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Primary and Pre-school



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Time flies when you're having fun!

I had convinced myself that we had another 2 weeks at school this term and with so much to do, imagine my horror when Miss T pointed out it was only 4 days left! Yikes!

The building works are coming on a treat and the scaffolding will be down next week on the front of the building and Old London Road side – it looks beautiful. What perfect timing to refresh the building and make it ready for a bright summer term. Optimism is high at the moment!

Mrs Spayes and I have also been walking the site to review and refresh signage but it's not just been staff that are working hard – the children have been planting and weeding, baking and cooking and getting a whole range of things growing in the polytunnel – next week our gardening team will work on the beds and borders on the playground too so we really will be ready for a bright summer.

It's been super having a more relaxed approach to learning in the last few weeks, giving the children some space to get back together with friends and find their feet in school again. Seeing the children's delight and excitement at cooking and getting kitted out for forest school and the energetic games they're playing at break time is a joy!

Let's hope that we've seen the back of home learning and can enjoy the rather 'normal' looking timetable I published last week of dates in the summer term.

Kind regards,

Emma Jefferies
Headteacher



Upper school made their own pizzas after learning new techniques and tasting new ingredients in their DT learning. Not to be outdone, Kimbridge created dens and a Stoneage painting!



Coming Up!

Each week in the newsletter, we post the most important dates for the forthcoming term.

Tues 30 th March	All day	Tile Barn trip for Year 4
Wed 31 st March	08:30	Bags2School – drop any textiles in bin bags in the car park to help raise money for school & clear our your cupboards on a spring clean
Thurs 1 st April	All day	INSET day – training for staff – children at home
Fri 2 nd – Sun 18 th April – EASTER holidays		
Mon 19 th April	08:45	Return to school for summer term

Fudge update!

Hopefully many of you have already met Fudge at the school gate in the last week or so. We are introducing her to the delights of drop off on a morning and she's being brilliant.

Next week, she'll be round by Sprat & Winkle to greet our Reception children.

When she's got her navy blue coat on, that means she's 'working' and children will need to ask to approach her.



Pizza recipe

100g strong bread flour

1 tablespoon olive oil

Tsp salt

Tsp sugar

Tsp dried yeast

100ml of water (maybe more, maybe less – add bit by bit to get the right consistency)

No need for the method – your children will show you how!

Will make 4 small pizzas

I really like olives –
I didn't know that I
did!

Mum, less is
better, that's the
right way!

He span the pizza
in the air and
twirled it round – it
was awesome!



Sporting success

Traditionally we have enjoyed our sporting competition programme within the Test Valley where we compete against other local schools in a variety of sports. This year we have been unable to compete face to face but all children across the school have competed in a series of virtual competitions as part of the Hampshire School Games.

In the Autumn Term all children competed in cross country, football, basketball and multi-skills activities. We were delighted to receive the results this week; year 3 came in 3rd place for their football and in 2nd place for their basketball whilst year 6 came in 2nd place for their multi-skills. Well done all!

DIARY DATES

In anticipation of things being a little more normal as restrictions ease, we have begun to plan the summer term. We thought you'd like a heads up of some key dates although inevitably, they are subject to change and will probably have some forms of COVID restrictions in place to limit the spread of the virus.

Date	Time	Event
EASTER HOLIDAYS -		
Mon 19 th April	8:45am	School begins again for Summer term 2
Tues 20 th April	8.45am	Fudge's timetable begins
MAY		
Fri 14 th	All day	Year 5 & 6 have Bikeability Fix – bikes to school
Mon 17 th – Fri 21 st	All week	Bikeability for Year 6
Mon 24 th – Fri 28 th	2-3pm daily	Years 1, 2 & 3 transitioning to their new classes for after May half term – more details later
Fri 28 th	All day	Year 6 fiver challenge begins
WHITSUN HALF TERM		
Mon 7 th June	8.45am	Back to school for all
Wed 9 th	All day	Dragons den for Year 6 fiver projects
Fri 11 th	By 3.15pm	Leavers book done and off to the printers
Thurs 17 th & Fri 18 th	In day	Fiver challenge market – all goods for sale
Tues 22 nd	All day	Year 5 at Test Valley
Tues 6 th July	10-12	Moving up morning – children meet next year's teacher
Fri 9 th	6pm	Year 3 campout
Thurs 15 th	6.30pm	Summer play for Upper School
Fri 16 th	All day	Year 6 end of year trip out
Mon 19 th	9am	Sports day morning only
Fri 23 rd	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR 2020-21	
	11am	Leaver's service
	1pm	End of Year for all
SUMMER HOLIDAYS		

'Homework'

We can imagine that more home learning is just what you don't want! However, we really need your support please.

Spellings should be coming home weekly and we really need the 'drip feed' of these over the week at home as well as in school. Whether or not you believe the activities are what your child should do, they have been chosen by your child's teacher based on knowledge of how children learn best.

Please help them engage with these each week.



Ace home learning by Betsy!

PE kit & school uniform

After Easter, we should be able to ditch the tracksuit bottoms so please ensure your child has a school logo red PE t-shirt and dark shorts as well as trainers in school EVERY DAY – we take the good weather as an opportunity to get out and do sport so they need their kit all week.

There have been a lot of non-uniform shoes recently & I'm sure people are waiting for pay day and Easter holidays with shops reopening to sort this. Please ensure your child has proper school shoes (not black trainers!) for after Easter.