



NEWSLETTER



Friday 14th October

Dates known so far for the week ahead:

Monday 17 th October	Reading surgery: 2.20 – 2.50pm – if you wish to talk about reading at home. Parent and family 'walk about' to see learning in school @ 2.50pm – 3.20pm Second hand uniform sale (timings as above)
Tuesday	P.E. Willow (Year 1 and 2) and Oak (Year 5 and 6) come in kits After School club for Beech Class children 3-4pm Vince Godfrey in for Woodwind lessons for named children
Wednesday	Oak Class Residential. Meet @ Cobnor 9.15-9.30 drop off. Forest School for Beech Class: old clothes please
Thursday	P.E. Beech (Y3 and 4) come in kits
Friday	Beech and Willow Class come in home clothes today for outdoor learning. Last day for this half term.

Clubs Remember: **ONLY SPORTS CLUB** on Tuesday is running this week. The club letter is in your child's bag today (youngest child). Please ensure you return by next Tuesday. There are spaces for all children – but we do need the permission slips.

Reading Surgery I shall be available on Monday from 2.20 – 2.50pm, for any parents who would like to come and chat through any challenges they are having with their child's reading. Talking with other families can be supportive too, so do come and chat if you need some advice.

Parents Evening Slips Thank you for returning your slips. These will be allocated next Monday and appointments emailed on Tuesday after school.

Walkabout You are invited to attend a walkabout next Monday at 2.50pm. We shall open the classroom doors earlier on this day. If you are unable to arrive until 3pm – your child will be in the classroom with a member of staff.

You are welcome to look at the displays around school and your child's learning. They will have popped a post-it-note on any learning they wish to highlight to you. Do make sure you flick from the start of their book in September to their current learning – there is some great progress!

Uniform Sale I have not received many more items for the second-hand uniform for sale – but do still come and check out what we have. We simply ask for a donation of money to go into the school fund.

Wednesday to Friday next week.

Myself, Miss Boyd, Miss Kitka and Mrs Norris are all at residential with Oak Class next week. I shall come to school on Wednesday morning to do gate duty.

As the residential is only 20 minutes away, I am able to return if needed in an emergency. However, in my absence Mrs Radley will oversee the running of school and is one of our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads. She is attending a course on Wednesday, but Mrs Greene will stay in contact with me.

I shall not necessarily be able to see emails as the internet connection is not always strong at Cobnor. Please ensure you email school / class teachers or phone Mrs Holt. I will check in with school on all 3 days.

Thank you for all of the Reading Survey replies which have come back into school. We had an excellent response. My next job is to collate the information and see what is going well for families when engaging with reading at home, where the challenges and barriers may be and how we may be able to offer support. I shall share the findings with you after half term.

HUGE thanks to Isabelle's (Y6) dad, who spent the morning in school taking photographs of children learning in a variety of situations. We are very grateful to him, for giving his time and expertise so generously. The images will then go onto our school website as part of the homepage. We can't wait to see!

Governor News

We are delighted to be able to inform you that we now have 4 new Governors from our school community. Mr Wheeler and Mr Lerwill join us as Parent Governors and Mr Syred and Mrs Pearson join as co-opted Governors. We look forward to working with them in the future.

Thank you to some of our Year 6's who helped with Open Day last week. Isabelle, Roberta, Lily, Maisy, Sienna and Eloise worked alongside myself, Mrs Radley, Mrs Holt and Mrs Sargent. They spoke to new families and their children and gave tours of school. Girls you were excellent at articulating information and I know the visitors were impressed with how you conducted yourselves. Thank you all!

Harvest

We have just returned from church where we celebrated our Harvest Festival. Oak Class took the lead in presenting an acrostic poem about Harvest time and reading a reflection and prayer.

All children sang beautifully and the Harvest Samba was fantastic – Reverend Sarah feels it may be one for the congregation next year!

Margot (Y1) then very bravely stood in the centre of church to read a prayer she had written herself. As a school we recently wrote prayers for the end of each day. Margot has been able to take this as inspiration to write her own words for Harvest.

Dear God -

Thank you for our food

Thank you for our strength

Thank you for our love

Thank you for our friends

Thank you for our land

Thank you, God, for everything.

Amen



Thank you for sending the food and household items for our Harvest Festival. I shall take all of the items to the food bank next week.

Newsletter Next Week

As I am away next week, there will be no Friday Newsletter. I shall however email you all the dates for the first week back and any for the half term next Tuesday.

Have a wonderful weekend – see you next week!

Theresa Smyth and the Singleton Team