

Dear Parents and Carers

On Friday 26 January we were involved in the Winchester Common Closure day. We all attended different schools to look at different areas of learning and how we can keep improving our practice. It was a really useful day with staff coming back with new ideas and lots of positive discussions around our practice.

Buildings:

We were really excited to be able to open up two new classrooms this week and move in Falcons and Kites. The children all loved their new rooms and settled in very quickly. It is lovely to finally see the rooms in action. The makeover for the opposite two classrooms is now underway.

Spanish Students:

We were lucky enough to welcome into the school on Wednesday ten Spanish trainee teachers from Barcelona. As part of their five year teaching course they have joined up with Winchester University to visit some English schools. During the day the students led a session in classes to talk to the children about Barcelona and share pictures and what life is like there, some even taught us a little bit of Spanish. They were amazed at how hard working and independent all the children were and enjoyed taking part in the lessons.

New Classrooms

Year 5 and 6 have moved into our new classrooms from Monday this week! We have really enjoyed the new features, like automatic climate control and lights that dim which makes it much easier to see the Interactive White Board. They are a lot more soundproof as well which will help us learn. The scaffolding will be taken off this week and the builders are going to finish off the walls and put up new display



boards and coat hooks over half term. Look at the pictures to see how hard we are working already!

By Year 5/6

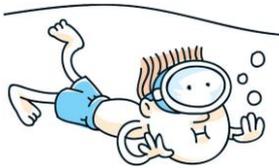
Change of Menu

There will be a change of menu next Tuesday- there will be a special pancake pudding consisting of Pancakes, Syrup and Ice Cream. The main meal choices remain the same.



Swimming at St. Swithun's

Last Thursday Year 3 went swimming at St. Swithun's School, which is a girl's school. We spent the lesson working on front crawl, and some people used a woggle to help them. Some of us were a bit nervous when we got in but it was really fun. We were split into three different groups and moved around. In one of the groups we were able to jump off the side into the pool. Some of us even jumped in and touched the bottom of the pool! In another group we put our faces in the water and blew bubbles. In the other group we had a competition to see who could hold their breath for the longest. We swam long lengths of front crawl. We had so much fun, it was amazing! It was really entertaining to do something different with school. We can't wait for next week! By Year 3.



P.E. Kits

Please may I remind you that all children should have their P.E. kit in school every day. Quite a number of children regularly forget their kit. Also, please can you ensure your child has a tracksuit bottom (or similar) and a warm sweatshirt in school for use during P.E. as we do go outdoors in the cold weather! Thank you.

Play for a Pound

This year's Children of Winchester Festival events will take place at the start of half term on Saturday 10 February.

This year they are offering five "play for a pound" sessions for ages five upwards in netball, basketball, handball, dodgeball and multi-sports. The can all be booked in advance via cowfest.org.uk or children can just turn up on the day (space allowing). The venue is the sports centre at Kings' School.

Please see the poster in the school office.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

Miss F Wood
Headteacher

Dates for your diary (new dates in red)

Fishbourne Visit – Year 4	7 February 2018
KS2 SAT's Information Evening – 7pm	7 February 2018
KS1 SAT's Information Evening – 7pm	7 February 2018
School Grounds Day 10am – 2pm	25 February 2018
Mothers' Day Shop	9 March 2018
Inset Day	16 March 2018
Year 6 Transition Coffee Morning/Afternoon Tea	22 March 2018
School Grounds Day 10am – 2pm	25 March 2018
Year 6 Transition Coffee Morning/Afternoon Tea	26 March 2018
Easter Egg Hunt	27 March 2018
School Grounds Day 10am – 2pm	29 April 2018
Mary Rose Museum Visit - Years 5/6	23 May 2018
School Grounds Day 10am – 2pm	10 June 2018
Year 6 Transition Coffee Morning/Afternoon Tea	11 June 2018
Father's Day Shop	15 June 2018
Summer Fayre	23 June 2018
Uniform Evening	27 June 2018
Year 6 Parents Information Evening at Kings'	4 July 2018
Inset Day	6 July 2018
Inset Day	9 July 2018