



Dear Parents

Hope you all had a good half term and got a chance to spend some quality time with your children. Many thanks to all 103 of you who were able to make our **Writing Open Morning** before half term (see photos)! It's great how so many of you can get involved in your child's school life. As you would have heard—the importance of reading regularly for children is massive so please make sure your child reads to you every or at least most nights of the week.

Unfortunately the **Maths Open Morning** scheduled for this week is postponed until after Christmas.

This Friday it's our first **school disco**! We've changed the times to try and make it work better for our younger children and parents. Times for children in Nursery, reception and Key Stage 1 is from 3.30—4.30pm. Children can either bring their party clothes to school to change into or parents can bring in clothes at 3.15pm. Children in Key Stage 2 your disco is from 4.45—5.45pm. We appreciate these change of times may not work for all but hopefully it will work better for the school community as a whole. Tickets are on sale from the school office and the playground before and after school this week.

Well done to Rockingham and Barnwell for wining the Yr 3+4 and Yr 5+6 **inter-house football** respectively!

Sharon Gardner, one of our **parent governors**, time has come to an end! She is happy to stand again and represent parent views at Governors meetings for four more years. However, if anyone else would like to be considered please e-mail the school office to express your interest.

Some important dates for your diary this half term:

Parent's Evenings: 27th (3.30—7pm) and 28th (3.30—5pm) of November

Wear a Christmas jumper to school: 29th November

Lastly, Lizzie Winn (our new admin officer) has reported that many parents contact details are not correct; as texts and e-mails we send are not getting through to you. If you

NEW SCOOTER RACK

We would love children to bike or scooter to school! Please leave scooters in our new scooter rack in the main play-

UNITY is our value of the month.

Here are some of the ways we are suggesting to children that they can show **UNITY** at home to write in their values passport:

- * Show **unity** by helping a family member with a job.
- * Show **unity** by joining a club or team and make sure everyone feels included and works together
- * Show **unity** by supporting and working hard with children in your class you don't usually work with
- * Show **unity** by doing a charity sale with some friends to raise money for charity.

The '**philosophical question**' we would like you to discuss at home this month is:

'When is it difficult to work in a team?'

Winston Churchill is our Values hero for Unity and **Harriet Marlow** from **Winston**

