



## Newsletter Number 18: 12.6.2026



### **JUNE**

- 19.6.26 – Class Photographs
- 25.6.26 – YR Marwell
- 26.6.26 – Y1 Seaside Extravaganza

### **JULY**

- 5.7.26 - Summer Fair
- 8.7.27 – Joint coffee morning at St Mary's Junior School
- 10.7.26 – Rock Steady End of Year Concert
- 13.7.26 – 2pm Y2 Leavers' Show
- 14.7.26 - 9:30 Y2 Leavers' Show
- 17.7.26 – Family Picnic with St Mary's Junior School – details below
- 21.7.26 – Y2 Leaver's Party
- 22.3.26 – Last Day of Term

Welcome back to the second half of the summer term. I am hoping that we do not see a return of the extreme heat that we had over the half term break but I see that we are going to have some sunny days ahead. On that note, please make sure that your child has a named hat especially on sunny days – you would be amazed at how many children don't!

Year 2 had a wonderful trip to Sea City Museum. It is great for them to be able to learn about the historical events that happened in their own local area and bring the important story of Titanic to life for them. They have been able to really think about what lessons were learnt after the sad events of April 15<sup>th</sup> 1912, understand why equality is important and how lucky we are today. The museum is well worth a visit for anyone who is interested in Titanic.

### **End of year family picnic with St Mary's Junior School– 17th July 12:45pm-2:00pm**

We are pleased to share plans for an end of term family picnic to mark the end of the academic year! We have enjoyed several joint events this year and these activities and links are important for our school community and relations.

On Friday 17th July you are invited to join your child/children for lunch at the junior school. Details will be confirmed nearer the time, but infant parents will be asked to join their infant school child/children at school at 12:30pm to then walk over to the junior school with their class at 12:45pm. Junior children will meet their family on the junior school field.

Any child who does not have a parent/relative in attendance will enjoy their picnic with their class. At the end of the picnic, children will be able to leave with their parents/carers. For safeguarding reasons pupils will only be able to leave after the picnic with their own family – children will not be allowed to leave with any friends. There will be no exceptions to this for pupils at either school.

**We will send out further details nearer the time.**

Mrs Lillywhite and Mrs Denning

## **Staff Profile – Lea Somerville**

I started my career in teaching at Old Basing Infant School 3 years ago. Before teaching I worked in aviation where I was fortunate to travel all over the world and visit so many unforgettable places. After having my daughter, I became more and more interested in education and took a leap of faith and became an LSA. The rest as they say is history and after teacher training, I was lucky enough to secure a job at Old Basing Infant School.

In my free time I love to read, spend time with my family and see my friends. I do also enjoy football; however, this year has not been quite so enjoyable as I support Tottenham Hotspur!

## **EARA (Equality and Right Advocates) Network**

Some of the children from our EARA group attended the Basingstoke EARA network meeting this week. The children were great representatives for our school talking about the concepts of identity, community and belonging. There was a big focus on the Football World Cup and how this brings people from different countries together. The EARA group will be sharing some of the activities they participated in with the rest of the school.

## **Autumn Attendance**

Basingstoke and Deane are about to embark on a new drive to try and secure 100% attendance for pupils during the first two weeks of the Autumn term. Evidence shows pupils who attend school every day at the start were far more likely to sustain strong attendance over the school year, achieve well, and feel a sense of belonging to their new class. We have seen this echoed across our school with our own attendance trends. Children who have been on holiday at the start of September have taken a long time to regain good attendance, especially when illness is also factored in. So, this is a plea to you to appreciate the importance of the start of the school year and the vital learning and development that takes place in September. The notion that just missing a week or so at the start of term won't hurt is not what the evidence is telling us.

## **Safeguarding**

Please follow the link below for further parenting information

[Support for Parents, Carers and Families | Hampshire CTSH](#)

## **Talk Point**

‘Would the world be fairer if everyone was exactly the same?’

## **Appointments**

If you are taking your child to a medical appointment, please make sure that you fill in the relevant paperwork in the school office. As per our policy, please do not email the office to let them know – the paperwork on these types of absences must be filed along with attendance register and leave of absence forms and kept for six years in accordance with DFE attendance guidelines.

