

Newsletter16-19th January 2024

Head teacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Can you believe we have completed 3 weeks of Spring Term schooling already? Half term and longer days will be here soon enough.

It is around this time of the year where changes become really noticeable. Your child will be in good routines in school now and feeling confident and comfortable with their known adults in class. You might be noticing an increased confidence in their reading or writing ability. They might be surprising you with facts they have heard in the classroom or showing a

new interest in different subjects.

We certainly begin to see good progress in school during the Spring Term. So, a huge thank you for all that you are doing to support your child's learning at home. Be safe in the knowledge that it really does make a big difference to a child's resilience, confidence and desire to do well in school.

Keep warm this weekend!



Mrs Jearrad

Attendance this week

Chestnut	Birch	Willow	Holly	Sycamore	Rowan	Oak	School
92.3%	96.8%	93.4%	92.8%	96.7%	99.7%	96%	95.3%

The expected attendance for each student is a minimum of 96%. Individual children identifying as under 96% will be engaging in conversations with staff to ensure their attendance improves.



Psalm 24: 1 The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.

The Rotary Club

We would like to thank James Lapage and the team at The Rotary Club of Southampton Magna for their continued support to our school and our families. Your support for the last few years has been incredible. This week we took delivery of 15 food parcel bags full of goodies including pasta, biscuits, porridge, teabags and much more! All have been gratefully received by our families.







Year 6 Outdoor Learning



Year 6 had a great time during outdoor learning this week. With all the fallen leaves and wonderful colours Spring has to offer us, we decided to create leaf animals with some googley eyes. Can you guess the animals we have created? This simple activity brought out our curiosity and creativity in such a fun way. Mrs Skeels would love to see some of your natural leaf animals if you can create any at

> home! If you're stuck for something to do this weekend, create your own natural leaf animal and show Mrs

Skeels next week - she might even give out some housepoints for children who have worked hard.







Year 1 - The Great Fire of London

Year 1 have been learning about The Great Fire of London and we have had some very exciting visitors. The fire service came to see us last week to learn all about keeping ourselves safe in a fire, and this week we had a local historian visit us to learn more about what happened in 1666!



Olin got to dress up as a fire fighter!







Bikeability

Year 6 have finished their final part of their Bikeability course. They passed with flying colours and were a credit to Nursling School. The children braved the cold weather and somewhat uncomfortable conditions and focused on their road safety. We couldn't be prouder of them. A cracking effort by all. Well done Year 6.



Light the South Art Sculpture Trail in Southampton

Light the South is a family-friendly outdoor art sculpture trail taking place in Southampton and Cowes from July 2024 to September 2024.

Following on from previous successful trails (Go Rhino! Trail in summer 2013; Zany Zebra Trail in summer 2016; Hares of Hampshire in summer 2022), it is made up of 40 80ft lighthouse sculptures designed by local artists and 80 mini 3ft lighthouses designed by local schools.

The aim of this project is to increase visitors to Southampton and

Cowes, engage local companies and schools in a larger project and to raise funds for the Southampton Children's Hospital who will receive funds through the auctioning of the larger lighthouses and various projects running alongside the Light The South trail.

Despite the large amount of applicants, we were lucky enough to be allocated a mini lighthouse which will be arriving in February for us to design and paint before being picked up in April ready to be displayed.

This Year's World Book Day

This is going to be linked to the Little Lights Lighthouse Sculpture with the theme

'Day at the Sea Beach'

Get your costumes ready for Friday 8th March - No swimwear





Explore. Discover. Unite.



Cyril's Awards

Year R Benyamin- For working exceptionally hard with his reading and writing!

Aria continues to grow in confidence every day which is brilliant to see!

<u>Year 1</u> Ivy-Grace has made fabulous progress in her phonics, and we know she is working so hard at home! We are really proud of how well she is doing in Year 1

Jacob has been absolutely blowing us away with his reading and phonics- he is concentrating really well and we are really happy with him

<u>Year 2</u> Nellie has been super focussed this week and she has been trying very hard with all her work. My favourite thing this week is that she has started every day with a massive smile! Awesome work Nellie

Joshua has been doing an amazing job in maths this week, we have been learning about multiplication and division and he has been smashing it! Well done Joshua.

