



# WEEKLY FOCUS

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## "The future of the world is in the classroom today"

Dear Parents

Where on earth has this half term gone? By now your child is well settled into their new class with their new teacher and has learnt SO much. Let's hope that the sun will shine on us all during half term so that we can get out and about. If you would like to get your child thinking about their new topic for after half term each year group will be doing the following:

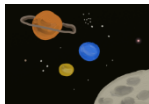
**Year 3** It's an Attraction-a science topic about Magnets



**Year 4** Vikings & Saxons-a history topic



**Year 5** Life in Space



**Year 6** Buzz Lightyear-a science topic about circuits and light



They could get a book out from the library about their topic or go online and do some research.

### The Twits

This morning during assembly, 2 AMAZING actors (Mr Darch and Miss Ingram) performed a scene from the Twits by Roald Dahl as part of our whole school writing day. They showcased "The Worms scene" and Miss Ingram – AKA Mrs Twit forced Mr Twit (Mr Darch) to eat worms. (Luckily only Heinz spaghetti!!) The children thoroughly enjoyed the performance and then went on to produce some wonderful writing this morning.

### Weekly theme

This week our theme is Diwali. Diwali (in Hindi) or Deepavali (in Tamil) is the Hindu Festival of Lights. The name originally comes from the Sanskrit word dipavali, meaning a row of lights. Wherever Diwali is being celebrated you will see shops, houses and public places decorated with small, earthenware, oil lamps known as diyas.



Diwali is the five-day festival of lights, celebrated by millions of Hindus, Sikhs and Jains across the world. The festival, which coincides with the Hindu New Year, celebrates new beginnings and the triumph of good over evil and light over darkness.

### Sponsored Run



Don't forget that it is the sponsored run on Friday morning. Please can you get as many people to sponsor your child as possible-nans, grandads, aunts, uncles, work colleagues etc. All the sponsored run money will go on exciting new playground markings. These are really expensive eg £500 for just a hopscotch marking. The more money we get the more fun things we can have on the playground.

Sponsor money can be collected during half term and be brought in during that first week back.

### Sport

Well done to the cross country runners that ran at Gang Warily last week. They really persevered on that difficult course.

Good luck to the year 5 and 6 footballers who are playing in a competition tomorrow afternoon. Unfortunately Testwood have postponed the table tennis competition tomorrow afternoon. We are hoping that this will be reorganised for after half term.

### Non Uniform

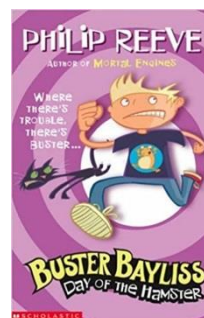
Don't forget that it is non-uniform on Friday. Please can children pay £1.00 for the privilege of wearing non uniform. All proceeds go to school funds.

### Come and Read



Last week we had over 60 parents and grandparents in reading with their children which is fantastic. Look out for the 'Come and do IT' dates that are coming up soon. Year 5 is today at 2.30.

### Book of the Week



Our book of the week this week is Days of the Hamster by Philip Reeve and it is recommended by Miss Kynaston.

Buster longs for a quiet life, but weird stuff just keeps happening in Smogley... HEEELLLP! There's a giant, crazy hamster - and it's coming straight for Buster!

Hamsters - small, cute and cuddly... Except when you feed them weird brown gloopy stuff and they're cute, cuddly and the size of a house. Buster Bayliss is in really big trouble this time... The third in the hilarious series from Philip Reeve.

### Harvest



Tomorrow we will have our assembly about Harvest. Unfortunately we cannot fit parents in as well as children but we do hope to see you at our Christmas assembly on Thursday 21 December at Testwood Baptist Church.

Thank you for all the Harvest donations that we have had so far. We are way off beating our target of 450 items from last year. However it is not too late, we will take donations right up until Friday.

### Shoebboxes



Shoebboxes are not being collected until after half term so if you want to put one together you do have the holiday to do so. We have a box in the office if you would like to donate something to put in a shoebox rather than making up a whole one.

### Cake Sale



There is a cake sale tomorrow after school run by the CJSA. All monies raised go directly on things for the children. We would be grateful for any donations, just drop them into the office tomorrow morning. Thank you!

### Uniform Reminders



Can we please remind you that trainers or boots are not school uniform. If children wear boots to school they need to change them into shoes when they get to school.

Girls need to have their hair tied up during the school day

Extreme haircuts are NOT allowed

Children need a coat now as the weather is getting colder

Outdoor PE kit needs to include trainers, leggings or jogging bottoms, t shirt and a sweatshirt.

