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## October Newsletter 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

### Dig Day

What a day and what a turn out! And.....what fabulous results!!!! Thank you everyone!!



Over 70 people turned up during the course of the day – parents, children, pets , volunteers and staff. We know that people would have liked to have helped – as we all know weekends are busy and often precious. Those who could make it for a few hours **collectively made a huge difference to the grounds.** We will notice the benefits in Spring and grateful that Autumn and Winter will be easier for us to maintain.



Apologies for not getting everyone in the photographs or your hard work but we can all see it and know who you are.

We are planning the second one of the year, in the Spring, after the Easter holiday.



## Parents Evenings / Roving Bookshop / Author visit – Lucy Strange

Parents Evening meetings for this term are on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> / Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October – booking details will be sent out shortly using Arbor this time. Roving Bookshop will be in on the Wednesday and children can buy books during the day and also in the evening (until 7pm) with their parents. More information to follow as this will all be new news for some Year 3 families. We have the wonderful children's fiction writer, Lucy Strange in on the Wednesday talking to the children about her books; what inspires her to write; answer questions and signing her books bought on the day.



<https://www.lucystrange.org/>

## School 'Vision' statement

Our vision for the education of your child(ren) is about ensuring we instil key skills, knowledge and enrichment experiences to be able to move through their future life choices: safely, securely and happily. The statement is designed to not only encompass academic skills but also include the ethos of our 'Skills for Learning' (**Tenacity**, **Creativity**, **Curiosity** and **Collaboration**), and School Values (**Respect**, **Kindness** and **Responsibility**). We want children to be able to make safe choices in an ever changing technological age; gain enriched experiences across the entire curriculum; know how to overcome challenge through safe failure as well as success and to be happy. Therefore our vision statement is...

[Equipping our children with the knowledge and skills to navigate life successfully.](#)

## Year 5 / 6 Old Winchester Hill Walk – 14Km



On Tuesday this week, our children in Year 5 / 6 walked from school to Old Winchester Hill and back as part of the Geography unit – 'Our Precious Planet'. An amazing effort by all the children. We are incredibly proud of them as they should be of themselves. What an achievement. Luna went too and was equally tired when she returned! Thank you to the Year 5 / 6 team and teaching assistants who made this a well organised, safe trip. Thank you also to those parents who joined us and helped!

## And finally....

We are **officially** named the only Ambassador in Hampshire, for the South Downs National Park (one of two in the whole National Park). We have a logo now and are extremely delighted with the accolade.

<https://www.southdowns.gov.uk/south-downs-ambassador-school-scheme/>



Once again, thank you all for your support.



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