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Primary and Pre-school



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A successful week

Well, the sun has been shining on us in more ways than the obvious one this week, although more of the glorious sunshine would be great for the weekend!

On the back of the success of the rugby team the previous week, our week began with a triumphant Stockbridge netball team who were undefeated in their 4 matches and came away Cluster Netball winners!

In addition, we have made 3 brilliant appointments;

- Mrs Pye to support children in Year 3
- Miss Lawler to help Mrs Spayes in the office
- Miss Eastwood to teach Sprat & Winkle in the summer term.

Mrs Spayes and I have begun to plan out the budget for next year and Miss Tregunna and I have been planning our topic for next term which will centre around the Queen's Jubilee and how the world has changed in her 70 ruling years – it's hard to believe the scale of changes when you sit down and plot them out.

We find ourselves unusually with some spaces in Year groups 3, 2 & R so if you know of anyone moving in near to you or looking for a new school, please do let them know. It's exceptionally rare that we have space in Year R or 2 particularly and I know we've had long waiting lists for these spaces but children are now settled in their schools.

Let's hope the sunshine keeps its hat on over the weekend for a lovely warm Mother's Day for you all. I hope you are told many times over how brilliant you all are!

Kind regards,

Emma Jefferies
Headteacher

All change!

As we break for Easter we will say a sad goodbye to Miss Garrett as I have already written to you about but we are also saying a very fond farewell to Mrs Burnand.

Mrs Burnand has been an integral part of our team for the best part of 8 years and been an absolute trooper, fulfilling so many roles in school. She is leaving us to work a little closer to home at the brand new school in Salisbury where she will take up a HLTA role full time, enabling her to teach more and pursue her fitness business with a little more time. We are desperately sad to see her go but we wish her all the very best in her exciting new role.

This means however that staff organization is changing after Easter with the teachers and support staff working in the structure below:

Sprat & Winkle

Miss Eastwood supported by Mrs Tanner

Redbridge

Mrs Cooper supported by Mrs Hughes

Horsebridge

Miss Tregunna supported by Mrs Hanham and Mrs Pye

Mottisfont

Mrs Natt supported by Mrs Holdich and Mrs Holden

Clatford

Miss Caws supported by Mrs Reynolds

Inevitably, you'll notice a few new names above. Mrs Pye was appointed yesterday to support named children in Horsebridge – many of you will know her from Clubhouse!

Miss Eastwood is a new teacher who will join us in Sprat & Winkle. I have worked with Miss Eastwood in the past and she has been a headteacher also, returning to the classroom to work more closely with the children so we are excited for her to start!

A new face at the front door finally!

After a very long wait, I am delighted to announce that we have finally appointed a new admin assistant following Mrs R-S's departure.

Miss Lawler will start in her new position after Easter holidays – many of you will know her as she is Joshua and Phoebe's mummy!

Sport

2 weeks ago, a team of 12 represented our school at the cluster TAG rugby competition and after 5 matches, emerged triumphant winners.

Mrs Burnand who supported the team commended them on their excellent team work and awareness of the ball.

Many years have passed since we last won a tournament, not least because of COVID but it did feel great to have teams getting ready to compete locally again and our netballers did exceptionally well on Monday during their tournament, winning all 4 of their matches, conceding only one goal and demonstrating excellent sportsmanship to boot – we were very proud of them.

The resulting medals and shield are being engraved this weekend and will be proudly displayed on the trophy shelf in the middle of the corridor for all to see.

This weekend, we're wishing Jack W in Year 6 the very best for his Taekwondo national competition in Glasgow.



REGULAR



UPDATES

Keeping you up to date with regular goings on in school

Daily mile begins again!

Encouraged by the sunshine and a dry field, the daily mile has begun in earnest this week. Children have taken a full part and are largely enjoying the challenge again.

As you can imagine, they start with jumpers on and these quickly come off – we had 40+ jumpers to sort the other day.

Please take a moment to **label your child's jumper** this weekend – a sharpie will be fine otherwise lost property is going to soar through the roof!!

NAMED water bottles should be in every day for every child too please.

Music

MASSIVE well done to William G in Year 6 who passed his Grade 2 piano exam this week.

We are committed to our Year 5 & 6 children experiencing the O2 experience through Young Voices and they have confirmed the new date of Tuesday 24th May

We are still rehearsing the songs and actions and if you are a parent who booked tickets, these have been transferred to the new date – please make a note of it in your diaries!

We are likely to be able to offer some coach seats for a journey in and back – more information will be out after Easter.



Reading

In response to the Ukraine crisis, we have been sharing books with the children that are on display in the corridor and which they may borrow and share with you at home.

If you would like to borrow one or have a recommendation of a text to support your discussions at home, we have a vast library! Please drop me a dojo or email or catch me on the gate and I'll do my best to help.



In other news...

Our rugby team



Red nose day & Ukranian bakes

Last Friday the school went bonkers for Comic relief with crazy hair, wacky socks and lots of money raised for the Ukranian refugee crisis also.

Many thanks for the cakes baked and sent in and we hope that you enjoyed the pop up café – thanks to Kathryn Campling and FOSS for getting this up and running. £160 was raised for these great causes.

Grounds working party

THIS SATURDAY 10AM – 12noon

After the success of the wildlife working party a few weekends ago, we would welcome all the help we can get please this Saturday to work on all the playground beds and borders, replant and update the hanging baskets and pots by the front door and give the willow a fair old hair cut too please.

If you have them, please bring secateurs, forks, trowels and spades.

School start times

School opens for all children at 8.35am – this is when there is an adult on the playground.

Please do not drop children earlier than this either on the playground or on the pavement which is obviously a safeguarding risk.

16 children are coming into school at 8.30am for some additional learning and breakfast club children are often on site before 8.30am however they are all being supervised by adults in school and we are getting into learning early.

Thanks for your support in this.

Traffic update

You may remember I last wrote to you after the Parish Council agreed to the funding which paved the way for Hampshire County Council to undertake a survey on the status of traffic, parking and safety on Old London Road with a view to making it a one way street.

I don't want you to think that this has fallen by the wayside!

I am in touch on a weekly basis with the safe travel working party of Parish Councillors and Old London Road resident reps who are liaising with the survey team. They will be undertaking a site visit shortly – I'll let you know when I have a date!

As part of the safety campaign, you might notice that the bollards at the crossing point opposite the White Hart and on the A30 have been given reflective, more visible coverings, lights have been restored and a SLOW sign added to the road itself on leaving the High Street. Small steps to a safer crossing point.

