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School Newsletter

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In light of the tragic event which occurred in Manchester this week as well as the increased threat level to the UK, I would like to reassure parents / carers that as always we have followed Hampshire's advice and taken all the recommended steps regarding your child's safety while in our care. As ever, every child's safety is always at the forefront of everything we do in school and, as a parent myself, I totally understand the added concerns you undoubtedly have at this time.

Discussing such a difficult issue with young children without causing them anxiety is challenging and, on this occasion, we have not decided to discuss Monday's event with the whole school. Those children in upper school were given the opportunity today to observe the minute's silence which they did maturely and with total respect. To help with any discussions you may wish to have with your child, the Parent Section - Parent Workshops- Talking to your child about difficult topics on our school website has some really helpful information, tips and web links. In addition the advice given on the BBC Newsround website has been widely praised. This can be found at:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/40019250>

As advised we are continuing to run educational trips and visits as normal. These are always tightly monitored by the local education authority, school governors and senior leadership team. As always, thorough risk assessments and emergency plans are in place for these activities.

The Building Project is over!

We hope that those of you who can come into school tomorrow afternoon enjoy our Open Afternoon from 2.30pm onwards. This is designed to give you an opportunity to walk around the school and have a look at the changes that have taken place over the course of the year.

When you arrive we will be directing you to the gate at the top of the drive to enter into the school playground and there will be members of staff at the gate to welcome you and to monitor people coming onto the site.



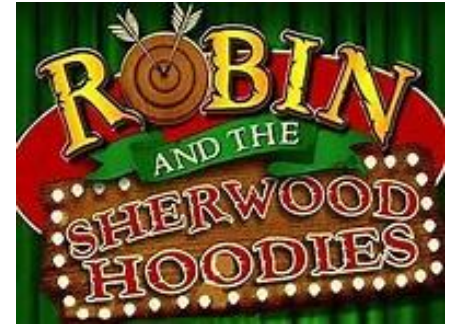
We are asking that you then enter your child's classroom through their external classroom door if it is on the ground floor and through the door adjacent to the main entrance door if your child is in Year 5 and around the outside of school into the lower school entrance if your child is in Year 4. This is the usual entrance routine for children each morning and, if you ask them this evening, they will be able to explain the route. Due to the lack of space buggies and pushchairs will NOT be allowed into school and we ask that you leave them outside the appropriate entrance into the building. You will be required to sign your child out of their class and then you are free to have a walk around the building before leaving. We hope that this is a lovely afternoon and we thank you for your support.

Pippins will run as normal.





Coming soon



Wednesday 21st June – 2.00pm - 3.00pm
Thursday, 22nd June – 6.30pm - 7.30pm



More details to follow

Bag2School

On Wednesday 21st June we will be having a **non-school uniform day**. In return every child can bring in a bag or bags of good clean clothes, soft toys, belts, handbags and shoes on that day.

Our "Bag2School" events have already raised a substantial amount of money. We will be sending the empty bags home shortly. Please do bring in as many bags as possible to this event, asking grandparents, aunts and uncles, even neighbours to support us all in our efforts.

They accept the following 'good quality' items for RE-USE:

- Men's, Ladies and Children's clothing
- Paired Shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- Handbags
- Hats
- Bags
- Scarves and ties
- Jewellery
- Lingerie
- Socks
- Belts
- Soft toys
- Household Linen
- Curtains
- Towels
- Bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)

They **DO NOT** accept:

- Duvets and blankets
- Pillows and cushions
- Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)
- Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing
- School uniforms with logo
- Corporate clothing and workwear
- Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material



Internet safety checklist for children

Agree boundaries

Be clear what your child can and can't do online – where they can use the internet, how much time they can spend online, the sites they can visit and the type of information they can share. Agree with your child when they can have a mobile phone or tablet.

Explore together

The best way to find out what your child is doing online is to ask them to tell you about what they do and what sites they like to visit. If they're happy to, ask them to show you. Talk to them about being a good friend online.

Put yourself in control

Install parental controls on your home broadband and any internet-enabled devices. Set up a user account for your child on the main device they use and make sure other accounts in the household are password-protected so that younger children can't access them by accident.

Use airplane mode

Use airplane mode on your devices when your child is using them so they can't make any unapproved purchases or interact with anyone online without your knowledge.

Stay involved

Encourage them to use their tech devices in a communal area like the lounge or kitchen so you can keep an eye on how they're using the internet and also share in their enjoyment.

Talk to siblings

It's also a good idea to talk to any older children about what they're doing online and what they show to younger children. Encourage them to be responsible and help keep their younger siblings safe.

Search safely

Use safe search engines such as Swiggle or kids-search. You can save time by adding these to your 'Favourites'. Safe search settings can also be activated on Google and other search engines, as well as YouTube.

Check if it's suitable

The age ratings that come with games, apps, films and social networks are a good guide to whether they're suitable for your child. For example, the minimum age limit is 13 for several social networking sites, including Facebook and Instagram. Although sites aimed at under-10s like Moshi-Monsters and Club Penguin also have social networking elements.

For more advice and an e-safety video guide for parents of children aged 6 – 10 years click on:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/6-10/>

Lunchtime Award

Each Friday, our Lunchtime Assistants nominate up to 6 pupils who have demonstrated our school behaviour code by being caring, helpful, polite and kind at lunchtime during the week. Each pupil is presented with a certificate in our Celebration Worship on a Friday afternoon and they are invited to sit at top table with Mrs. Johnson to eat their lunch the following Monday.