### Lorry Driver needed!

Do we have any parent that would be able to drive a lorry that is 7.5 Tonnes? If so please would you let the office know as we are looking for someone to drive the lorry to and from Rock Challenge on 22 Feb and again on 25 April 2018. You will need to have a CPC Certificate to be able to do this for us.

### Hi Vis Jackets



Has anyone got any Hi-Vis jackets that they don't use anymore, or know anyone that could donate any to us?

We require them for our adult helpers on school trips and visits.

### AFC Totton Draw

Congratulations to Harry Burgess, Abigail Potter And Natasha Smith who have won the draw this week to go and watch a match at Totton Football Club.

### Brainteaser

**Last week's solution:** STONE

**This week's teaser:** I am a vehicle. I spell the same when you read me forwards as well as backwards. What Am I?

*Have a wonderful half term and we look forward to seeing you back on Mon 30 October !*

**Lisa Marshall – Headteacher**

## **Assembly news**

The following children were awarded

### Head Teacher's Awards

Year 3: **Fred & Charlotte**

Year 4: **Noah & Ethan**

Year 5: **Lillie & Grace**

Year 6: **Leah & Taylan-John**

### B.E.S.T Awards

Year 3: **Verity & Emily**

Year 4: **Annabelle & Lucy**

Year 5: **Jack & Ben**

Year 6: **Rebekah & Reece**

*Well done to you all keep up the good work!*

### Maths Star's

Year 3: **Isabelle & Ashton**

Year 4: **Kezia & Jacob**

Year 5: **Oliver & Nero**

Year 6: **Alfie & Grace**

*Well Done!*

Children receive these awards for outstanding and on-going effort, good work and attitude.

Congratulations!

### IT'S COOL TO GO TO SCHOOL!

**LAST WEEKS CLASS**

**ATTENDANCE WINNERS WERE:**

**Walliams Class @ 99 %**

*Well done and keep up the good attendance!*

### Our Learning

**Year 3** The children have had a great start to Year Three in this first Autumn term. We have learnt so much already and we are finishing it off with some work on perimeter in maths. After half term we will be looking at multiplication and using our times tables. It would be great if you could work with your children on their 2, 5, 10, 3 and 4 times tables over half term, as this will really support their learning.

For English we have completed our non-chronological reports on giants. We have added information about where giants live, what they eat and how they dress. After half term we are focusing on writing an opening for a narrative.

Have a great half term and enjoy the well-earned rest!

**Year 4** This week in Year 4 we are learning to find acute, obtuse and right angles around the school and explain what they are. In English we have been writing and editing our explanation texts. We are also typing them up in best and printing them.

Thank you to all the adults that came to our exit point on Monday, the children loved sharing all their interesting facts with you! We are very excited about welcoming Miss Green to year 4 after half term and starting our new Viking and Anglo Saxon topic! Keep your eyes peeled for our exciting home learning project coming out on Friday!

**Year 5** What a busy half term Year 5 have had! In literacy this week, we have been completing our film critiques. In maths we have been learning about the properties of 3D shapes and in topic we have been learning about the process of mummification! After half term we will be starting our new science topic called 'Life in Space.'

**Year 6** Well the first half term has flown by. We have this week been looking at a poem about a caged bird and mimicking it in order to create our own poem based on the 'caged Minotaur'. We have used metaphors, personification and imagery in our work and the final pieces are really impressive. In maths we've been looking at how to add and subtract fractions as well as working on arithmetic - trying to use the most efficient methods to solve problems. Our Ancient Greek topic is nearly over and we are finishing by competing against each other in class, arguing who we feel is the greatest Ancient Greek of all time. The competition has required us to research our nomination before appealing for votes in order to 'defeat' the opposition until just one Greek remains triumphant. Who will win? Next half term we shall be studying light and electricity in our new topic, Buzz Lightyear.

### Harvest lunch is tomorrow

Thursday 19 Oct

#### Red Meal

Meat and Potato Pie with Carrots,  
Coleslaw/Salad or

#### Blue Meal

Harvest Pizza with Coleslaw/Salad

#### Pudding

Blackberry & Apple Sponge

No advance order needed, just order on the day as normal.

Look out for the new menu that was sent out last week. It starts after October half term. Picnics will not be available after half term, until next April.



