

# Great Oaks Weekly

## Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2017



# HAPPY NEW YEAR

It's the start of another busy term at Great Oaks with lots of events and activities planned. We will keep you informed and report on them through our weekly Newsletter.

We have Rock Challenge coming up on the 13<sup>th</sup> February with over 60 pupils taking part at the event at the Guildhall. It's not too late if you still want to take part – contact Helen Sanger at School.

Our whole school themes are focusing on rules and games for the first couple of weeks back. We then have an RE Day, a special Science, Maths and Engineering week and for the last few weeks before half-term we focus on safety, particularly staying safe online. More details on all of this to follow.

Our consultation for Academy status closes on 27<sup>th</sup> January. Please feel free to make any comments on the form sent out before Christmas or talk to Andy Evans at school if you would like to respond in person or would just like to know more.

### Dates and Coming up

*Parents / Carers Coffee Morning 10.15  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January (see Page 2)*

**23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> January  
STEM week**

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January  
Film Club**

**7<sup>th</sup> February – Safer  
Internet Day**

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February –  
Rock Challenge**

**Half-term  
20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> February**

## Christmas Fun

The end of term finished with a bang – or to be precise 64 bangs! On the last day of term everyone ate in the hall for our annual Christmas Dinner, many thanks to Tracey and her team in the Kitchen for an excellent lunch, as always! In the afternoon in a special record breaking assembly we tried to break the record for the most Christmas Crackers pulled by two people in 1 minute. The record currently stands at 63 and we think – subject to verification by the Guinness World Records Officials - that we have broken the record.

Pictured below are Callum and Jade practising with paper tubes earlier in the week.

We'll keep you updated!



## Parking at Great Oaks

We are very aware of the current difficulties with parking and dropping off/collecting pupils from school and are seeking urgent discussions with the Council to find resolutions to this. But in the meantime there are school staff outside at both ends of the day. Please follow any instructions they give as they are working to ensure safe arrival and exit for the pupils. Also please take extreme care when moving away as there are likely to be pupils around.

If you are coming to school for a meeting during the school day – ie after 9.15 and will be leaving before 2.45 you may park in the 'No Parking' lane adjacent to the school fence if there are no other places, but vehicles must be left by 2.45 to allow buses to park.

## Playing by the rules

Our whole school theme over the next couple of weeks is the importance of rules, particularly related to games. In PE we have been thinking about what the rules of different sports are, why we have them, what would happen if we didn't and whether we could invent new rules for games.



## Parents Coffee mornings

We'd love to see you at one or more of our regular parent coffee mornings coming up this term. They are informal mornings co-ordinated by Dawn our Welfare Officer. Each morning has a guest or theme. Please see below the dates and themes for the next four meetings.

Date	Theme
January 27 <sup>th</sup>	Update on Fayre and fundraising Chair of Governors
March 10 <sup>th</sup>	Sandra Heggie, school nurse
May 12 <sup>th</sup>	Sandra Heggie, school nurse
June 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Anxiety workshop/relaxation

## Breakfast and After School Clubs



There are a few places still available at our Breakfast Club which is open every morning from 8.00am. There is a daily charge of £3 which includes breakfast. Please see Dawn or Fran at school if you would like to sign up or want more information.

After school clubs start back next week. Please see Dawn for more information.

## The View Café

Don't forget in the New Year to visit The View Café, Queen's View, Netley Abbey for great hot and cold drinks, cakes and snacks. The Café run by Great Oaks Students supported by Groundworks is an opportunity for our students to learn real vocational skills – but they need customers!

The Café is open Monday – Friday from 8.30 – 3.00pm. You'll be assured of a warm welcome

