

# Alverstoke Church of England Junior School

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## Core Christian Value:

Love—Love yourself

## Gold Star Award:



Basil Bird flew in last week to greet pupils at the school gates. Basil, who is the colourful mascot of the Hampshire County Council Travel Team, encourages children to walk, cycle or scoot all the or part of the way to and from school to reduce the number of cars on the school run and outside the school gates. Basil joined children before a special assembly, which marked a significant milestone—receiving our Gold Star from HCC recognising the work that we have undertaken on promoting sustainable travel. The Active Travel Group are now working with Hampshire County Council on an Air Quality Project - "Air Quality Trails" for the journey to school.

## Children's Commissioner Visit:

This week a group of year 6 pupils took part in an action research project for the Children's Commissioner. The Children's Commissioner for England is responsible for listening to children's views and makes sure that those who are making decisions take those views into account.

As part of the process they consult with children and young people in a range of different ways to try and understand what matters to them and what they think needs to improve for children growing up in England. The children spoke about:

- What worries them most in their day to day lives;
- What issues they think government should most urgently address;
- Whether they feel children are listened to by decision makers;
- Whether they think government should listen to the views of children and why.

Miss Ballard had the privilege of listening in to the discussions, which covered a range of topics including: Brexit, the banned Iceland advert, bereavement, cyber-bullying and homework. The group of children conducted themselves admirably and the two researchers were extremely impressed with their honesty, the level of discussions and how articulate they all were.



## Year 5:

Before half term Year 5 spent some time writing to multi-national companies to express their concerns about adverts which promote gender stereotypes. This week they received a gift from Amazon... a scientific circuit set! The children were delighted to see that the set showed no gender bias. They are hopeful of receiving responses to their letters from GAP and Kinder soon. .



## After School Clubs:

Due to parent/pupil progress meetings, there will be no art club on Wednesday 28th November. Heroes club will be now be on Tuesday 27th November. Robot club will be on as normal but will be in the music room. All other clubs remain the same.

## Healthy Snacks:

We have noticed an increasing number of children bringing in crisps, chocolate bars and other snacks, which are high in sugar and fat, to eat at break times. Unfortunately this goes against our aim as a school to promote a healthy lifestyle with our children. We therefore ask that you send your child in with a health snack instead such as a piece of fruit or a cereal bar. Thank you for your support in this matter.

## Don't Forget:

- Please return your child's workbooks on Monday
- To book your parent/pupil progress meeting for next week
- Non school uniform day on Friday 30th November. Children to please bring in festive 'luxuries' for our Christmas Hamper Raffle.

## Dates For Your Diary

November	
27	Year 3 to Butser Farm
28	Pupil progress meetings ~ 3:30-6:30pm
29	Pupil progress meetings ~ 3:30-6:30pm
30	Non school uniform day
30	Year 5 outcome ~ 2.00pm
December	
3	Year 6 to Marwell
6	Year 3 Stone Age outcome ~2.00pm
10	Heroes club at Monkey Bizness
18	Carol Service at St Mary's Church 6.00pm
21	Christmas lunch for children and parents
21	School finishes at 3.15pm

**Training Days:** Friday 15th February 2019 and Thursday 2nd May 2019