



HEADLINES

- **Fri 14th Feb**– INSET Day and start of half term break
- **Tues 25th Feb**– Open Morning, 9am arrival
- **Fri 28th Feb**– BINGO evening– great evening for all the family
- **Mon 3rd-11th March**– Travelling Book Fair in school
- **Thurs 6th March**– World Book Day– get your costumes ready!
- **Weds 12th March**– Appointments for parents evening go live

INSET DAYS 2024-25

14th Feb, 2nd June

Letters sent out this fortnight:

- *World Book Day and Book Week events*
- *Yr 3 Ringwood trip letter*

Dear parent, carers

We have ended the half term with a fantastic Pyjamarama day planned by the School Council! Linked to this we have given away hundreds of books that we would love to see the children use as a bedtime reader over the half term. These books are for them to keep or swap with a friend once they have finished reading it.

Children have completed mid year tests this week and Year 6 completed their second round of mocks just a few weeks ago. What has really impressed me is their fantastic attitudes. We know that not every child loves test, but we have been impressed with their focus and determination. The tests will be analysed closely by teachers and this information will be used to support the focus of learning for the second half of the year.

Straight after half term we have a busy first week with Open Morning on Tuesday 25th February and then on the Friday evening we have Family Bingo! I hope that both of these events are well attended. Please arrive at 9am for the Open Morning. We will have a brief input whilst the children settle and then you will be able to work in class alongside your child until either break at 10.25am or stay until 11.45am. Please note that this morning is not suitable for young children or babies to attend and all visitors must adhere to our safeguarding rules of no mobile phones to be out on desks or used. This is vital to ensure that children can focus on learning and that they remain safe in school. We can only run these events if these requests are followed.

I wanted to congratulate the fantastic sports efforts that have been happening over the last two weeks. We have had a team of cross country runners gaining a Bronze 3rd place in the New Forest district. This competition has over 40 teams entered, so I am not surprised that some of our team have been asked to represent the New Forest Team at county level. Congratulations to all of the athletes who took part. We have also had the Year 5/6 girls football teams in action, they were competing against 23 other schools and I am delighted to say that they came 2nd and 3rd overall and have again, been asked to represent the New Forest at the next stage of competition. I know many of the girls play for local clubs, so I am not surprised that they have done so well. They are also keen to share their knowledge with the younger girls, so look out for the Year 3/4 girls lunchtime football club after half term.

Just after half term we also have World Book Day, so it might be worth having a look over half term for some ideas and costumes, we definitely recommend having a look for ideas where bits can be made or current clothing can be used to create the desired look! Please also check and refill your child's pencil cases, so they are ready to go for the second half of the year! I hope you all have a super half term and we look forward to seeing the children on Monday 24th February.

Jo Randall

Heart Learning Awards

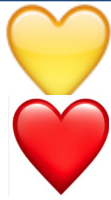
Congratulations to the following children:

Year 3:- Henry, Eva

Year 4:- Arthur, Tommy, Wren

Year 5:- All children

Year 6:- Keziah, Maizie



Bags 2 School

Thank you to the families who were able to bring along a bag of old clothes. The collection weighed 920kg of clothes and raised £276.00 for the Friends of Poulner funds.



PARKING— Staff and permit only in the carpark please. We will be monitoring this.

Huge thank you to all of the children and families who attended the Games Morning. We had over 70 children attend and the morning was a great success. Many parents who attended were also able to talk about games they used to play and equipment they have in the loft, so I think the next event should have even more games and monitors! Thank you to Dad's Club and Friends of Poulner for putting on the event and running the café!



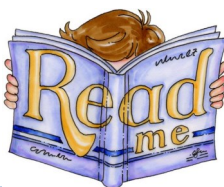
Leave of absence

I wanted to just raise this subject, the school prides itself on high attendance, but I am receiving more requests for leave of absence for holidays. Government restrictions mean that for me to approve leave of absence the reason has to be very exceptional. Whilst I understand families reasons, many of these do not reach the bar of exceptional. Please be aware that many requests will come as unauthorised, so please be aware of implications of unauthorised leave.

This week's top readers...

Best Class:

Number of reads:



Please come and help us to make our grounds fantastic! We aim to tidy the pond area, trim back hedges, create a new potting shelter and outside space and mark out new allotment areas and fences. You don't need to be an expert and there will be jobs suitable for adults and children. We will provide the drinks and bacon/non-bacon sandwiches!

Thank you for your help, we appreciate all the time and support you give us!