

CONIFERS PRIMARY SCHOOL



29th March 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

With only a few school days to go - we are looking forward to the Easter break, and hopefully some pleasant weather in which to enjoy some quality 'down' time.

As you are hopefully already aware - we are sharing ideas and learning opportunities with both Bincombe and Southill Primary schools, and over the past few weeks, some of our Year 5 children have been participating in an initiative called the 'Art of Being Happy'. What's that? - I hear you cry, well read on and Miss Worley will explain all about it.

Staying with the theme of engaging with other schools, Conifers has had some excellent sporting success recently - and as tempted as I am to wax lyrical about this, I'll allow Miss Frampton the opportunity to do so on the following pages.

Remaining with the theme of working together, March 13th was 'Sing Up Day' - and Conifers children joined others from literally around the world to sing, 'One Moment-One People'. Again, I'm sure Mrs Dalby will regale you with more details a little later. Those of you, who have had the opportunity to hear our children sing together, will know how tremendous it sounds and as a school, we take the opportunity to sing together every Monday during our Whole School Assembly.

Those of you who use the rear gates to enter and exit the school grounds may well have noticed the increased height of these. This work was undertaken as we constantly strive to build upon and sustain our high standards of safeguarding within the school and both yourselves and the children recognise our commitment to this.

Finally, just a reminder school finishes next Friday 5th April at 3.15pm and children return to school on Tuesday 23rd April. I would like to take the opportunity to wish you all a very lovely Easter - try not to enjoy those confectionary delights that are so readily available at this time of year, too much!

As always - thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mr A Johnson
Headteacher

Sports News

The spring term is one of the busiest terms for sporting events, we've had two tag rugby tournaments, a netball festival, a swimming gala, the Nash Cup and weekly orienteering events.

All of the children who have attended these events have represented the school well and showed all of the school games values. The successes have included, Geoff Goodrick qualifying for the county swimming gala in 25m butterfly and Poppy Rodgers coming 3rd in 50m breaststroke. The Year 5 netball team won their first game against Portesham and the Year 6 team came second in their biggest success was the girls football team who won their third trophy of the year, beating Atlantic in the Nash Cup final.

Thank you to all the parents who have supported their children at these events over the last few weeks. Keep checking your emails for information regarding clubs as we have so many going on at the moment!

Miss Frampton
PE Lead

Year 5 and 6 children at Budmouth for Netball



Swimming Team



Geoff Goodrick winning 25 metre butterfly



The Nash Cup Winners!!



Sing Up Day

Children and adults alike had a fabulous time celebrating Sing Up Day and coming together for a special assembly. Each year group performed their favourite song in front of the whole school before we all came together to sing the Sing Up Day song, *One Moment, One people*, with our partner school in Katharaka.

Mrs Dalby
Music Lead



Art of Being Happy

Year 5 have been developing their understanding of what it means to be happy! The children have been reflecting on not only what makes them happy but how they impact the happiness of others. We are in the process of creating a whole school plan to drive happiness through Conifers so watch this space...



From The Governors

This is just a short update on how the Governors have been spending their time. The Chair of Governors has attended a Briefing meeting and a conference organised by Governor Services at County Hall. Both of these had extremely interesting and informative input from a wide variety of trainers. The Chair reported many of the things she had learnt back to the Full Governing Body meeting last Thursday.

Four Governors attended training, again organised by Governor Services, but held at our school to ensure that we know all about the Pupil Premium expenditure. This meeting was very well attended by, in total, 25 Governors from all over Dorset.

As you will know from Mr Johnson, Conifers is working with Southill and Bincombe Schools and there has also been a meeting for Governors from both schools. It is extremely useful to share expertise in this way with other Governors in the local area.

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