

# CONIFERS PRIMARY SCHOOL



## NEWSLETTER

30<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

With the excitement of Halloween and Guy Fawkes Night a distant memory, I imagine many of us are now well into planning for the next expensive, I mean joyous, occasion, that will soon be upon us. Until then, news of what has been happening at Conifers Primary.

It seems like a long time ago, but it was a pleasure to welcome so many of you to our Parent Evenings, and thank you to all of you who took the time to answer our short questionnaire and provide feedback. Once again, we received approximately two hundred replies, all of which were very positive.

May I take this opportunity to remind parents and carers that the Parent Evening questionnaires are anonymous, so if, in the future, you are unsure about, or disagree with something the school is trying to achieve, please do use the 'comments box' to express why, in order to allow us the chance to address any shortcomings you may have. Thank you to those who did take the time to add encouraging comments and provide feedback. Once again, myself, staff and Governors were pleased to read many favourable statements such as: 'After school activities have been great this year', 'Homework club is a great idea', 'Really impressed with the school and its teachers, such a lovely environment', 'I am really proud of the progress my child is making - Fab school', 'Excited about all the outside learning', 'Brilliant school great support', 'Great inclusive happy school - great teaching staff'. There were also many personal 'shout-outs' to staff who were very pleased to have their name in the spotlight. So thank you again to all who attended and took the time to share their thoughts.

With a focus on our Learning Outside the Classroom (LOT), our Year 4 children had the opportunity to spend a few days at Hooke Court back in October and were very lucky to be blessed with glorious weather. I was let out of the office for a few hours and joined the children for a day in preparing chickens, gutting fish and making bread for a hearty meal before making fire, all very safely I might add and then building our own shelters in the centre's private woodland. I know many parents and carers had the opportunity to learn more about the trip and the fabulous time that the children had, in an assembly presented by the Year 4 children.

Staying with our commitment to LOT, please take the time, if you haven't done so already, to check out the video we have posted on our Homepage, showing, quite literally, a birds-eye-view of our Nature Area and Wild Meadow Area. Hopefully, whilst visiting the page, you'll also notice that not only do we celebrate our Star Writers and Mathematicians in the school, we also promote and celebrate how well they have done via our website - so the children can now be internationally acclaimed!



Our PTA - Friends of Conifers, have been busy once again making their mark with fund raising ideas and events and have spearheaded Christmas activities for both the children's enjoyment (and perhaps yours.....) and as a way of earning some extra income for the school. I would like to offer a huge thank you to them, for their time and effort.

To end, I simply have to say something about Beat The Street. To be honest, I had no idea that it would grip the school and the community in the way in which it did. Neither did I envisage the enthusiasm and passion it would generate. It was, quite simply, amazing to see our children 'out and about' so often, collecting those points, ably supported by yourselves and Conifers staff. I know that many staff and children went the extra mile to gain a tremendous amount of points and my personal thanks to them all, but also a special mention is due to Miss Frampton who spearheaded many activities and galvanised the school on many occasions. It was an excellent result and yes, it did stir my competitive side, but I don't believe there is anything wrong with a little healthy competition and when it encourages a healthy lifestyle, all the better! A huge well done to everyone who took part in this enterprise.

Please find attached to this newsletter a list of dates for December. Thank you for your continued support of the school.

Yours sincerely

Mr A Johnson  
HEADTEACHER



## CHRISTMAS DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Willow to WOEC, pm, back to school - 4pm
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Yr 1 and 2 Family Christmas Sing along, donation of £1 for mince pies and refreshments. Parents arrive at 2.30pm for a 2.45pm start.
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Fair in School at 3.30pm. Children can wear non-uniform for a £1 donation Girls Football Team to Littledown Centre - Bournemouth
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Nativity to Parents am Year 6 to Harbour Lights for Carol Singing, 10.30am
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3 and 4 Christmas Show - pm to parents
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day, donation of £1 Christingle with Father Richard - 9am, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, parents are invited. House afternoon
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Service for the whole school at St Pauls Church. Reception children will be taken down and brought back by coach. All parents are invited.
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 5 to Dick Whittington at Weymouth Pavilion - am Friends Christmas Party for the children
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	WEYCO Christmas dinner for the children School finishes for Christmas at 3.15pm