**FAMILY PHOTO EVENING**  
**THURSDAY 16 NOVEMBER**  
**5.00 – 7.00 pm**



Once again we are pleased to be able to offer the popular Family Photo Evening. Cardwell & Simons Studios will be taking the photos.

No obligation to purchase. Delivery will be by the end of term for those of you thinking of Christmas gifts. Examples of photos taken in previous years are available to view in the office. We still have a few appointments left.

**Please complete the slip below and return to school office by Friday 3 NOVEMBER.**

Please indicate your preferred appointment time and also how many you expect to be in the photo (this helps with time allowance for your booking - the sooner you let me know, the sooner we can confirm the time). However, if once you have this appointment you need to cancel, please let us know asap - to avoid confusion/problems. Past families and other relatives/friends/neighbours are most welcome too. If you have any queries, pop in to see Mrs Arnison.

### Prompts and reminders!

#### URGENT... YEAR 6

There are still quite a few of you that haven't applied for a Secondary School place. You will not be automatically given a place at your catchment school! Please make sure you apply online or get another form from the office before half term. The deadline is Tuesday 31 October.

**WANTED!!**

If you have any unwanted plain leather belts, please would you send them into school for us to use for Rock Challenge. We are making shields, and would like to make straps from them. Any colour will do but we would like them at least 35-38cms long!

**Year 3 & 5**

Please return Explorer Dome letters and £5 payment asap. Another letter has been sent out if you haven't paid yet.

**Year 3 & 4**

Please return your Flu Vaccination forms as soon as possible, even if you do not want your child to have it. Thank you

**Year 3**

Questionnaires were sent out last week, please complete them and return them to us, so we know what's going well and what we need to improve! :-)

**Old pound coins**

Don't forget that we are no longer accepting the old pound coin. If you are sending in dinner money or payment for anything else please do not send them in or they will be returned to you.

**Lunchtime Supervisor**

We currently have a vacancy for a lunchtime Supervisory Assistant. 5 hours a week, £7.80 per hour 12.00 - 1.00pm. Please call the office on 02380865354 or pop in for an application pack.

**Rock Challenge**

Don't forget to return slips and payment please if you haven't yet done so! Date has now been confirmed for Thursday 22 Feb 2018. The final date is also confirmed as Wednesday 25 April.

**Watering Hole walk**

Just to let you know that this coming weekend on Saturday 21st Oct 2.00pm The Watering Hole led by Rosemary Lethbridge will be hosting a walk that is suitable for families. Meet in the Calmore Community Centre car park before heading off in cars to the place where the walk will start. Please make sure you have the right footwear, waterproofs and water with you.

Also a reminder to those that come to the JC club on a Friday that there is NO session this week. We will resume on Friday Nov 3rd.

**Xmas Fayre Stall holders**

If you know anyone that would like a stall at our Xmas Fayre on Friday 1 December then please pop into the office and pick up a booking form. Stalls are priced at £10 each.

**And Finally ...**

*Have a safe and happy half-term break!*

**Dates for your Diary**



**Autumn Term**

2018 Inset Days: 15/1, 9/2, & 23/7

**Parents Evening**

Year 5 Exit Point with IT 2.30pm  
CJSA committee meeting 9am  
Harvest Festival & Harvest lunch  
CJSA Cake Sale 3.15pm  
Non-uniform day

Half Term - Oct 24 - 27<sup>th</sup>

Secondary application deadline  
Yr 6 parents come in for IT 2.30pm  
Explorer Dome Yr's 3 & 5  
Year 3 & 4 Flu vaccinations  
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Yr 4 parents come in for IT 2.30pm  
Family photo eve (5-7pm)  
Bikeability Yr 5  
Non-uniform Xmas Fayre donations

Christmas Fayre  
School Disco

Praisin Hands production  
Testwood Baptist Christmas concert 10am  
Break up for Christmas

**Start of Spring Term 2018**

Inset Day  
Leeson House residential Yr 5  
Rock Challenge show 6pm  
Rock Challenge Final  
SATS Yr 6

Wed 18 Oct  
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Thur 19 Oct  
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Fri 20 Oct

Tues 31 Oct  
Wed 1 Nov  
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Wed 8 Nov  
Wed 15 Nov  
Thurs 16 Nov  
Mon 20-23 Nov  
Fri 24 Nov

Fri 1 Dec  
Thur 14 Dec  
Weds 20 Dec  
Thurs 21 Dec  
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Thurs 4 Jan  
Mon 15 Jan  
31Jan- Fri 2 Feb  
Thurs 22 Feb  
Wed 25 April  
Week 14-18 May