



**Oliver's Battery Primary  
and Nursery School**

*Creative, Caring and confident learners for life*

# **Newsletter**

**Issue 3**

**22 September 2023**

Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to say a massive thank you to everyone for making our school 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations such a success last weekend. Shona and the PTA had worked tirelessly in organising the event, making sure that the day was such a happy one. Thank you also to Mike, our Site Manager, and our amazing Admin Team who did lots of work behind the scenes, as well as on the day, and to all of our staff who joined in with the event. Kira, our cook, was amazing, preparing hundreds of hot dogs and burgers which were eagerly consumed!

It was fantastic to welcome our current children and their families, past pupils and their families, as well as meeting local people who had been to the school as children! They were so interested in the old photos and news clippings and have sent messages of thanks for such a wonderful day. We met members of staff from the past who had worked as teachers and kitchen staff and it was lovely to see Mrs Redfern and her children. Our Governors joined in with the fun and it felt like a very special day for the school community. The day was blessed with sunshine and our choir performed beautifully, led by Mrs Langridge and Mrs Davies. There will be so many happy memories of the day. It was fantastic for me to meet so many of our more recent pupils who I can remember teaching in Year Six and are now at University and entering the world of work. The staff and I feel really proud and privileged to be part of this incredible community at Oliver's Battery.

## **School Councillor**

In addition to Paris, Louis has also been voted as School Councillor for Kingfisher's class.

## Change of Menu – Monday

This coming Monday, 25 September, the red menu will be Pasta with Meatballs (not Meatball Sub).

## Winchester Green Week

Winchester Green Week is here and ends 1 October!

Please check out their website to see all the things the family can get involved in - [winchestergreenweek.org.uk](http://winchestergreenweek.org.uk)



Please see the attached flier.

## Year R School Applications

If your child is 4, or will turn 4 before 1 September 2024, they can start school in September 2024. For more information go to

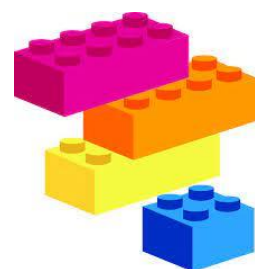
[www.hants.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hants.gov.uk/admissions) Applications are open from 1 November 2023 and will close on Monday 15 January 2024.

## Secondary School Applications

Secondary School place applications for September 2024 are now open and will close on Tuesday 31 October 2023. Parents and Carers with children due to move to secondary school next year can now apply for their child's school place. Applications can be submitted online or paper forms can be requested by emailing [admissions.team@hants.gov.uk](mailto:admissions.team@hants.gov.uk).

## Request for Lego/Duplo

The lunchtime staff are starting a Quiet Club for children at lunchtimes and would be grateful for any donations of Lego or Duplo – thank you.



## Hedgerow Foraging Walk

The Countryside charity are organizing a foraging walk exploring Compton Down on Saturday 23 September - please see the attached flyer.

## Learning Behaviours

We have held this week's Learning Behaviours assembly. This is where each teacher chooses a child/children that has demonstrated the chosen learning behaviour of the week. The teacher shares with everyone what the child has done and then we all celebrate their achievement. This term we are looking at **respect**. The children who were chosen this week were:

Year One	Riley H
Year Two	Ema A
Year Three	Cosima H
Year Four	Charlie W
Year Five	Lulu B
Year Six	Rose B

## School Lunches

Thank you to everyone for settling their lunch accounts, however **the lunch debts are now at an all-time high** - please could you ensure that your account is kept up to date. For your information the money owed per class is as follows:-

Hares	£191.33
Foxes	£67.35
Hérons	£245.20
Kingfishers	£318.10
Nursery	£48.00

From Monday 18 September your child will not be able to order a school lunch if the debt is above £10.00 - if the debt is over £10.00 they will need to bring in a packed lunch. Please can you arrange to clear your Lunch accounts before next week.

If you would like an up to date statement of your child's account please contact the Admin Team. If you have not yet registered to pay online via Scopay and would like a copy of your login details please email us and we will be happy to help. We would appreciate it if all accounts, including any outstanding Breakfast Club and After School Club accounts, could be settled as soon as possible. Please ensure that your After School Club Account is up to date as we employ extra staff for this club. If you would like an up to date statement please contact the school office.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Bordoli  
Interim Headteacher

Dates for your diary (new dates in red)

Open Morning	19 October 2023
Inset Day	20 October 2023
Open Morning	29 November 2023
Open Morning	5 January 2024
Inset Day	19 February 2024
Inset Day	28 June 2024
Inset Day	1 July 2024