

# Boorley Park News and Updates



Boorley Park School

12th January 2024

## Year R Little City Visit

Today the children enjoyed an immersive role play experience with Little City. They enjoyed role playing a range of different careers and thinking carefully about what is involved in these jobs.

The children enjoyed exploring the range of different resources available to them and loved being able to be explorative in their play.



## Spotlight On.... Home Learning

Completing homework has a positive impact on a child's learning and helps them to consolidate what they have learned in school. The tasks we set for homework are designed to have a real impact on your child's learning and will make big difference to their progress.

For all year groups, each week we set:

- Reading to an adult—every day will have the most impact, but 3-4 times per week will make a difference.
- Numbots (Years 1-2, Year R from Easter)/TT Rockstars (Years 3 and 4) - these fun interactive games help children to develop fluency in key number facts that support all of their Maths work. We recommend playing 10 minutes per day, 3-4 times per week. The children earn reward sfor playing which they can spend in the online shop within the app to improve their avatars.
- Phonics/Spelling Shed—each week we send home a phonics or spelling task linked to the learning that has been taking place in class. Completing this helps children to consolidate the learning they have been doing.



We set all of our home learning on Seesaw (for Years 1—4) or Tapestry (Year R). These include any links to websites they need to access such as Wand Phonics or Spelling Shed.

Teachers may also set specific tasks for your child—this is because they have noticed that they are struggling with something and completing a few extra minutes at home with you will help them to develop their knowledge and confidence in that area.

Occasionally we may also send home a short, fun task linked to upcoming learning that will help the children in class. The teachers will post information about these on Seesaw or Tapestry.

## Our Assembly Theme This Week

This week in assembly we looked at tolerance and discrimination.

We thought about all the ways we are different and came up with a long list of our differences including height, hair colour, eye colour, skin colour, who we live with, foods we eat and don't eat, our personalities and what we like and don't like. We talked about why differences are good and the children said that school would be boring if we were all the same.

We then defined discrimination as being unkind or disrespectful about the ways someone is different and how this is something that we don't tolerate at school. The children gave examples of discrimination and we talked about what they could do if they heard or saw discrimination happening.

Finally, we read the story 'We Are All Different' and it gave us even more ideas for what differences we have and why they make us all special.



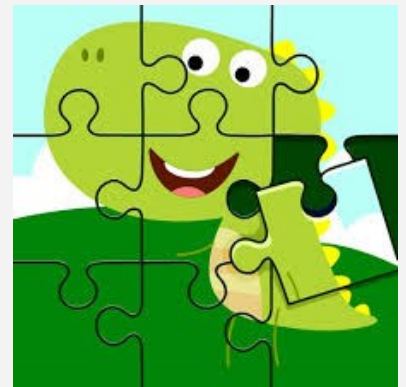
## Toys and play equipment plea!

If anyone has any spare toys that they weren't using anymore which could be donated to the school, please can you let the office know and we can arrange to take receipt of these. Ideally, we are looking for the following:

- Dressing up costumes
- Home corner equipment (pretend food, cooking utensils etc.)
- Large rugs/ cushions/ bean bags/ a sofa!
- Books
- Games/ puzzles
- Construction equipment (Lego etc.)
- Small world toys (animals etc.)
- Dolls
- Equipment to support fine motor skills e.g. peg boards etc.

Thank you so much!

Mrs Darnley



## Year R 2024

### Applications Closing Soon

If you, or anyone you know has a child due to start school in Year R this September, please remind them that the closing date for applications is this Monday (15th January).

All school applications are made via the Hampshire portal (the link is on our website under the 'admissions' tab).

