

Awbridge Primary School News

Issue 4

Thursday 19th October 2017

130 Years of Awbridge Primary School!

This year sees the 130th anniversary of the year the school was founded. As a school we will be celebrating by finding out about the history of the school and having a dress up day on Thursday 23rd November. The children are invited to come to school dressed in Victorian style clothes. We will also be having a party in the afternoon and will be asking for food contributions for this.

If you have access to any information or photos about the schools history and would be willing to share them then please contact Mrs Shepherd



Attendance for last week

Chestnut	97.1%
Willow	96.3%
Maple	98.6%
Conifer	95.7%
Beech	96%

Parents Evening

These will take place on Tuesday 31st October and Thursday 2nd November. If you have not already signed up then please contact the school office. This is an important time for teachers to share information about how well your child has settled into the new school year.

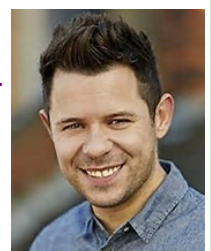
New Sports Kit!!

We are really lucky to have been donated a new sports kit for our football team. I am sure you will agree they look the part now and will be able to impress at our next competition. Thank you to Mrs Buckingham for making this happen and to The Premiership League for sponsoring the kit!



Guy Bass Author Visit

On Monday Key Stage 2 children were treated to a visit from the author Guy Bass. Over the last few weeks the children have been studying his books and thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to meet the author and to ask him lots of interesting questions!



Parent workshops

This term we are fortunate enough to have the organisation MIND coming in to carry out some parenting workshops with a particular focus on 'Emotional Resilience.' The workshops are open to all Awbridge School parents and we hope that as many of you as possible will take up this fantastic opportunity.

The workshops are free of charge and will be run by Alexa Beck from MIND on a Friday afternoon commencing on Friday 22nd September. These exclusive workshops will cover areas such as 'confidence building' and 'coping with emotions.'

Friday 20 th October	1.30 – 3.00pm	Health Step Plan
Friday 3 rd November	1.30 – 3.00pm	Mini Wrap
Friday 10 th November	1.30 – 3.00pm	Relaxation
Friday 17 th November	1.30 – 3.00pm	Sleep Hygiene

If you would like to attend one or all of these workshops then please return the slip sent home earlier in the week or see the school office.

Christmas Fayre

This will be taking place on Friday 1st December. We would like to invite the children to come to school in non-uniform on Thursday 30th November in return for bringing in a box of chocolates for the chocolate tombola.

If you are able to offer a raffle prize for the fayre it would be much appreciated; anything from a bouquet of flowers to a voucher for your business or even a weekend stay in your holiday home! All prizes will be gratefully received. Please see a member of the PTA or the school office

One final plea is for donations for the 'Topsy Tombola'. Bottles of wine, beer, spirits etc are welcomed and can be left at the school office. Thank you for your support.

Don't forget to put the date in your diary and sign up to help on the night!



Parent Helpers on School Trips

We very much appreciate the help we receive from parents when classes go on trips and visits. If you have agreed to help on a trip and are then unable to attend please see the class teacher rather than try to organise someone else to cover. Many thanks for your support.

Willow Class Trip—Sustainability Centre

Willow Class enjoyed a wonderful day creating clay models, natural art and investigating materials. The sun shone and a fun day was had by all.



Don't Forget....

Tomorrow, 20th October is an INSET DAY so the school will be CLOSED until we return from the half-term break. Happy half term!

Important information about Winter Bugs

Winter is fast approaching and no doubt there will be lots of bugs such as the norovirus around, so we would like to clarify our position as a school. We adopt the rules set by Hampshire County Council, where, in cases of sickness and/or upset tummies, your child can return to school 48 hours after the last instance of vomiting/diarrhoea. This timescale is in place to avoid the spread of infection to other children, helping to keep our sickness levels to a minimum. Thank you for your co-operation.

PTA Events

10th Nov School Disco

1st Dec Xmas Fayre

Fitzfam do the Great South Run for MS

The Fitzhenry family (including Mrs Raven) will be running The Great South Run this weekend!!! They are raising money to support the Multiple Sclerosis Society. It is a charity close to Mrs



Raven's heart as her Mum has the condition. If you would be willing to support Mrs Raven with this worthwhile cause and motivate her to complete the ten miles then please visit her Just Giving page: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/mark-fitzhenry2 The family will be very grateful of your support. Run Mrs Raven, run!!!!!!!!!!

Class Assemblies

Over the year the children will be taking part in class assemblies of which you are invited to attend. The first will be taking place in November and will be at 3pm in the school hall. This is an opportunity for the classes to share their learning with you and to give you an insight into school life. We do hope you can attend!

Autumn Class Assemblies:

Beech Class—Thursday 16th November

Conifer Class Assembly—Monday 20th November

Maple—Tues 28th November



Storytelling Day

Taking place at Winchester City Mill on Friday 27th October—free!

Pop along and listen to some lovely stories if you are looking for something to do in the holidays.



October

Friday 20th	INSET DAY - School closed
Monday 23rd to Friday 27th	October half-term break
Tuesday 31st	Parents evening

November

Thursday 2 nd	Open morning for 2018 Year R applicants
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Tuesday 7th	Flu immunisations (for Years R-4 inclusive)
Friday 10th	Open morning for 2018 Year R applicants
Friday 17th	Children in Need
Thursday 23rd	130th anniversary celebration —children to dress in Victorian style clothes
Thursday 30th Nov	Non-uniform day —bring in something chocolatey for the Christmas Fair

December

Friday 1st	PTA Christmas Fair
Thursday 7th	Collaboration Christmas Concert at Romsey Abbey
Thursday 14th	Infant Nativity at All Saints Church—afternoon and evening performance
Tuesday 19th	Christmas Service at Awbridge Church

Sports dates:

October

Friday 20th Girls Football Mountbatten School 1.30 to 4pm

November

Friday 10th Gymnastics Festival Mountbatten School 1 to 4pm

Friday 17th Tag Rugby Festival Mountbatten School 1.30 to 4pm

Monday 27th Cross Country Mountbatten School 4 to 5pm

December

Friday 8th Indoor Athletics Festival Mountbatten School 1 to 4pm

INSET DAYS (School closed)

Friday 20th October 2017

Friday 9th February 2018 ****Amended Date****

Friday 25th May 2018

Monday 23 July 2018