<u>Year 3</u> Mabel has been amazing this week especially during our Storytime. Any time there is new word that the rest of the class are unsure of she confidently tells them the meaning. She has also shown some great inferences skills and has been super engaged in our class book. Well done Mabel, keep up the good work!

Toby has been a star this week, we have been learning about length and perimeter. Toby's understanding of this has been excellent. It has also been wonderful to see him really supporting his peers too. Well done Toby keep up the good work and kindness!

<u>Year 4</u> Liam works extremely hard on his geography this week - helping his friends to find the 8 points of the compass rose and use them on the orienteering course. Well done Liam.

Grace has worked very hard on her maths particularly on her multiplication tables and multiply two digits by one digit. Well done Grace.

<u>Year 5</u> Peter - For not only smashing his school work this week, showing great effort in his maths, writing and Geography, but also for his attitude and consideration towards other members of the class and showing kindness in his actions.

Oscar - For always impressing with his attitude towards his school work, particularly in his writing, in which he showed a real enthusiasm and determination to improve even further!

Year 6 Harrison S - for a fantastic attitude to learning since coming back after Christmas. He has really blown us away with his readiness to learn.

Jack - has impressed us this week with his positive attitude and hard work.



Totes Awards

This week Totes awards go to.....

Year R Hugo for his incredible reading that is becoming more and more fluent every day!

<u>Year 1</u> Ethan- Ethan has been trying really hard with his reading and phonics, and has adapted so well to our guided reading sessions!

<u>Year 2</u> William has read every single day at home with his grown-ups. This is amazing to see and it is helping him to make loads of progress at school! Well done Wiiliam.

<u>Year 3</u> Ella has been great this week when she finishes her work, she independently will read silently. It has been wonderful to see Ella's love for reading shine through!

<u>Year 4</u> Casey deserves the tote bag. Every week, she reads with wonderful expression and interest. Well done Casey.

<u>Year 5</u> Layla - For impressing the year 5 team with her reading during guided reading. It is clear to see Layla enjoys reading a great deal and is really nice to witness!

<u>Year 6</u> Reggie - has really impressed us this week reading independently both in and out of school. Great job Reggie.



Out of school achievements

Sienna - gained her creative and creative plus badge at Beavers.

Riley - congratulations for being invested at Cubs!

Ed - well done for being made 'Player of the Match' in football!!

Ajay - We loved hearing that you took part in an 'Indian Dance Lesson'







Show the lava rolling down the side of each volcano, as you say "v-v-v", with your hands meeting as

Pip and Pap

Hold all your fingers on top of your thumb. Then imagine you are a spider casting a web as you open your fingers and thumb wide, saying "W-W-W".

Here is a link to the Pip and Pap Shop:

http://www.pipandpapshop.co.uk/

Miss Hayward needs your help!

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She is in need of Cylindrical shaped items for an up and coming project - Pringle tubes, wrapping paper tubes, kitchen roll tubes (no toilet roll tubes) etc.....

Thank You!

Collective Worship Collective Worship

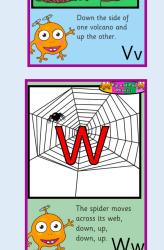
Collective Worship

Ebooks

This week, in collective worship we have focused on the School Value and Christian Value of Courage. We have reminded each other of what this means and how the followers of Jesus showed courage to follow him. On Thursday, our Spiritual Leaders led a Collective Worship about whether it is better to read printed books or e-books. This is in the news as a study in Spain found that Primary aged children's understanding is higher when reading a printed book.

books

For our Collective Worship challenge this week, the children were asked to create their own symbol of courage. We have also challenged the children to read as many books as they can this week (whether they are printed or e-books).









<u>Year R</u>

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Gloves to Show Love - Leprosy Mission Fundraiser

On <u>Wednesday 31st January</u>, we are holding a fundraiser to support the Leprosy Mission

Children are asked to come into school wearing gloves (any kind) and to bring a £1 donation

For this fundraiser, children bring a pair of gloves to school and wear them during different lessons. It reminds children that if leprosy isn't cured quickly, fingers curl in to palms and won't straighten. They also lose feeling. This makes it very hard for children to hold a pen at school, catch a ball, or grip a spoon. It emphasises how important our hands and fingers are.



