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Primary and Pre-school



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A busy fortnight!

What a fortnight since I last wrote to you! Not least a busy one in school but also 2 bank holidays and a Coronation!

We've now completed our Year 6 SATs week and, although the papers have been tough, the children have remained positive and given their best – well done to all and thanks to all Year 6 parents who have undoubtedly supported at home too.

There is a parent briefing for:

Year 1 parents about the *phonics check* Tues 16th @ 7.30pm on zoom

Year 2 parents about the *Year 2 SATs* on Tues 16th @ 7pm on zoom.

We'll send the links to the meetings out on Tuesday morning as a reminder!

Our WOW living streets walking initiative is also carrying on in good spirit and will surely be boosted as next week is 'Walk to school week' so we're encouraging you all to walk a little further than you usually would every day next week – our early birds at breakfast club can do this by walking around the playground before 9am to get their steps in!

The better weather has also seen us return to playing on the field and the daily mile is back in force now the ground has dried up a little and we're definitely noticing a positive difference to how calm and quickly settled children are in the afternoons. Long may the sunshine last!

Mrs Emma Jefferies
Headteacher

Coronation celebrations

Well the rain didn't put us off celebrating the Coronation last week and the children had a fun time filled with games and party food – thank you to all of you for your contributions of food, it made for an excellent party!

Upper school indulged in food both that which had been sent in but also their home cooked contributions made in school that week. As part of their D&T learning, Year 4 had made scones, Year 5 made cakes with various fillings and Year 6 made breads and sandwiches, made more complex by the fact that they had to consider different dietary requirements; gluten free, vegan, and the like. There was not a single crumb left!

It was also lovely to have pre-school children join us for the games outside – learning the maypole is tricky – musical thrones, not so much! We had the knobbly knee contest, pavement Pictionary, hat race and more too so we braved the rain and carried on – how very British!

We began the celebrations for the weekend on Friday morning though with a special online visit from Mrs Hayward, Freddie and Maxi's mum who was in rehearsals for the parade between Westminster Abbey and Buckingham Palace as she represented the Army Air Corps. She showed us her uniform, medals and sword. We learned about the colour of her beret and how she's been getting up really, really early to practice in the middle of the night. Thank you Mrs Hayward for representing our area and those service families so brilliantly.



STOCKBRIDGE SAVERS

Anyone can access the Community Pantry and we're beautifully placed here in Stockbridge to access either the pantry in Romsey or the one in Andover.

The Community Pantry is like a mini supermarket and is here to give those in need the opportunity to have a helping hand by getting more food for less money. It is NOT a foodbank. You pay a small membership fee and a certain price for a bag of shopping and then choose your food as you would in Tesco or Aldi or wherever. There's fresh, frozen and dry goods.

Andover's pantry is open Mon, Tues, Fri 9.30am – 12noon and Wed 4-6pm.

Romsey's pantry is open Mon & Fri 9.30am – 12noon and Wed 4-6pm.

SPORT

Daily mile is back! Children are all encouraged to take part in the daily mile at the end of lunchtime before coming back in to settle to work. It's great to be back on the field again!

We've had 2 sporting competitions since I last wrote to you and had silver medal success in both! A crack team of Year 2 golfers took part in the tri-golf competition at Broughton 2 weeks ago and, after their lunchtime practice with Mrs Hillman, did brilliantly to come second. They played accurately and fairly and were great team members, encouraging each other.

Year 5 and 6 also had great success at the TAG rugby competition which had been postponed due to bad weather. They talked tactics for days and worked really well as a team to achieve silver medal success – well done!



TALENT SHOW

Our annual talent show is back! We are moving back to doing it all live this year but realise that some of the children might like to film something at home that relates to a hobby they do from home. This is fine – we can show the film in class with them telling us about it.

We'll be talking to the children about the talent show in Tuesday's assembly and it fits so well with this term's themes of diversity and inclusion.

We'd love as many children to take part as possible – it's an opportunity for them to share their hobbies and interests with friends.

Each child has a 2min slot and their talents may be wide and varied; a judo demonstration, singing, playing an instrument, crafting and much more.

The Talent Show will be held in the week beginning 12 June so there's 4 weeks to practice. It's not judged, just an opportunity to share individual children's talents as in previous years. Children may work on their own or in a group.

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UPDATES

Keeping you up to date with regular goings on in school

Behaviour series – episode #2

In our first parent forum, we have discussed how our behavior policy is evolving and parents felt it would be helpful to focus an aspect of our policy in the newsletter so that you as parents understand how things are working. At the most recent forum, we decided on a useful order so here goes....

Playtimes and lunchtimes

These times of day are often the most unstructured and when friends can meet up across the classes, buddies play together and now we've moved onto the field, there's lots of room to play too.

Red & yellow cards

We have worked with children over the spring term through the school and class councils on red and yellow cards to help make clear to children what is acceptable behaviour at lunchtime and what isn't. Using the idea of red and yellow cards in football, school councilors have asked their classes what they think is 'yellow card behaviour' and what is 'red card behaviour'. From Year R to Year 6, children were clear about these and had similar ideas. We have now rolled these out to the whole school so that there are clear expectations and shared knowledge about what constitutes each level of behaviour. **Here are some examples**

Yellow card = a warning – a heads up that this behaviour is not OK

Red card = withdrawal – this behaviour is absolutely unacceptable and a consequence, in line with the behaviour policy, will be shared.

Hitting
Kicking
Punching
Swearing
Damaging equipment on purpose
Answering back to an adult or ambassador

Using unkind words
Purposely leaving someone out of a game
Taking equipment from others
Breaking up a game

Bronze Ambassadors

A group of trained Y5 & 6 children who run sporting activities and huff and puff shed. If they are giving out a red or yellow card, it has to be shared with an adult first and the adult will deal with it from thereon.

