

# MINCHINHAMPTON NEWSLETTER

## Happy Holidays

From all of us in school, here's wishing you a very happy summer holiday, full of new experiences and quality time with your children.

## 150 Year Celebrations

This year the school celebrates being 150 years old. We aim to have a Victorian Day on the 28<sup>th</sup> September. We will be learning about school life in Victorian times and we would like all children and staff to be dressed in Victorian clothing. On this day there will be a whole school photograph of us all. I realise dressing up (particularly when the dress is quite specific) can be a bit of a task: I hope this gives you a long enough time to plan.

## Grandparents' day:

A few weeks ago Midnight and Aqua class had their grandparent's tea party. Some Year 6's were chosen to be waiters and waitresses. "It was a fun experience helping the grandparents and watching the entertainment," said Anna King. Everyone had a great afternoon

## Holiday term time!

Recently, some pupils have been taking holidays during term time. This does not only affect their child's learning but that of the whole class. When we are doing a group project in class and one member is away, it can really mess up the whole groups learning. Unless of course it is completely important and urgent and has been authorised by Mr Moss, we strongly advise that you don't take holidays in the term time.

## Bike Racks:

Along with the running track, two sets of new bike racks have been built. One is by the gate from the common and the other is by the gate from the school drive. When using the racks, you should not cycle through the village, instead come down Cambridge Way or across the common. Please make sure that you do not cycle or drag your bike along the running track as it could possibly wreck it. Ensure that you wear a helmet at all times otherwise Mr Moss might have to ask you not to cycle in. Lock your bike every time you leave it at the racks because the school cannot be responsible for any theft. Do not leave your bike overnight, please take it home with you.

## Year 2 Sports:

On Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July Rodborough School's Year 2 joined our Year 2 for an afternoon of sports. The children participated in 3 games, including: rainbow run, where everyone stands in a circle on a coloured cone and when your colour is called, you run around to another one of your colour. This event was for Year 2 pupils to play games together, meet new people and develop their catching, throwing and running skills.

## Message from the Eco Warriors:

### **Please help us become a plastic-light school**

*Plastic:*

*Not fantastic.*

*In our rivers,*

*In our oceans,*

*In our field,*

*In our playground,*

*In our school.*

*Not fantastic:*

*Plastic*

Our world, and all of the living creatures in it, are suffering because of all the plastic waste we humans throw away. There are 5,250,000,000,000 pieces of plastic in our oceans; every day in the UK 2,250,000 pieces of litter are dropped in the streets! At the moment, in our school, there are pieces of plastic litter from people's snacks and lunches scattered all over the playground and field every day.

Also we do not have bins around the school to put plastic waste in so our plastic is not being recycled. We are going to sort this by introducing new plastic recycling bins, but you can help too by making sure your child avoids using unnecessary single-use plastic as much as possible. If your child has a packed lunch or snack, please try to use containers that are re-usable or biodegradable.

We need to change; do not under-estimate the power we have to make that change. Together we can stem the amount of toxic plastic waste flowing into our world.

### **Congratulations to our Year 3 / 4 hockey players who won the tournament on Monday:**

On Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July the year 3 / 4 hockey team went to a hockey tournament Cirencester Deer Park. "During this tournament we played 5 matches, 3 of which we won and the other two we drew. It was very tense at the end when the scores were drawn at 13 points all, then it came down to goal difference, and then we won by two goals. Overall we came 1<sup>st</sup>!



Thank you for reading our newsletters this term and  
we hope you have a fantastic summer.

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