# Dates for Your Diaries—2023-2024

## Whole School

### Spring Term 2024

- Friday 19th January—PTA Annual General Meeting—4:15pm
- Friday 26th January—After School—Messy Church in our school hall
- Thursday 1st February—4:30pm—6pm—PTA Film Night for KS1 Pupils
- Monday 5th February—3:30pm—7pm-Parents' Evening
- Thursday 8th February—3:30pm—5:30pm—Parents' Evening
- Friday 9th February—Last Day of Spring 1 Half Term
- Monday 12th—Friday 16th—Half Term
- Monday 19th February—INSET Day (school closed to pupils)
- Thursday 7th March—World Book Day (dress up as a book character)
- Friday 15th March—Comic Relief (non uniform day)
- Thursday 21st March—PTA Easter Disco—Year R and 1—4:15pm—5pm; Years 2—4—5:15pm—6:15pm
- Thursday 28th March—Last Day of Spring 2 Term
- Friday 29th March—Friday 12th April—Easter Holidays



## Year R

- Friday 12th January—Little City Play Visit (in school)
- Friday 9th February—2:30pm—Year R Afternoon Tea for Someone Special
- Thursday 28th March—2:30pm—Year R Community Rocks!
- Friday 21st June—9am-12pm-Mill Cottage Farm Experience in school

## Year 1

- Tuesday 23rd January—2:30pm—Sewing Workshop with parents
- Thursday 14th March—2:45pm—Recorder Concert for Parents
- Tuesday 19th March—Trip to Marwell Zoo - more details to follow
- Thursday 6th June—Trip to Portchester Castle - more details to follow



# Upcoming Events and Reminders

## Year 2

- Thursday 18th January—Year 2 Trip to Portsmouth Aquarium and Beach
- **Hedgehog Class**—Tuesday 30th January—2:30pm—Science Experiment with Parents
- **Fox Class**—Wednesday 31st January—2:30pm—Science Experiment with Parents
- Wednesday 17th April—Trip to Sea City Museum -more details to follow

## Year 3

- Monday 29th January—2:45pm—Share a Book with an adult
- Wednesday 13th March—2:45pm—Portrait Gallery for Parents
- Thursday 21st March—Trip to Staunton Country Park - more details to follow
- Tuesday 26th March - 9.15am - Year 3 and 4 Easter Production
- Wednesday 27th March - 2.15pm - Year 3 and 4 Easter Production

## Year 4

- Thursday 1st February—2:50pm—Art Exhibition for Parents
- Friday 23rd February — Trip to Winchester Cathedral - more details to follow
- Wednesday 20th March—2:45pm—Volcano Workshop for Parents
- Tuesday 26th March - 9.15am - Year 3 and 4 Easter Production
- Wednesday 27th March - 2.15pm - Year 3 and 4 Easter Production

## PTA Annual General Meeting

We would like to give notice of the AGM of the Boorley Park PTA, to be held on Friday 19th January

The meeting will take place at 4.15pm in the school hall.

If you would like any further information about being a committee member, please email [boorleyparkpta@gmail.com](mailto:boorleyparkpta@gmail.com) or send us a message via our Facebook page @BoorleyParkPTA

# SAFETY IN THE HOME

Home is where we feel safe and secure. It is because of this that we often overlook the very real dangers that exist. Here are a few to think about.

## ELECTRICITY



- Do not overload sockets - the most serious consequence of this could be fire.
- Electricity and water do not mix - never take electrical appliances into a bathroom. Try not to put items containing liquids onto appliances.

## CHEMICALS



- Never play around with or swallow a liquid not meant for drinking.
- Cleaning products contain harmful and irritating substances.
- Always read labels.

## GAS



- Make sure gas appliances are turned off properly when not in use.
- If you ever smell gas - turn off the mains supply and call the gas emergency number.
- Do not turn on the lights or do anything that may cause a spark.

## HOT OBJECTS



- If there are small children or animals in the house, take care not to leave irons, boiling saucepans etc. easily accessible.
- Take care with leads on electrical items.

## SMOKING



- It is safest never to smoke within your home, but if you do, never leave a cigarette unattended.
- Cigarettes cause many house fires.

## SECURITY



- Always lock your doors and ensure at night that your windows are not open enough to be accessible.
- Do not make it easy for a burglar.

Can you think of any other home hazards?