Trim trail & adventure playground

You may have noticed signs on the new equipment. Staff and children have risk assessed this equipment recently and this is to help them remember, especially when playing after school. An adult is always watching children on this equipment as part of our safety rota and parents should supervise their children on this at the end of the day.

Equipment

We've lots of huff & puff equipment that's used well. This is usually zoned in the playground and freeplay on the field. Bronze ambassadors have a dedicated budget each year to enhance this equipment so want it looked after!

In other news...

Topics

Last week I wrote to you about Relationships and Personal, Social and Emotional learning & e-safety but this is just one strand of learning this term.

Early Years children in Sprat & Winkle are learning all about fairy tales and fantasy – have you seen their banqueting hall made by their own fair hands?

Lower School are already knee deep in their new topic called 'Watch me go!' learning all about their bodies and how to keep healthy. Science is the significant focus subject this term and we've found out many already have very good knowledge so far so Mrs Hillman and Miss Stirling are challenging them to know and find out more!

As well as their recent and forthcoming explorations to sacred places as part of their RE learning, Upper School also have a heavy science focus and have been exploring 'The Circle of Life'. Beautiful tulips were dissected this week to find out about reproductive parts and this links to forthcoming learning on our bodies and changes.



Year 3 having a go around the track to see just how far athletes have to run.

Long jump – look at the air they've all got!



Practicing javelin

Learning how athletes make a quick start! It doesn't look like it but this is the start of that racing start position.



FOSS update

THANKYOU!

to all who brought bags to school for the B2S collection. We raised £299.50 just from your unwanted textiles and the extra bonus is that at least 50% of the things you donated will be taken to Ukraine to support people displaced by war or in need of the basics.



Massive thank you to Kat Brown for organizing this and giving up a chunk of time on her bank holiday to take collections from local residents too.

Dementia Day

Almost daily we hear of people we know and love or famous people in the news who are suffering from Dementia. It's a critical illness which affects whole families and is particularly close to our hearts as Mrs Spayes lost her father to it earlier this year.

Research into dementia is in its infancy really and to help us all find solutions and cures, fundraising is badly needed so this year, we'd like to support **Dementia Day – Time for a cuppa.**

We'll be holding ours on **Wednesday 24th May** (a week later than previously advertised) and we'd like to invite grannies and grandads or family members (can of course be parents) into school at 2.15pm to share a cuppa and a cake with their children. Donations to Dementia UK will be gratefully received. We hope to build on this as an annual event like Macmillan Coffee Morning. Children will also be able to share their current work in classes.

We look forward to welcoming you all.

Diary Dates Spring term

These are diary dates for parents for the next fortnight until the next newsletter is out.

Our website is also updated with all of these new dates and will now be up to date as we've bravely moved to an online diary for all staff!

Date	Who does it apply to?	Time	Notes
May 2023			
Tues 16 th	Year 2 Year 1	7pm 7.30pm	Parent briefing for Year 2 parents about SATs – VIRTUAL Parent briefing for Year 1 parents about phonics check - VIRTUAL
Mon 22 nd	Years 4-6	Am	Trip to Hindu Mandir
Wed 24 th	pm	2.15pm	Dementia Day – time for tea – tea afternoon for grandparents and family members
Whitsun holiday 29th My – 2nd June			
Mon 5 th June	All	All day	INSET – no school Deadline date for changing pre-school hours for September.
Tues 6 th	All	08:50	Back to school for the last term
Wed 7 th	All Parent Forum	Am 6.30pm	Class and whole school photos Parent Forum meeting
Thurs 8 th	Group of children	9am Am	Church assembly Bookshop visit
w/b 12 th	Year 1 All	All day From 2.30pm each day	Phonics check for Year 1 children TALENT SHOW WEEK
Mon 12 th	Teams from LSch & USch	Am and pm	Teams attending Athletics day at King's Somborne playing field
Wed 14 th	Year R	All day	Trip to Bournemouth aquarium
Thurs 15 th	Upper school	All day	Lepe Beach trip
Fri 16 th	All	2pm	Father's Day shop run by FOSS
Tues 20 th	Upper school & Sprat & Winkle Year 6	9am 2pm	Sharing morning – 45mins to come and be with your child alongside them and for them to share their learning with you. ALL INVITED! Virtual road safety workshop in preparation for secondary school
Wed 21 st	SEN	All day	Mrs Whittington in school
Thurs 22 nd	Team	4pm	Rounder tournament
Wed 28 th	SEN Lower School	All day 9am	Mrs Whittington in school Sharing morning – 45mins to come and be with your child alongside them and for them to share their learning with you. ALL INVITED!
Thurs 29 th	Year 3	All day	Trip to Roman Baths – on the train!
Fri 30 th	Year 3	Overnight	Year 3 residential camp out on school field
July 2023			
Thurs 6 th	All Year 5 parents	9am 7pm	Church assembly Brecon Beacons Y6 residential briefing for next year's Year 6
Fri 7 th	New Year R TBC	9am All day	Stay & Play #1 Dance festival at Test Valley School
Sun 8 th	All	Early!	Car boot sale at school
Wed 12 th	All	3.15pm	Reports home
Fri 14 th	Upper School All	2pm & 6pm 2.30pm – 4pm	Summer performance show day! Informal meeting for parents to come and look at children's work or talk to their child's class teacher after reports
w/b 17 th	Year 4 All + new Year R	All week 2pm each day	Swimming at Farleigh Transition days with new teachers
Mon 17 th	All	Am	Sports Day
Fri 21 st	Year 6	11am	Leaver's assembly