

Be Kind, Be Safe, Be Respectful

The value we are looking at this half term is Courage. Our HeartSmart focus is: Too Much Selfie Isn't Healthy!

Tuesday 10th January 2023  
Spring 2023 Newsletter 2

Things to remember:

- Wear something bright to school this Friday to banish the January blues! Please bring in something for the FABS Bingo - any chocolate you can't face eating or unwanted Christmas gifts.
- The closing date for school starters and middle school applications is next Tuesday, the 15th. You can use [this link](#) if you have not yet applied
- Don't forget to vote for the FABS in the Asda Green Tokens - either online via <https://www.asda.com/green-tokens/store?store=4924> or in-store
- Year 4 parents and carers look out for a letter regarding the upcoming Hooke Court trip tomorrow

Dear Parents and Carers,

The wet and windy weather is making playtimes an exciting game of 'are we in or out?' and we are finding ourselves a little like yo-yos depending on how heavy the rain is! Please make sure children have their coats with them - remember we have 'new to you' coats available in the foyer if you find children have suddenly grown out of their current coat - and we are happy to accept ongoing donations.

### **Bringing Toys and Other Items into School**

We seem to have a rise in the amount of items being brought into school recently. Can I remind our families that toys and other items are **not allowed** in school unless this has been previously agreed with the class teacher - for instance for Show and Tell sessions. In these cases please ensure items are only brought in on the correct day.

This includes transitional objects and fiddle toys- these can only be brought in if the class teacher has agreed them. This rule is for the safety of our children and to ensure property does not go missing.

Having had a child of my own who was particularly keen on taking things into school without me knowing, it might be worth occasionally frisking your child to ensure they are helping to keep this rule!

### **A Message from our Eco Team**

The school Eco team have been meeting to discuss various issues around the school. They have written the following message for the school community:

*The Eco Team has noticed that we now have litter on the school field and around the playground.*

*We would like this to stop happening. The Eco Team have organised for each class to start regular litter picking sessions, and we have introduced a new bin onto the playground.*

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*To help us please can you try to reduce the amount of single use plastics coming into school? Snacks could be put into reusable containers (note from Mrs Collings - please name them!) and please can you remind your children that all rubbish should ideally be brought inside and recycled wherever possible.*

*Please help us keep the Earth clean and look after our school grounds!*

### **Upcoming Pantomimes**

We are very lucky that there are two upcoming local pantomimes for your delight and entertainment (oh no there isn't, I hear you cry!)

The Broadmayne Players are performing Cinderella on the 17th and 18th February at 7pm. Tickets are £8 each (buy 3, get one free) and are available from the village shop.

The Preston Pantomime Group will be presenting Jack and The Beanstalk from Wednesday 15th - Saturday 18th February at 7.30pm with a 2.30pm Saturday matinee performance. Performances will be at Preston Village Hall and tickets are £8 with concessions. Tickets are available through the box office on 01305 834410.

### **Try the Harp Weekend**

An unusual but intriguing opportunity has arisen this weekend that our families might be interested in. Pilgrim Harps, a bespoke maker of harps based in Surrey, are offering free 'try the harp' sessions between 10am and 4pm on Saturday and Sunday. They hope to show that the harp is a surprisingly logical instrument to learn, with a wonderful sound right from the first go. Sessions will be held at The Quiet Place, Woodlands Crescent, Poundbury.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Collings

## Calendar Dates Spring 1 2023

Date	Time	Event
<b>JANUARY</b>		
Friday 13th		Wear something bright to school with a chocolate donation for the FABS
Monday 16th	AM	Reception vision screening
Friday 20th	6pm	FABS Bingo
Wednesday 25th	3.15pm	Year 4 Hooke Court meeting
Monday 30th	AM	Wessex Wild visiting Year 2
<b>FEBRUARY</b>		
Thursday 2nd	All day	Tag Rugby festival - more details to follow (one small team will be attending at this point)
Friday 3rd		NUMBER DAY Wear Something to do with number - donations for the NSPCC
Monday 6th	AM	Shire Hall visit Year 2
Tuesday 7th		SAFER INTERNET DAY
Thursday 9th		LAST DAY OF HALF TERM  9.15am Year 3 Class Assembly Snapshot Reports Years 1-4  FABS Disco
Friday 10th		INSET DAY
<b>Mon 13th - Fri 17th</b>		<b>HALF TERM</b>
Monday 20th		Return to school