Business and Enterprise Day!

Thursday 8th February 3.10-3.45pm

Year 6 have become entrepreneurs that Lord Alan Sugar would be proud of and are busy designing, producing and marketing products to sell at the school. The event will take place at the end of the school day on the field (or in the school hall if the weather is poor).

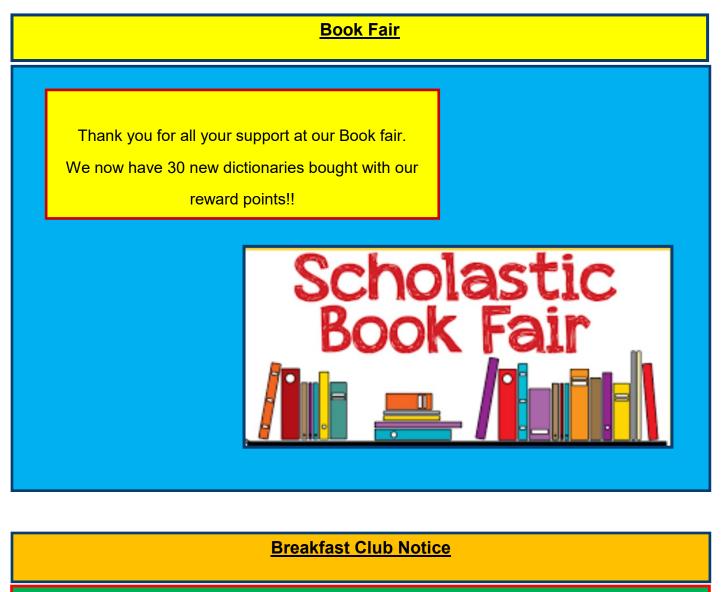


There will fun activities and plenty of tasty treats on sale. Prices range from 20p - 50p.









Breakfast Club Entry

Thank you to all parents who have followed the instructions for entry to Breakfast Club.

Please ensure you do the following:

Drop your child off within the window of 7:40am - 7:55am when the playground gate is opened and manned.

Be prepared to wait at the playground gate if you arrive after 7:55am until an adult can open it.

Please do not put Mrs Marsh in an awkward position of asking her to open any other gate to let you in. The gate to the car park is not in use at this time due to heavy traffic and staff arriving for work.

Important Dates

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SATs meeting for Y6 parents at 2.30pm	Wednesday 24th January	
Young Voices	Monday 29th January	
Gloves to School Fundraiser, Leprosy Mission	Wednesday 31st January	
Pip and Pap 1 and 2 at 2.30pm	Thursday 1st February	
Open Classroom	Friday 9th February	
Half Term	Monday 12th - Friday16th February	
nset Day	Monday 19th February	
Pip and Pap 1 and 2 at 2.30pm	Thursday 29th February	
PTA Mothers Day Sale	Monday 4th - Friday 8th March	
Zoolab	Tuesday 5th March	
World Book Day	Thursday 7th March	
Pip and Pap 1 and 2 at 2.30pm	Thursday 21st March	
Open Classroom	Thursday 28th March	
No after school provision	Thursday 28th March	
Easter Holidays	Friday 29th March - Friday 12th April	
nset Day	Monday 15th April	
PTA Spring Disco	Wednesday 24th April	
Sports Day	Friday 3rd May	
Pip and Pap 1 and 2 at 2.30pm	Thursday 9th May	
Walk to School Week	Monday 20th - Friday 24th May	
Year 4 Residential - Countryside Trust	Monday 20th - Wednesday 22nd May	
Year 3 SeaCity Museum	Tuesday 21st May	
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Open Classroom	Friday 24th May	
Half Term	Monday 27th - Friday 31st May	
Year 5 Egyptian Museum	Wednesday 5th June	
Pip and Pap 1 and 2 at 2.30pm	Thursday 6th June	
_ove of Science Day	Friday 7th June	
PTA Fathers Day Sale	Monday 10th - Friday 14th June	

