

Dear Parents and Carers



Thank you for all your donations for Harvest Festival, the table and benches were overflowing. Revd Mike held a lovely assembly and he is going to donate our collection to the Basics Bank Winchester. This is a charity that helps families and young people.

Year 6 returned yesterday afternoon from Calshot tired but beaming and full of all the adventures that they had. Skiing, kayaking, climbing, archery were just a few of the activities that the children were involved in. Mrs Bordoli, Mr Tolan and Ms D'Arcy were full of praise for the children. They were enthusiastic, resilient and fun, always polite and well mannered.

Speaking to Year 6 some of the things that they really liked about going to Calshot were – "Sailing because I like the sea and having lived in New York, I did not get to see it", "The food because we had cooked breakfast every morning", "Climbing because it made you challenge yourself and rely on your team mates".



I am really looking forward to hearing and reading more about their adventures, well done Year 6 I am pleased that you had such a good time. A big thank you to Mrs Bordoli, Mr Tolan and Ms D'Arcy.

## **Year 6 Calshot 2017**

It was pleasure and a privilege to take our year 6 pupils to Calshot. Their attitude towards 'having a go' at activities was outstanding; many were really proud that they had tried something that they didn't think they would like and then said how much they had enjoyed the experience!

It was wonderful to watch them sail off from Calshot Spit – the instructors were really complementary about how quickly they picked up techniques and how they showed a high level of skill within a short time. I was especially impressed with how they started to work as a team to get the boats ready and put away. Perseverance was definitely needed on Tuesday to get the sails in position because the wind was really strong.

It was obvious how much the pupils (and the staff!) enjoyed the food. Everyone ate really well albeit with some interesting choices. ( a plate of rice and pasta with chips as a side for one pupil !) I think that the full cooked breakfast was a winner with everyone.

The evenings were full of activities, including team games and the famous egg drop challenge (my own children remember doing that at Calshot 20 years ago!) It was really heart-warming to see some of our more confident pupils supporting their teams in such a positive way.

I would like to say a big thank you to all of the parents – you have given your children a fantastic opportunity that they will always remember- thanks also for providing suitable kit. I also want to say thanks to Miss D’Arcy and Mr Tolan , who gave such support during the trip and to Mrs King for her amazing admin role in getting us ready to go.

Finally – Thank you Year 6; you were a real credit to your family and to Oliver’s Battery School.

Mrs Bordoli

### **Attendance Matters**

Please be aware that the next set of Attendance monitoring letters will be sent out in December. These letters will reflect any absences accrued after the 25 September 2017.

Continuing in partnership with Kings’, we will introduce Green and Purple letters at this stage. This is to recognise high attendance. If you have any queries or concerns regarding attendance, please do not hesitate to speak to Mrs Shelton, Miss Wood or Miss Fox.

### **Curious Creatures**

Curious Creatures runs on Wednesday 3.30 – 4.30pm. The club is open for children in Year R to Year 4. Each week the children participate in imaginative learning activities in the school grounds all linked to a story. If you would like more information please contact Clare Holland on 07779070271 or visit [www.curiouscreatures.org.uk](http://www.curiouscreatures.org.uk).

There are currently spaces in this club - if your child would like to join please contact Clare as above or the school office.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully



Miss F Wood  
Headteacher

Dates for your diary (new dates in red)

Matthew Leeming visiting Year 6 parents – 5pm	19 October
Parents Outdoor Maths Session with children 9am	20 October
Last day of Term	20 October
<b>Year R Phonics Workshop 6-6.30pm</b>	<b>30 October</b>
Halloween Disco	3 November
School Photographer (Portraits)	9 November
Fireworks	11 November
Christmas Fair	12 December
Last day of Term	21 December
Inset Day	26 January 2018
Cinema	30 January 2018
KS2 SAT's Information Evening – 7pm	7 February 2018
KS1 SAT's Information Evening – 7pm	8 February 2018
Mothers' Day Shop	9 March 2018
Inset Day	16 March 2018
Easter Egg Hunt	27 March 2018
Fathers' Day Shop	15 June 2018
Summer Fayre	23 June 2018
Inset Day	6 July 2018
Inset Day	9 July 2018