## **Plea for help!**

We have been fortunate enough to purchase two new sheds for the YR playground - one is going to be for sand play and the other is for role play. Mr Bowman is currently unable help with the construction of the sheds so we thought we would put it out to you to see if anyone would be able to spare some time to help! If this is something you would be able to assist us with, then please call school and ask to speak to Mrs Sciberras.

## **F.O.O.B.S. Summer Fair**

Hello from F.O.O.B.S. Firstly, a big thank you for all the TBU donations last week and also the jar donations you have brought in this week, we very much appreciate it!

Please continue selling those raffle tickets and send the stubs back in by Friday 19th June. Please also return any unsold tickets so that they are available for others to buy on the day.

Advance sales are now open for Summer Fair tickets via the website [www.foobs.weebly.com](http://www.foobs.weebly.com) where you can buy tickets for £2 for adults (children are free and don't need a ticket)

### **\*\*\*F.O.O.B.S. Summer Fair – parent volunteers sign up!\*\*\***

The F.O.O.B.S. Summer Fair is our biggest fundraiser of the year and is solely run by volunteers. Without the support from parents/school families it simply wouldn't be possible! If you or your family/friends can help, please volunteer for just 30 mins on your class allocated stall.

Again we are using the online sign up process to make it easier for you to sign up. Please note that each class has a separate link to their sign up sheet below – please select the right one!

Please sign up before 25<sup>th</sup> June, but if you find your class is full and you'd still like to help, or you would like to help further on the day, perhaps with set up / clear up, please email [foobsummerfair@gmail.com](mailto:foobsummerfair@gmail.com)

Year R:

Dormouse - Pick A Jar - <https://volunteersignup.org/RQY79>

Hedgehog - Raffle - <https://volunteersignup.org/LEEER>

Mole - Splat The Rat - <https://volunteersignup.org/74EPY>

Year 1:

Squirrel - Hoopla - <https://volunteersignup.org/JBBKW>

Fox - Play Your Cards Right - <https://volunteersignup.org/MLKRJ>

Hare - Hook a Duck - <https://volunteersignup.org/T9QEP>

Year 2:

Barn Owl - Pick A Lolly & Lucky Dip - <https://volunteersignup.org/XLEWF>

Badger - Bouncy Castle (1) - <https://volunteersignup.org/XJPC7>

Otter - Tin Can Alley - <https://volunteersignup.org/9A3K9>

**Additional sign-up link - Face Painting – <https://volunteersignup.org/C774H>**

We have also included this link in case any of our parents would rather show their creative side instead or as well as helping on their class stall!

And did you know some companies offer a match funding scheme whereby they will donate to charity to match the funds raised whilst an employee is volunteering their time on a specific stall, or donate a fixed amount simply because an employee is devoting some of their time? Do you know if your company has this sort of policy? F.O.O.B.S. would be very grateful if you could find out!

Any queries, please contact the F.O.O.B.S. Summer Fair team on [foobsummerfair@gmail.com](mailto:foobsummerfair@gmail.com)

### **Year 2 Tea Towels**

Online sales for the Year 2 Tea Towel are now open via the website [www.foobs.weebly.com](http://www.foobs.weebly.com) . Please place your order by Sunday 21st June. The order will be placed with the manufacturer the following day so we won't be able to accommodate any late orders.

Many thanks for your continued support  
Your F.O.O.B.S. Committee

### **Open Mornings for 2027-2028 Intake**

We have scheduled in our Open Mornings for the 2027-2028 intake of children so I thought that I would list the dates here so that you can pass them on to anyone you think may be interested in their child joining us at Old Basing Infant School. Flyer is attached and the dates are - September 24<sup>th</sup>, October 14<sup>th</sup>, November 6<sup>th</sup> and November 23<sup>rd</sup> all at 9.15am.

We do also have a few spaces in the new YR cohort coming in September and in our current Year R and Year 1 (who will be Y1 and Y2 in September) so if you know of anyone who is considering moving their child we may be an option for them. I should add that all of our Year 2 children who wanted to attend St Mary's Junior School got a place to start Y3 in September which is really good news when we consider how many of our families are out of catchment.

Mrs Bissessar brought this to my attention, so I have popped it in this newsletter. The National Book Token scheme for funding for our school is now open - see link [Win £1,000 / €1,000 for your school's library! | National Book Tokens](#) You never know – we could be lucky!

Have a wonderful weekend and enjoy some sunshine!  
Sonia Denning