



Dear Parents and Carers

We hope all the children enjoyed their snow day last week - it was great to see so many children in school on Thursday morning and it was lovely to have an opportunity to get outside and make the most of the weather!

It was lovely to see all the different book characters arriving on Monday morning! There were some very imaginative costumes. Keep an eye out in the Daily Echo for some photographs in their round up of World Book Day. A big thank you to Mr Sleeman who organised the day for the children and put on some great activities.

Year 3 have been out to Buster Ancient Farm this week and have ensured that they represented Oliver's Battery School impeccably in the community. Mrs Morgan and Miss Stockham were delighted to receive comments from staff about how wonderful the children were and that they were extremely polite and showed great interest. Well done Year 3!

Buildings update:

Despite the difficult weather last week, we are still on track to get the next two new classes back on Friday 16 March. We have some very excited teachers and children who are getting ready to move in. The next phase will then move down into the Key Stage One area with the Year 4 and Year 2 classrooms next in line to be refurbished.



Parents Evenings:

A reminder that Parents Evenings will take place this coming **Monday, 12 March** and **Tuesday 13 March**. Due to the building works the sign-up sheets are in the office. If you are unable to come into school please telephone or email and one of the Admin Team will be happy to help you.

Parentmail:

We have upgraded our Parentmail service and you have been sent a link to re-register. A few parents have experienced problems re-registering. We have contacted our provider and they have given us a couple of tips to pass on – if you have multiple children you will need to enter the date of birth of the eldest child to register. Also you will need to register on a desktop before logging on to a handheld device. If you are still experiencing problems please let the Admin Team know. **Also, if you are receiving this Newsletter as a paper copy and you usually receive it electronically, please either call or email the Admin Team and they will look into this for you.** If you have never registered for Parentmail but would now like to receive communication via this medium please let the Admin Team know and they will put a sign-up form in your child's bookbag. Thank you.

Inset Day:

A reminder that next Friday, 16 March is an Inset Day therefore school will be closed to children.

Art Gallery:

Children across the school are beginning to work on an exciting art project. The outcome of this will be that every child will produce a final piece that will be framed and displayed in an Art Gallery for you to come and view and purchase. Each class has been given a different art movement for inspiration and all have the theme of new beginnings - it will be really interesting to see all the different interpretations and styles. The Art Gallery will be set up for you to come and view on Wednesday 28 March at 2.30pm and will be left up for Thursday 29 March. Pictures will be available to purchase over those two days at a cost of £3.50 for each picture, with all money made being put straight back into the school.

Exciting Visitors:

We now have some ducklings in school!!! – please see next week's Newsletter for more news and photos!

Parental involvement group:

A reminder that we will be holding a parental involvement group meeting about healthy eating and how we can promote this in school on Wednesday 21 March at 6.30pm. The meeting will be very informal and an opportunity to come in and chat through ideas and opinions. If you would like to attend, please email karenandrews@oliversb.com

School Grounds Day:

Huge thanks to everyone who came and helped on the Grounds Day a couple of Sundays ago. We had several dedicated Oliver's Battery parents as well as 16 St. Swithun's School boarders. Everyone got stuck in cutting bramble, scrub, and grass. We all worked really hard and got an amazing amount of work done:

- Bramble was cut from the long grass by the Forest School entrance. This is where a large population of common lizards live, which children like to hunt in the summer.
- Plants and small trees were cut from the back of the wildflower meadow. This will open up a large

glade for the butterflies that prefer a slightly different habitat to the meadow. It also creates a nice warm microclimate for solitary bees.

- Dogwood and blackthorn was cut from the top of the wildflower meadow. This means that the meadow will stay grassy for the ants and butterflies that use it and children will be able to see them easily.

We were able to burn most of the cuttings and enjoyed cake, homemade cookies (thank you Paul) and tea. I'd like to say thank you to Graham, Paul, Archie, Elliot, Kerry-Anne, Zac, Jack, Tyler, Kirsteen, Kali and all the hardworking girls and staff from St. Swithun's, who kindly gave up some of their Sunday to do the work. It would not have been possible without you all.

If you would like to join us next time (for as long or as little as you like), please come along in long sleeved old clothes and bring some cutting tools (shears, loppers,



secateurs) and something to drink. **The date will be Sunday 25 March and I will be there from 10am - 2pm.** (Please note that it won't go ahead if it is raining.)

Thank you, Maggie Shelton

Butser Ancient Farm Visit:

On Wednesday Woodpeckers Class visited Butser Ancient Farm near Waterlooville. We are studying the Stone Age.



We did lots of really exciting activities. We were archaeologists and dug up bones and flint, we made cordage items that we could use as a bookmark or a tag for our coats, we also did some chalk carving, and made a wattle fence. We had two really lovely instructors for the day – Chris and Emily. It was a really fun day! By Poppy and Vicky.



World Book Day

We celebrated World Book Day on Monday this week. There were lots of creative and imaginative costumes on show in all year groups. Thank you very much for supporting your children with this; the costumes seem to get better and better

each year! We thought about why we enjoy reading in assembly and did some special activities about our favourite stories and books in our classes during the day. I hope the children enjoy spending their £1 book vouchers! Mr Sleeman.



Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

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Miss F Wood
Headteacher

Dates for your diary (new dates in red)

Parents' Evening 3.30-5.30pm
Parents' Evening 4 – 6pm

12 March 2018
13 March 2018

Inset Day	16 March 2018
Parental Involvement Group Meeting – 6.30pm	21 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
Living Rainforest Visit – Year 2	28 March 2018
Art Gallery – 2.30pm	28 March 2018
Last day of Term	29 March 2018
First day of Term	16 April 2018
School Grounds Day 10am – 2pm	29 April 2018
Mary Rose Museum Visit - Years 5/6	23 May 2018
Last day of term	25 May 2018
First day of term	4 June 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
Last day of term	23 July 2018