



Newsletter Number 5: 7.11.2025

November

- 10.11.25 – Friendship Week
- 11.11.25 – 6:30pm YR Reading and Phonics Q&A – teams
- 14.11.25 – Non-Uniform Children in Need
- 18.11.25 – Happy School Bags
- 19.11.25 – Flu Immunisations
- 24.11.25 – 9.15am New Year R Open Morning for 2026-2027 intake
- 28.11.25 – FOOPS Christmas Market

December

- 11.12.25 – UNICEF Day for Change
- 12.12.25 – 2pm Rock Steady Concert for the parents of those children who attend
- 15.12.25 – 2pm YR Nativity Performance
- 16.12.25 – 9:30am YR Nativity Performance
- 18.12.25 – Christmas jumper day and Christmas Lunch
- 19.12.25 – INSET Day and end of term**

Welcome back to Autumn2 – the weather is decidedly gloomy but the children have been bright and cheery and a pleasure to be around this week.

This week we were very lucky as one of our Year 2 parents joined us to talk to the children all about St Martin's Lantern Festival. The children enjoyed learning about this festival and making links to similar festivals which are celebrated by the sharing of food and the use of bright lights. In year 1, the children enjoyed creating their own lanterns.

If you would be interested in coming into school to share any festivals you celebrate at home with the children, please contact Mrs Nightingale.



Children in Need

Friday November 14th is Children in Need. We will be discussing what this day means and there will be some fun activities for the children to take part in. If you would like to donate, then please scan the QR code or click on the link below.



https://www.justgiving.com/page/oldbasing12?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=EM

Parking

I have had another complaint about the parking in the school car park. A parent came in to the office justifiably frustrated that there were empty spaces that can't be accessed because people are parking down the middle before filling up the bays. Please fill up the bays first, as the car park cannot be used to its capacity otherwise and this then adds to the congestion elsewhere.

Staff Profile - Debra Selmes - School Business Manager

I first started working in schools in February 2000 when I was appointed Administrative Officer at Hook Junior School, mostly taking responsibility for HR. I worked there for 6 years during which time I studied for my Certificate in School Business Management. In May 2006, I moved to a Senior Administrative Officer's role at Frogmore Infant School in Blackwater. This role allowed me to take on the financial side of school management as well as the HR. In 2010 I studied for my Diploma in School Business Management and moved to my current Business Manager role here at Old Basing Infant School on 1st April 2013!!

Before working in schools, I had a ten-year career break to be a stay-at-home mum to my two children, who are now both in their early thirties. Prior to that, I worked in administrative roles for an air conditioning company, and later, following a relocation from Surrey, for a company specialising in marketing incentives.

My husband and I have just moved from Hook, where we lived for 38 years, in an attempt to downsize now our children have both moved out. Away from school, I enjoy reading, walking and spending quality time with my daughter, son and new daughter-in-law.

Hello from F.O.O.B.S!

Thank you for all of your donations for the Christmas Market this week. It is shaping up to be another wonderful event for the children! Don't worry if you have forgotten, we will be doing a final collection from the schools on Monday so please do bring any remaining donations in on Monday morning. Tinsel Tokens, our new Christmas Market currency, will be on sale via the website (www.foobs.weebly.com) from Monday allowing you to purchase in advance rather than sending cash in with your child on the day of the Market. Cash will still be accepted for those preferring that method of payment.

Our Letter to Santa kits are on sale now via the website containing everything your child needs to send off their Wishlist to the big man.

We will be having a HappySchoolBag collection on 18th November, please see previous email sent on 24 October for further details of what can be donated. Bags will be sent home via the children today.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Sonia Denning

