

Dear Parents and Carers

This week we had a visit from Tamsin Austoni, our local authority advisor who spent the morning in classes, talking to children and looking at books. She was really impressed by the excellent relationships that were seen in classes and how engaged and active the children are in their learning. All the children were able to articulate what they were doing, understood why and spoke about their learning with great excitement. She was amazed in the Year R classroom where some children were helping to repair the sand pit and learning about measures, others were watching tadpoles at the observation station and lots of children were writing sentences. We all wanted to have a go at some of the activities! When looking at the books, it was clear that the children at Oliver's Battery are working at a really high standard and that they have lots of rich opportunities. It was a great day and really showed off all the great things that happen at Oliver's Battery- well done everyone!

In order to ensure that we are getting all children lined up and in school on time in the mornings, we will now be blowing a whistle at 8:45 to signify that it is time to line up. Children will be expected to walk sensibly to their line after hearing the whistle.

A reminder about class water bottles- children must only have water in their bottles to drink during the day. Squash and other drinks are not allowed. With the weather getting warmer please ensure that the children have a drink with them every day.

### Grounds Day

"Did you know that we have eighteen allotment beds? These had become rotten and cannot be used. Not any more! Thanks to Graham, Paul, Elliot, Lee, Lee's son Marcus and Lee's grandson Danny who came on Sunday and spent four hours rebuilding our allotments for the children.



We weeded all the beds, leaving existing flowers in place for bees and acting as a cover crop. Lee got some wood from the skip and recycled it into new frames for two allotment beds. We prepared the muddy edges of the others so they can now also be rebuilt with recycled timber. Lee then mended the shed door.



The four hours flew by and we found two frogs, a slowworm and gazillions of slugs and snails! Thanks to Paul for the homemade cookies.

Over to you now to help plant seeds with the children. Why don't we get the allotments looking great for the Summer Fair.

Maggie Shelton

### **Squash Session**

On Thursday we had an assembly about learning to play Squash. The children watched some demonstrations and passed around balls and rackets to look at. We are planning to start a Squash Club after school from September, so this was a brilliant way to introduce the children to the sport.



More details about the after school club will follow, but if you are interested in taking up the sport sooner, please contact Winchester Racquets and Fitness for further details.



### **Year 3 Trip to Hilliers**

Yesterday we went on a school trip to Hilliers. First we played a fun pollination game. We met a bee called Beatrice. Beatrice was a puppet and you had to be a colourful flower. When pollinated you had to become a seed again.

Secondly, we went on a card hunt. We had twenty beans and one 2p coin. If it landed on heads we went ahead once and if we got tails we would move ahead twice. The group with the most beans at card number eighteen won.

Thirdly, we saw some amazing dinosaur plants. Their stems were super spikey so bugs don't land on them or eat them. They were massive, they were even bigger than my arms stretched altogether.

Finally we went pond dipping. It was so fun. The lady caught a green crested newt. I caught a fat newt, it was as fat as my thumb. My thumb is about 1cm. Some people caught baby dragonflies. There were some pond skaters which were really hard to catch and only one person caught one. By George G

### **PE Kits**

We are starting to practice for sports day – please ensure that your child have their PE kit in school every day.

### **Drop in Session**

On Tuesday 22 May Karen Andrews will be holding an informal drop in session for parents of children who will be attending Kings' School in September. This will be taking place in Kites class at 3.30pm and will be an opportunity to ask any questions or discuss concerns in an informal environment.

### **Code Club**

There will be **no** Code Club on Wednesday 23 May. The last Code Club this half term will be Wednesday 16 May.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully



Miss F Wood  
Headteacher

**Dates for your diary (new dates in red)**

Scratch Day at IBM	12 May 2018
FOBS Quiz Night	18 May 2018
Drop in Session for Kings' Pupils- 3.30pm	22 May 2018
Mary Rose Museum Visit - Years 5/6	23 May 2018
Sports Day	24 May 2018
Last day of half term	25 May 2018
Return after half 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