We would like to share with you the names of the pupils who have been nominated.

On Friday 19th May the Lunchtime Awards were presented to:

- Molly Hillman for being kind to another pupil.
- Esme Larkham for being kind to another pupil.
- Chaithra Madhusudhanan for being kind to another pupil.
- Charlie Peach for being sensible and responsible.
- Millie Hooper for being kind to someone who was upset.
- Cameron Cutler for being helpful at lunchtime.



Congratulations to all six pupils. We hope you enjoy being on the Top Table.

Our sweatshirts have arrived in Namibia!

Last week Mrs. Howard visited school and brought with her photographs and videos from her visit to Namibia. As you may remember she took over 70 red sweatshirts, letters and a video of our school and choir singing when she visited Otavi School, Namibia, last month. Mrs. Howard reported that she had a wonderful time with the school where she distributed clothes, books and toys donated from Freegrounds Junior and Bursledon Schools and the Rotary Club in Whitely. On her return, Mrs. Howard gave us letters from the children in Namibia as well as photographs and a video of their school choir singing to us. She told us that there was a long queue of children waiting to be given a sweatshirt and that they were very happy with the clothes we sent. The choir received their sweatshirts first and they sang to us to say thank you. You can see the more photographs and a video clip on our school website in the School Council folder or by clicking on this link:



Our sweatshirts arriving in Otavi School, Namibia. The children queued to be given a sweatshirt. Children in the choir were first to receive one.

A few of the photographs that Mrs. Howard brought back from her trip
<http://freegroundsjunior.schoolvle.org/index.php/school-council/>

Thank you to everyone who donated a sweatshirt. We definitely want to continue to develop further links and we be talking to Mrs. Howard about how we can do this during the course of the year. In the meantime I have been told that the Rotary Club is currently seeking funding to build the school another classroom which might mean that we are able to speak to them directly via skype or similar in the future!

After School Clubs

Our after school clubs this half term have been very successful. We still have a few places left on some of the clubs for next half term, so if your child would be interested in taking part in an after school club contact the school office for more information on 01489 782295.

Next half term the clubs will run from week beginning 5th June until week beginning 3rd July.



After School Tennis Club

We are currently finalising arrangements for a tennis club 'JG Tennis' to run at school on a Monday Evening from 3.30 to 4.30pm starting on the 12th June. The club will be run by Josh Gook who is the Tennis Director and Founder of JG Tennis. He has been coaching for over 7 years at various venues around Hampshire and has coached all levels and abilities from complete beginners to national juniors.

Josh has strong playing background and competes regularly. He has played for Hampshire u18s and Hampshire Men's Team and has won matches at British Tour Main Draw Level. He was an LTA sponsored junior and has also won numerous titles at county and national level. In 2014 Josh reached a county ranking of 2 in Hampshire and 10W!

The cost will be £4 a session and there will initially be a block of 5 sessions to run during consecutive Monday evenings from 3.30 to 4.30pm starting Monday 12th June. Watch out for the booking form and payment details which will be sent out to parents the first week back after the half term break.

DIARY DATES

Saturday, 27th May to Sunday, 4th June - Half-term Holiday

- Monday, 5th June - Year 5 swimming starts for six weeks
- Monday 5th June - After School Clubs start
- Tuesday 6th June - Year 5 Thinking, Doing Science Assessment
- Thursday, 8th June - Year 4 Trip to the New Forest
- Monday 12th June - Cook Eat programme starts
- Wednesday, 14th June - 1.00-3.00pm-Father's Day shopping event
- Thursday, 15th June - 1.00-3.00pm-Father's Day shopping event
- Thursday, 15th June - Year 3 Open Box theatre in school
- Thursday 15th June - Year 2 New Parents 'Meeting
- Friday, 16th June - Year 5 Trip to Fairthorne Manor
- **Monday 19th June INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED FOR PUPILS**
- Wednesday, 21st June - 2.00-3.00pm-School Production
- Wednesday 21st June - Bags2School collection - Non School Uniform Day
- Thursday, 22nd June - 6.30-7.30pm-School Production
- Thursday, 22nd June - Open Morning for Year 2 parents and children
- Friday 23rd June - Open Morning for Year 2 parents and children
- Wednesday, 28th June - Transition Day
- Thursday, 29th June - Hampshire School Games (letter to follow)
- Friday, 30th June - Monday, 3rd July - Year 6 residential weekend to the Isle of Wight
- Thursday 6th July - Summer Fair (after school).
- Friday 7th July - Year 6 reports and SATs results to parents
- Monday 10th July - Wildern Oscars
- Friday 14th July - Years 3,4,5 reports to parents
- Wednesday 19th July - Sports Day (more details to follow)
- Thursday, 20th July - 2.30pm - Year 6 Leavers' Assembly
- Thursday, 20th July - 3.30-5.30pm - Year 6 Leavers' Party
- Monday 24th July - Gold Assembly 2.45pm

Wednesday, 26th July to Sunday, 3rd September - Summer Holidays

The school website www.freegrounds-jun.hants.sch.uk

has a link to the calendar on the front page

Pippins out of school club

For all bookings and enquiries please call Michelle Brightwell on 07926433130

or email at m.brightwell@freegrounds-jun.hants.sch.uk

Registration and Booking forms are also available on the Freegrounds Junior School website under the Pippins tab. www.freegrounds-jun.hants.sch.uk

Please can you make sure that your child has a water bottle in school EVERY DAY.



Filled only with water.