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Oakwood Primary School



Minstead residential



Ethan Collins, Xanthe Gale Page, Phoebe Gale Page and Rohan Kennard.



Year four Roman day



House captains and reps



Outdoor Learning



Year two basketball

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Parent Mr Trent used his drone to take a picture of the whole school

School's safe parking success

SCHOOL children are celebrating after reaching a milestone with a parking campaign.

The youngsters at Oakwood Primary School in Lord's Hill have been working with city travel chiefs to ask parents to park more safely near their school.

Now two pupils have been made junior road safety wardens in a bid to spread the message, while

a banner to warn parents about parking has gone up on gates.

Head teacher Ian Taylor said: "We have had a new road safety banner put up to support our crossing patrol lady, Sue Martin. It's really about the fact that although the vast majority of parents and park appropriately and slow down, there are one or two people who still park on the zig

Rachel Adams



zags or block the crossing.

"We wanted to warn parents that they can get an immediate fine from a camera car if they are caught.

"We are in a lovely wooded area with lots of lovely paths so it's very easy for children to walk to school.

"We have been working with Southampton City Council and My Journey Southampton to make this banner for outside the school.

"It's about making it safer for the children to walk to school."

Pupils do residential at Minstead - and they also took wreaths to Southampton cenotaph for Armistice Day. Donna Gale-Page and Andy Phillips are joint chair of governors and there are 411 children on roll.

In 2016 Ofsted inspectors said the school was good and "outstanding" in personal development, welfare and behaviour.

FROM THE HEAD Ian Taylor

WHEN we became a new primary school in 2014, I believed we had the chance to become greater than the sum of the parts. Both predecessor infant and junior schools were already very strong, and our first Ofsted report as a new school praised our successful merger and our outstanding work on children's

personal development and wellbeing.

But it's Ofsted's comment about Oakwood being a happy place that I'm most proud of.

While we do attain high academic standards, that's not what I remember about my primary education. I remember my friends, my teachers and the

staff; I remember school trips and the visitors we had; I remember Christmas performances and singing; I remember cooking, experimenting and competing and getting messy. I remember having fun!

When they are successful grown-ups with families of their own, I want our children to look

back and tell stories of how much fun they had here while they were learning!

Oakwood continues to be an exciting place to learn because of the hard work and support of everyone involved - our pupils, their families, and our staff.

Being head teacher here is the best job I could hope to have!

