



## Parents' Evening

Our online booking system will be going live after half term to allow you to book appointments for our spring term parents' evenings. There will be three days available to meet your child's teacher - please see diary dates. We had a high turnout for our autumn term meetings and look forward to meeting with as many of you as possible to discuss your child's progress at this midway point in the year.

Please let the office know if you need them to book appointments for you.

## Golden Ticket Winners

Congratulations to Molly, Harry, Alexis, Isla, Sophie, Emily and Hakan who were chosen to enjoy a special lunch. Their invitations included the following excellent comments: being kind and helpful; always being happy with a smile; being polite, pleasant and a pretty perfect pupil; being caring, supportive and an all-round good friend; showing great maturity and understanding towards others; always being happy and encouraging friendly and positive play.



## Staffing News

We are sad to be saying goodbye to Mrs Adley, Mrs Harris and Mrs Taylor who will be leaving us at the end of this half term. They have all been passionate in supporting our children and we wish them well for the future.

We look forward to welcoming Mr Quick and Miss Williams to our team. They will both be joining us after the half term holiday and are excited about working with our children.

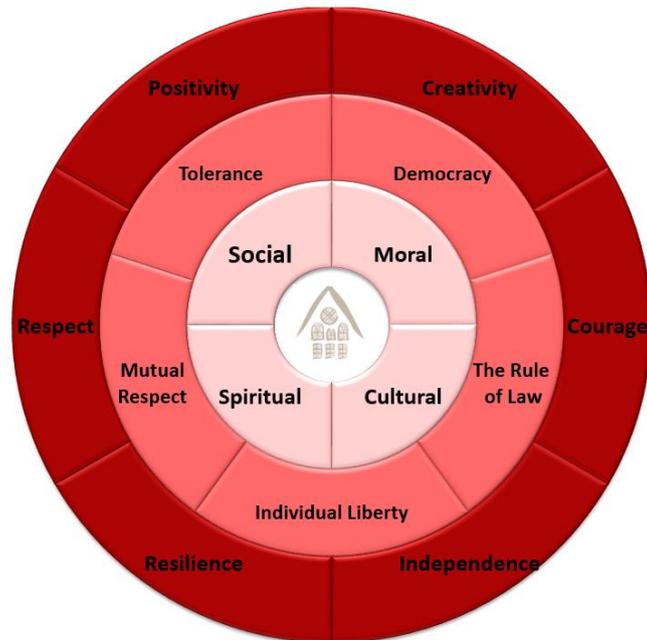
## DIARY DATES

Tues 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Young Voices Concert at the O2 arena in London - children leaving at 11:30am
Tues 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Fire Service visiting Year 5
Tues 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Year 6 trip to the Gilbert White Centre
Thur 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	PTA Disco 'Stars in Their Eyes'
Thur 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	Athletics Tournament at Samuel Cody for Year 5 and 6 (details to follow for selected children)
Thur 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	Lower School trip to Butser Farm
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Inter-house netball / basketball event
Thur 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Last day of half term (finish 3:25pm)
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	INSET DAY
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 16 <sup>th</sup>	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb	School opens for Spring 2 term
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Online system goes live for booking Parents' Evening appointments
Tues 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb @ 6:00pm	Year 6 Information Evening for parents
Thur 1 <sup>st</sup> March	World Book Day - Further details to follow but we will be dressing up!
Thur 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Notification of Year 7 2018 secondary school places
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Evening 3:45-5:30pm
Thur 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Evening 5:00-7:00pm
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Evening 3:45-5:30pm
21 <sup>st</sup> - 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Year 4 Residential trip to Calshot
Thur 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Year 3 / 4 Tag Rugby Festival at Samuel Cody
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Sport Relief Day
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Walk Through Easter event at St John's Church
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Inter-house orienteering event
Thur 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Finish for Easter holiday at 1:30pm
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Summer term starts

# Our School Vision and Values

Over the last year, the governors, staff and children have been thinking carefully about the values which underpin what we do at Cove Junior School and setting the vision for where we would like our school to be in the future.

The children voted for our final school values at the end of July 2017 and these are used to underpin what we do in school. In addition to our school values (shown around the outside of our wheel) and British Values (the middle ring), we also embed the principles of SMSC (Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural education - the inner ring). Together, these make up our 'Cove Junior's Values Wheel'.



Further details can be read on the 'Vision and Values' page of our website has been updated with this information.

## Governor News

Please be on the lookout for a letter from our governors which will be coming home soon. We are currently low on parent governors and the governing body are looking to recruit more volunteers. If you are interested in joining our team, please get in touch with the school office.

## Words of the Fortnight!

To encourage our children to use a wider range of vocabulary, we set a challenge for the children which we hope you will join in with at home too. Every two weeks, a new word is introduced in each class and the children get rewards for using them in their writing or in conversation. Our new words are:

Lower School

**'Artefact'**

Noun - an object made by a human being, typically one of cultural or historical interest

Year 5

**'Immobilise'**

Verb - prevent (something or someone) from moving or operating as normal

Year 6

**'Incensed'**

Verb - extremely angry

How often can you use these words at home?

## Collective Worship (assemblies)

Each half term, we have a new theme for our assemblies. Since Christmas, we have been thinking about being 'Global Citizens' and sharing ideas about how our actions affect others. In class assemblies last week, the following information was shared and discussed with the children.

A global citizen is someone who:

- Knows about the wider world and has a sense of their own role as a part of that world
- Respects and values how everyone is different and special
- Has an understanding of how countries are different
- Is not happy when people are treated unfairly
- Supports their community at a range of levels from local to global
- Is willing to act to make the world a more sustainable place by helping the environment
- Takes responsibility for their actions

In Spitfire class, Mrs Meadows challenged the children to be a good citizen in some small way and we were really pleased to receive this photo showing how Lilly chose to think about her local environment and spend time over the weekend (in the rain!) collecting rubbish which had been left on her route from home to school - what an excellent example for us all to follow!



## PTA News

Thank you to everyone who recycled their old clothes for the Bag2School collection. We raised £112. The next PTA event is the 'Stars in Their Eyes Disco' which is taking place next Thursday - don't forget to get your tickets!



## To Infinity and Beyond with Year 5

Winchester Science Centre was the destination for Year Five last Thursday. The centre was jam-packed with hands-on investigations that kept everyone busy all morning. Some of the favourite activities included: the heat camera, using levers to lift weights, understanding the effect of food on our bodies and measuring the concentration levels in our brains.

As Year 5's topic involves space and the solar system, they visited the planetarium where they learnt more about the planets and dwarf planets. It was exciting to look closely at different planet surfaces and understand how far each was from the other. Year 5 had great fun learning!



## PE Kits

Please can everyone ensure that full PE kit is in school every day? Each class completes an indoor and an outdoor lesson each week.

Indoor kit: T-shirt and shorts

Outdoor kit: T-shirt, sweatshirt (not school jumper), tracksuit bottoms and trainers

Please ensure that your child's outdoor kit is complete as lessons will take place even during cold weather and they need to be dressed in clothing which is warm enough.

## Futsal Tournament

On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January, a team took part in a tournament with 6 other schools in Rushmoor. After many very exciting fast-paced games and over 15 goals scored, we won the tournament! The team is now looking forward to competing against the winners from Hart district. Congratulations to everyone who took part.