Important Dates continued

Parents Evening (f2f)	Monday 10th June
Parents Evening (f2f)	Wednesday 12th June
Showcase Musical Festival	Thursday 13th June
PTA Summer Fayre	Saturday 15th June 2024
Year 6 Residential	Wednesday 19th to Friday 21st June
Year 1 Moors Valley	Tuesday 25th June
KS2 Music Concert	Friday 28th June
Year 2 Hillier's Arboretum	Wednesday 3rd July
Year 6 Leavers Service St Johns	Wednesday 10th July
Supporters Cream Tea	Friday 12th July
PTA summer Disco	Wednesday 17th July
Open Classroom	Friday 19th July
No after school provision	Friday 19th July
Inset Day	Monday 22nd July
Inset Day	Tuesday 23rd July
PLEASE CHECK THIS REGULARLY FOR	CHANGES AND UPDATES

Lateness and Requests for Authorised Absence

Children should be in school by **8.50am** each day, when registration begins.

It is important that all children make a good start to the day and are ready to learn.

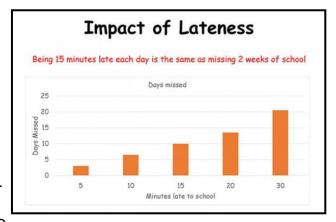
If a child arrives after 8.50am, they will be given a 'late' mark.

Late arrivals disrupt the whole class and children who arrive late are often embarrassed and unsettled because they have missed important instructions.

If children arrive in school after 9.20am they will be marked as an unauthorised absence

Requests for Authorised Absence

Schools are only allowed to authorise absence from school in exceptional circumstances. In making a request for an authorised absence from school you will need to explain why the circumstances are exceptional.. There is no general right to authorise absence



for a family holiday. If you take your child out of school without permission the absence will be unauthorised and a penalty notice may be issued.

School Dinners

Check if your child can get free meals <u>https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals</u>

Fed up with making packed lunches? Why not order a school dinner?

Children choose from a vegetarian or meat option, and cost £3 for a freshly cooked main meal and pudding, payable via Scopay. Special diets can be catered for by prior arrangement.

Please be aware that we have a new menu - see the link below

If your child has an allergy or any dietary needs please speak to the School For your convenience here is a link to the School Dinner menu. <u>https://documents.hants.gov.uk/HC3S/</u> <u>Picture-Menus-A4-October2023.pdf</u>

The week beginning the 22nd January 2024 is week 2 in the cycle.



Communication Flowchart

We know that when parents have a concern that relates to their child at school, whether it is pastoral, friendships, curriculum or staffing in nature, they often feel the best way forward is to ask to see the Head teacher. In our experience, many of these concerns can often be most quickly resolved by talking to the class teacher as they know your children best. Please be aware that the Chair of Governors does not become involved unless a formal complaint is logged having completed all previous steps. The Complaints Policy is on the website.

Please use the chart below to know who you need to speak to.

Who do I speak to and in what order?									
Steps	Learning / Classroom/ Staffing issues	Pastoral / Additional Needs	School Administration						
1	In the first instance, please ar- range to speak to your child's class teacher after school by appointment. Appointments can be made via the school office.	If you're struggling with pastoral issues such as routines, attend- ance or you just need to reach out, ask the office to book you an appointment to speak to Mrs Darke (Parent Liaison).	Please speak to Mrs Man- ning, Mrs H-C or Mrs Petley in the school office.						
2	If you feel your query has not been resolved, please arrange to speak to Mr Booth or Mrs Skeels (Assistant Headteach- ers)	Concerns or actions related to Special Educational Needs or pastoral issues still not sorted, ask the office to book you an ap- pointment to speak to Mrs Mellor (SENCO).	If you have a complaint with regards to a member of the office team, go to Step 3.						
3	This meeting may also be attende to ensure actions from any previo	If still not sorted? peak to our Head teacher, Mrs Jearra ed by a member of the staff or Senior us meetings can be discussed. aint Process Step 1 with Mrs Jearrad	Leadership Team						
	Formal Complaints								
4	If you are unhappy with the outcome of your queries and are proceeding to a formal complaint Step 2 having followed all the previous steps, please contact our Chair of Governors, Mrs. Jackie Barker								

Out of School Activities



