and a few flyers will be kept in reception for you to pick up if required.



Parent Consultation Booking System

To help make booking a teacher consultation easier and more flexible we have decided to trial an on-line booking system called 'Sign-up Genius'. We will be sending out instructions for how to log in and book your appointments very soon and look forward to receiving your feedback.

Attendance Policy Reminder

Please note the following which is taken from HCC procedure and policy documents.

What to do if your child is absent

A child not attending school is considered a safeguarding matter. This is why information about the cause of any absence is always required.

If your child is absent you **must complete both actions below**:

- Contact the school office as soon as possible on the first day of absence. This can be done in person, by letter, by phone (01962 712035), by email (adminoffice@compton.hants.sch.uk) or via the messaging service on the school website (www.comptonallsaints.co.uk);
- Send a note in on the first day your child returns with an explanation of the absence – **you must do this even if you have already telephoned us.**



If your child is absent we shall:

- Telephone or text you on the first day of absence if we have not heard from you; this is because we have a duty to ensure your child's safety as well as their regular school attendance;
- Invite you in to discuss the situation with the Headteacher if absences persist;
- Refer the matter to Hampshire's Attendance Legal Panel if absence is unauthorised and falls below 90%.
- Please Note: After three days of absence, if your child is not seen and contact has not been established with you or any of the named parents/carers, the school is required to start a 'Child Missing in Education' procedure as set down by Hampshire County Council Guidance.

Medical appointments:

- If a pupil is late due to a medical appointment, they will receive an authorised absence coded 'M'. Please be advised that where possible doctors and dentists appointments are to be made outside of school hours or during school holidays. Where possible please make sure you notify the school in advance of any appointments you have made.



Lost Property

Several parents have contacted the class reps to report their frustration with lost uniform. We have two boxes of lost property located in the photocopying corridor. Please feel free to have a look through the boxes. Staff do check them on a regular basis and hand back named uniform but unfortunately in the majority of cases the items are not named. Please can you ensure all school uniform including P.E kits and forest school clothing is named, preferably with a name label. If names are handwritten on, please re-check frequently as they quickly fade and become illegible.

FOUND!

A set of house keys were handed into the school. They were found in Carman's Lane. Please contact the office if you think they may be yours.



Nurture Room update

You may remember from the CSA Quiz night and previous newsletters that the school has been planning to build a nurture room in the playground to extend the facilities we have for small group work. We believed we were going to need to fund-raise for this as there was little other money available. I have some good news! We were recently notified that the Diocese could provide a significant sum for us to use towards this project – as long as it's spent before the end of the financial year. As a result, a planning application was submitted at the end of January and, if this goes smoothly, work on building the room should begin early in the summer term.



This is a really welcome boost, especially in the current climate. Needless to say we still need fundraising support from you all, especially at the moment when budgets are so tight and forecast to become even tighter. Small schools like ours are particularly vulnerable so we hope you will continue to support the CSA and the exciting activities they are planning for this term and beyond.

Finally, a big thank you to the CSA for organising a great disco for the children last night. It went really smoothly and the children had a fantastic time. It's always really special to see them in their dancing gear and showing off their moves on the dance floor! We have today received this lovely message from DJ Andy:

'DJ AA Entertainment would like to thank all Compton school children for their dancing ability and fantastic party attitude at all the discos I've had at the school. I have been coming to Compton for seven years and the current Year 6s were in Reception when I started. Their fantastic attitude and excellent behaviour will be missed. Until next time, DJ Andy.'

As always, if you have any queries, concerns or brilliant ideas for the school, please do contact me.

With all good wishes for a super half term,

Allison Driver

(Please see separate sheet below for diary dates)

Dates for your diary

Friday 17th Feb

20th -24th Feb

27th Feb – 10th March

Thursday 2nd March

9th March

Thurs 16th March

Friday 17th March

Weds 22nd & Thurs 23rd Mar

Friday 24th March

Sunday 26th March

Thurs 30th March

Friday 31st March

1st April

3rd April

Tues 4th April

Friday 7th April

Mon 24th April

Mon 1st May

Friday 5th May

Mon 8th – Thurs 11th May

Mon 29th May – Fri 2nd June

Mon 5th June

Sun 11th June

Friday 16th June

Fri 23rd & Mon 26th June

Wed 5th July

Tues 11th July

Wed 12th July

Thu 13th July

Thu 20th July

Tues 25th July

CSA Cake Sale (KS1)

HALF TERM

Whole school 'Foodie Fortnight' – details to follow

World Book Day – Dress up as a character from a book or an item of food

Y2 – Y6 Parent information session – 'Life after Levels Part 2' - 7 – 8.30pm.

Details to follow

Choir take part in Southampton Music Festival at Thornden – details to follow

Foxes trip to Weald & Downland Living museum – details to follow

Parents' Evenings

School photographer in – Class group photographs (Please note change of date)

CSA Film night – details to follow

11am Mothering Sunday service in All Saints' Church

Tag rugby tournament at Kings' – Y3/4 – details to follow

CSA Salsa Night – details to follow

School meal cost increase implemented. (Now £2.15 per day)

CSA to launch Enterprise month – details to follow

Hampshire School Games tag rugby tournament at Toynbee – details to follow

Easter-themed service in All Saints' Church – 10.30am

CSA Cake sale – KS2

BREAK UP FOR EASTER HOLS

Back to school

Bank holiday

Bag2School Collection

Celebration Assembly – Earlier start of 2.45pm (Doors open at 2.30pm)

CSA AGM – 3.15pm in School Hall

KS2 SATs week

HALF TERM

Back to school

CSA Summer Event – details to follow

Y6 – Leavers Service in Winchester Cathedral

INSET days

Kings' Information evening for parents

Year 5 Taster Day at Kings' School

KS2 Summer Production Dress Rehearsal

KS2 Summer Production 1st Performance

KS2 Summer Production 2nd Performance

Y6 Leavers Assembly in All Saints' Church

1.15pm BREAK UP FOR SUMMER HOLS

