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Dear Parents,



Follow us on Instagram!
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Instagram

The Governors have recently agreed that we can 'dip our toes' into social media with a school Instagram account. I've written a policy to explain the rationale behind this and to ensure that safeguards are in place - you can read the policy by clicking on this link <http://www.broadchalke.wilts.sch.uk/key-information/policies> on our school website and scroll down to the 'School Social Media Account Policy'.

I hope that Instagram will enable those parents who choose to follow us to get a more instant view of school news. We have so much to celebrate and share with parents and although this account is not aimed at pupils (who should not have Instagram accounts until they are 13+) it will demonstrate to our pupils how social media can be used in a positive way. We want to communicate, celebrate, raise awareness, inform and foster positive engagement.

The sort of images which we will share will be photos of sports teams or special days in school or images of our beautiful grounds or some of the displays. We will not publish children's pictures without parental permission and even then children will only be photographed as a group and no names will be used.

We are always looking for new ways to engage with parents and I'm more than happy to give this a go. An image can convey so much more than one of my 'wordy' newsletters! However, our Instagram account will be in addition to not replacing our current forms of communication. We will not assume that parents give consent for Instagram so we please ask that you fill in the reply slip attached to this letter.

I would also like to gauge the level of interest in a school social media account, fully accepting that this is not something which appeals to everyone. I would be so grateful if you could just fill out and return the reply slip regardless of whether you give consent for your child to be in any group photos on our Instagram account.

Easy Fundraising



Easy fundraising has been mentioned in the FOBS newsletters before. So far £60.16 has been raised by 24 supporters. It's really easy - just download the app on your phone then remember to use it when you shop! Nearly all the major online retailers are on there! Even USwitch will give FOBS a donation if you're thinking of switching suppliers!

February is the peak time of the year for holiday and travel bookings. Easyfundraising have over 240 travel retailers including trains, flights, accommodation and holiday packages. With the likes of Thomas Cook, TUI and Booking.com giving BIG donations, if parents book holidays online via easyfundraising, FOBS could raise £100s – without costing you anything and with very little effort - what a way for FOBS to start the year!



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Hot Chocolate and Story Evening

Thank you so much to Libbie Cordle for organising this and to all the helpers on the night too. The children had a lovely time! Look at Reception class enjoying their hot chocolate and the wonderful story of Room on the Broom acted out with props! The amount raised is still to be confirmed but I do know that a lovely evening was had by all!



FOBS Meeting

The next FOBS meeting is on **Friday 23rd February at 1.30pm** in the school library. Please do come along; we even have tea and biscuits!

1000 Club

The January winners were: David and Gwen Hitchings, Toby Green and Ben White. Thank you for your support!

Health Week - Next week is our Healthy School's Week.

We look at health in a holistic way to include well-being.

On Monday we kick off with our Safer Internet Day assemblies presented by the children in our Online Safety group. KS1 assembly is at 9.10 and KS2 (to include Y3) assembly with different content is at 11am. If any parents or governors wanted to join us they would be very welcome!

On Monday and Tuesday - We will be having dental workshops for each class.

On Tuesday we have skipping workshops with Skip2beFit!

Please ensure your child has plimsolls or trainers on this day.

Skip2bfit is a fun day for the children and the staff. If parents would like to come along to a whole school celebration of skipping and experience skip2bfit they are quite welcome to come along for an **end of the day assembly from 2.40 – 3.10**. No need to book, just turn up.

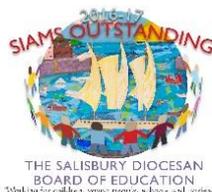
Skipping ropes will be for sale at the end of the day and they're the special ones with a counter built in. The school will get 10% of any sales.

On Wednesday and Thursday we have the Life Education Centre delivering a workshop for each class. We had this for the 1st time last year and it was a great success. Each class will have a 1 hour session on a topic suitable for their age range to help them to learn about looking after their bodies by making healthy choices in a fun way. You will see a mobile classroom parked outside of the school on these 2 days.

The programmes use a life-skills approach so that each year children increase their knowledge, skills and confidence and are able to make their own healthy choices. Topics covered include: how the body works, the importance of a healthy diet and exercise and the safe use of medicines. For the older children in Y5 and Y6 the programme also covers the risks of tobacco, alcohol, non-prescription drugs and emotional wellbeing (including peer pressure and bullying.) The programme is endorsed by Wiltshire Council and Wiltshire Police.



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These are the topics for each year group:

Reception: All about me; Year 1: My wonderful body; Year 2: Feelings; Year 3: Meet the brain; Year 4: It's great to be me; Year 5: Friends; Year 6: Decisions

To learn more about what your children will be doing, we invite you to visit the Life Education mobile for a parent's session so that you can reinforce these important messages at home. You may also like to take a look at the website: www.wiltslec.co.uk. This special session for parents and carers will be held on **Wednesday 7th February from 3.00 - 3.15pm**. Please return the form below to give us an idea of numbers.

Fire safety, road safety and scooter safety sessions will follow at a later date.

Energy Assembly

On **Tuesday 20th February** I've arranged for a special assembly on energy to teach children about conservation of electricity and water.

World Book Day Thursday 1st March

I've managed to book Longleat to come out to us and do a workshop with each class for World Book Day on **Thursday 1st March**. I'm really excited about this as we wanted to have a non-fiction focus this year and animals are such a great way into this. KS1 will have mini-beasts and for KS2 the workshops will be on conservation. There will be some handling of mini-beasts / small animals! Just to confirm - we will not be dressing up this year.

The cost is £350 but that's going to be fully funded by FOBS! Another great example of how FOBS adds experiences to your children's education which the school budget could not afford!

Children are invited to bring in a named non-fiction book (if they have one) about either mini-beasts (KS1) or conservation (KS2). We will also have a display of books from the library for children to use so don't worry if they don't have their own book.

Parent Teacher Meetings

Dates have gone out by email and appointments are booking up fast. As usual I will be available for appointments or just an informal chat. Governors will also be available for a chat.

Safe driving on school premises

A reminder – please be extra vigilant about pedestrians and cyclists when driving on school premises. Please DRIVE SLOWLY! Reverend Catherine was nearly knocked off her bike by a 4x4 going too fast in the school driveway (too fast to get the reg number unfortunately!).

Car parks anywhere present a danger but especially in schools when so many cars are moving at the same time. Please can everyone just be extra vigilant especially when reversing their car or walking with children next to parked cars. It's also worth mentioning that it might be busy in the school car park in the mornings but the MUGA car park is often under used and it just means allowing an extra 2 minutes.

Please remember that we break up next **Friday 9th February** at 3.15pm. The children return to school on Monday 19th February.

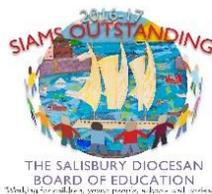
Yours sincerely,



Mrs Amanda Brockway
Headteacher



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Life education centre session for parents

Name of child/children: _____

Class/es: _____

I am able to come to the parents' session on Wednesday 7th February.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Views and Consent for Instagram

I am interested in following the school social media account

I am not interested in following the school social media account

I give consent for group photographs containing my child / children to be included on the school's Instagram account.

I understand that this is a private account and followers must request to join the group.

Name of my child / children _____

Class / es _____

Signed _____

Please print name _____ Date _____

