



## Headteacher Newsletter 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Please click [here](#) to go to our website

Key Dates:	
30 <sup>th</sup> October INSET Day	6 <sup>th</sup> November EMTAS information session for parents
31 <sup>st</sup> October Year 2 school trip to Tudor house	9 <sup>th</sup> November Year 2 Try Science
1 <sup>st</sup> November HSPTA dress down day	W/B 13 <sup>th</sup> November Anti bullying week
W/B 6 <sup>th</sup> November Diwali celebrations week	14 <sup>th</sup> and 16 <sup>th</sup> November Little Wandle parent sessions

Communications this week:	
Little Wandle Info	
Y2 Applying for a Y3 place	

Dear Parents & Carers,

Wow what an amazing Arts Week we have had! From Bollywood dancing to clay the children have been immersed in such a wonderful range of creative activities throughout the week. We really do have a whole school of artists! The children have loved the range of learning they have engaged with and it has been so lovely seeing children excel in this area. A massive thank you to Katie Ford as Art lead who has organised the visitors, worked with teachers and come up with a fantastic timetable for the week to ensure the children could experience such a diverse range. Thanks again to the HSPTA for funding these extra visitors/experiences.

A reminder that Year 2 have their school trip to Tudor House on the first day back after half term.

We had two really successful open mornings for prospective new parents in the last week. We continue to do small group tours for people who were not able to attend one of our open mornings that are bookable on our website. Please pass the word on to neighbours/friends, we know there is a very low birth rate across Chandlers Ford so need to attract children out of catchment!

### Scabies

We have one confirmed case of scabies in school, please see the following information and if you suspect any of the symptoms then seek medical advice. We are following the guidance to ensure we have reduced any risk of it spreading within school.

“Scabies (<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/scabies/>) is a skin infection caused by tiny mites that burrow in the skin. The pregnant female mite burrows into the top layer of the skin and lays about 2 to 3 eggs per day before dying after 4 to 5 weeks. The appearance of the rash varies but most people have tiny pimples and nodules on their skin. Secondary infection can occur particularly if the rash has been scratched. The scabies mites are attracted to skin folds such as the webs of the fingers. Burrows may also be seen on the wrists, palms, elbows, genitalia and buttocks. Spread is most commonly by direct contact with the affected skin. The rash usually spreads across the whole body, apart from the head. Scabies remains infectious until treated. Occasionally if there is impaired immunity or altered skin sensation, large numbers of mites occur, and the skin thickens and becomes scaly. Note that symptoms may present differently dependent on the skin tone. This guidance is not intended to act as a diagnostic tool. If concerned, refer to a clinician and follow appropriate and proportionate measures in the meantime. “

### Library

Please see the attached information leaflet about some exciting sessions at Chandlers Ford library over half term next week.

### Save the Date - Little Wandle Information Meetings

Thank you to everyone who responded to our survey about the best time for our Little Wandle information sessions. It was 50/50 split for morning and evening so we will be holding two sessions. Please put the following dates in your diary:

- **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 9am**
- **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm**

## English as Additional Language Coffee Afternoon

As a school alongside Hampshire Ethnic Minority & Traveller Achievement Service (EMTAS) we are putting on a coffee afternoon on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 2.15pm. Please sign up for this event via this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/ktFJDc1dRx> We will be providing an opportunity for you to:

- Meet other parents/carers with bilingual children and the professionals who work alongside the school
- Find out how you can help your children with their learning
- Understand how you can work in partnership with schools – on key issues such as promoting good attendance
- Talk about which language(s) to use at home
- Find out about your rights and responsibilities as a parent/carer
- Ask questions

## Keepers Kitchen

I had a wonderful time celebrating with our children that were chosen for Keepers Kitchen this half term. I was so proud of how they always remember our three rules of being Safe, Kind and Ready, displaying these behaviours day in, day out.

Chiara - Cherry Class	Ivy - Beech Class	Lyla - Spruce Class
Willow- Plum Class	Bea - Chestnut Class	Dana - Holly Class
Leo - Apple Class	Jack- Hazel Class	Maddie - Cedar Class

## Learning Highlights from Each Year Group

### Year R

We have had a fantastic end to the children's first half term at school. We have been really impressed with the children's phonics learning this half term, they have all remembered so many of the sounds they have been taught and are beginning to use these sounds to read and write words. The children have all thoroughly enjoyed all of the arts week opportunities they have had. We have learnt about the artist Hilma af Klint who used colour, paint and lines in her art work. The children have all produced a piece of art work in her style! Bollywood dancing, drumming, exploring clay and more dancing have been enjoyed by all this week. All the children have been artists this week and have showed so much creativity in a variety of ways, just like Christopher Cockerel! We hope you have a lovely half term and look forward to the children returning refreshed after their break!

### Year 1






This week the children in Year 1 have thoroughly embraced all the opportunities in our Arts week and have enjoyed participating in all the creative workshops. The children learnt a Bollywood dance with Mrs Raji. You may see some of their super dance moves in little videos added to Seesaw. During the week the children have enjoyed learning about art and artists from other cultures and created some art pieces that were inspired by Pablo Picasso and Yayoi Kasuma. The children have loved watching artists and musicians in action and created their own thumb pots with the ceramic artist Lizzie Mackenzie. They loved seeing the pot made on a potter's wheel. The children's skills and knowledge have developed not only in art but also within music. They learnt to recognise different pitches and use the term to describe high, middle and low sounds. Finally, the children enjoyed learning Morris dances with Maisie from Intergr8 dance. They used bells to show the traditional moves.

### Year 2

What a creative week Year 2 have had! Arts Week has been a huge success and the children have really enjoyed the vast range of creative opportunities arranged for them. We would like to thank Mrs Ford for all her hard work in arranging such great experiences for the children. The children have focused on collage during the week and starting by exploring different collaging techniques such as tearing, scrunching, cutting and overlay. They then learnt about

two different collage artists Matisse and Deja Mar and identified things they liked and disliked from a range of artwork. We were really impressed with how well the children worked together to create some amazing group collages using inspiration from the artists they had explored. Throughout the week, Year 2 also enjoyed Bollywood dancing, clay sculpture, music and illustration sessions. I'm sure you'll agree they are ready for a much needed break!

### Learners of the Week – This week we are incredibly proud of ....

					
		<b>Esme</b> Beech <b>Ben</b> Hazel <b>Aarav</b> Chestnut <b>Ashton</b> Spruce	<b>Maddie</b> Cedar	<b>Charlie</b> Beech <b>Pixie</b> Chestnut <b>Yusuf</b> Holly <b>Amy</b> Holly <b>Mia</b> Cedar <b>Freya</b> Spruce	<b>Clarisse</b> Hazel

### Arts Week in Action!



We hope you have a wonderful half term and remember we are back to school on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October!

Phillippa Longman



### **Governor Update**

As the new Chair of the Finance, Building & Resources committee, I had the pleasure to meet with the rest of the team of governors and staff to discuss the budget of the remaining year, as well as review policies presented to the board with regards to finance management such as charging and remissions as well as the health and safety policy. Overall, the school is very well on track and on budget this financial year with contingencies, in place, to cater for rising costs across school pay and resources. The governing body is keeping a close eye on the 3-year financial horizon to ensure a sustainable financial strategy while maintaining top class resources in terms of teachers, staff, and amenities to our students.

I would like to take the opportunity to commend the efforts made by the HSPTA and the parents of Hiltingbury Infant school pupils in their engagement in school activities and events that play a significant role of funding school improvements that will benefit the current children and future generations to come. On behalf of the Finance committee, I thank you for your active participation.

Mohamed Fata

Chair of FBR Committee