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### Important Transition Information and Dates

As we approach the end of the summer term we will be preparing our children for the move to their next year group. Below are key dates that we would ask you to be aware of so that you can support your child as they start this preparation process.

**Monday 26th June** - Parents/ carers will receive an important letter containing key information about next year.

**Wednesday 28th June - Transition day** - pupils move into their new year group for the day. Pupils in Years 3, 4 and 5 will meet their new teacher on the playground at 8.55am and will return to their current teacher at 2.30pm to talk about the day before home time as normal at 3.30pm.

Children in Year 6 will be attending their new school for the day. For any Year 6 pupils whose transition day is a different date they will be expected to be in school as normal.

Children in Year 2 will register at the infant school as normal and staff from the infant school will bring the children across to us by 9:15am.

In addition Year 2 children and parents are invited to Open Morning to have a tour of the school on Thursday 22nd June or Friday 23rd June. Sign-up sheets are available at the infant school to select the morning you would like to come to visit. Children should be registered at the infant school as normal and then you should bring your child to the Juniors at 9:10am.

In addition we have **transition meetings for parents / carers**. These give an important opportunity for parents/carers to meet your child's next teacher, to pick up a personalised pack with key information about next year and to hear from the year leader and teachers.

Over the last two years we have trialled different times and last year you told us that before afternoon 'pick up' from the infant school is the best time. Bearing this in mind we have arranged the following dates and times:

#### **Transition meetings for parents /carers**

**Current Year 2—Year 3** Monday 26th June at 6.30pm in the Junior School Hall

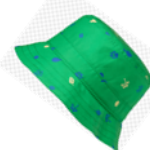
**Current Year 3—Year 4** Tuesday 4th July at 2.40pm in the School Hall

**Current Year 4 - Year 5** Wednesday 5th July at 2.40pm in the School Hall

**Current Year 5 - Year 6** Wednesday 28th June at 2.40pm in the School Hall (Transition Day)

### Sun hats, water bottles, sun cream

As the weather is now getting hotter please send your child in to school with a **sun hat** and **water bottle** (containing only water) each day and **apply sun cream** before school. Please ensure that any items have your child's name clearly marked as we have so many un-named water bottles we cannot reunite with their owners.



Thank you for your help.

## Should you fall and hit the dirt, a helmet might prevent the hurt!

We are extremely pleased to see so many children cycling or scooting to school in the morning. It's a great healthy way to travel to and from school. We have however become aware that some children are not wearing helmets and as pupil safety is our first priority we are asking **all children who cycle or scoot to school to wear a helmet**. In Collective Worship we have reiterated the importance of road safety, which was also done in depth with Year 5 during their recent Bikeability training. Over the next few days and weeks we will be talking to parents and children if we see children cycling or scooting to school without a helmet.



Thank you in advance for your support with this key safety message.

## Summer Fayre

With the Summer Fayre fast approaching we would like to offer you the opportunity to rent a table. If you have things to sell or work for a company where you can sell products (e.g. Body Shop etc.) then please let the school office know that you would like to rent a table on the day of our Summer Fayre– Thursday 6th July, 3:30– 4:45pm. There will be a small charge of £10 for renting a table which we to be paid for in advance.



Also, if you have any raffle prizes you would like to donate, please can your kind donations make their way to the school office by Monday 3rd July. If you are a company making a donation, please let us know as we are happy to mention you in our next newsletter.



We will be allowing the children to come to school in non-school uniform on Thursday 6th July in return for donations of filled jars / prizes / cakes etc. Over the next couple of weeks please do keep any empty jam jars ready for filling.

More information will be given in our Summer Fayre flyer which will be coming your way shortly.



## Bag2School

On Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> 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. 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)



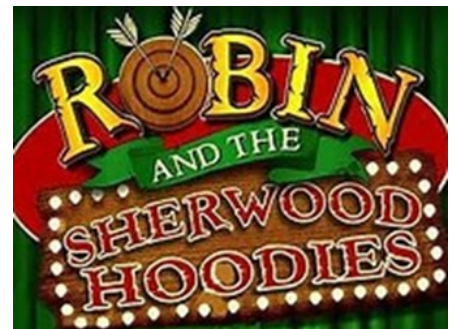
### They DO NOT accept:

- 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

## School Production - Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June – 1.45pm - 3.00pm**

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June – 6.30pm - 7.40pm**



After all the hard work, it is finally time for 'Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies' and we are all very excited about performing to an audience.

We still have plenty of tickets left for the matinee performance on Wednesday 21st June. If you would like to purchase extra tickets, please send in any requests via the school office.



Refreshments and programmes will be available to purchase at both performances.

The children have all worked extremely hard and we hope you will enjoy their performances.

## Learning to Learn (The 5 'R's)-Winners

**Massive congratulations to the following pupils for being awarded Learning to Learn certificates.**

**In recognition for demonstrating one of our Learning to Learn skills.**

**Resilience      Respect      Relationships      Risk taking      Resourcefulness**

<b>Ash</b>	Olivia Symes	<b>Elm</b>	Primrose Yule
<b>Oak</b>	Isabelle Humble	<b>Beech</b>	Mitchell Robinson
<b>Maple</b>	Molly Phillips	<b>Pine</b>	Emily Woodward
<b>Cedar</b>	Ethan Naylor	<b>Larch</b>	Tom French
<b>Willow</b>	Amala Tipper Mason Baker	<b>Juniper</b>	Starr Moss
<b>Hawthorn</b>	Molly Lewis	<b>Sycamore</b>	Joanna Killick

## 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 9<sup>th</sup> June the Lunchtime Awards were presented to:**

- Brooke Ridoutt for being kind to another pupil.
- Maddie Beecheno for being helpful to the dinner ladies.
- Harry Stickland for being helpful.
- Eddie Read for playing sensibly during wet lunchtime.
- Nathan White for playing nicely during playtime.
- Henry Miller for being very polite.



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

## Attendance

A massive well done, to all **236** pupils who received their 100% attendance certificates for the first half of the summer term. Each of you will receive your certificate in Year Group Collective Worship.  
We are very proud of you !



## DIARY DATES

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED FOR PUPILS**

**Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> June** - 1.45 - 3.00pm School Production - tickets available from the school office

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June** - Bag2School collection - Non School Uniform Day

**Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June** - 6.30 - 7.40pm School Production - a few tickets still available from the school office

**Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June** - Open Morning for Year 2 parents and children (sign up at the infants)

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June** - Open Morning for Year 2 parents and children (sign up at the infants)

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June** - Year 2 New Parents' Meeting 6.30pm

**Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> June** - Transition Day— children move into their new class for the day.

**Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> June** - Hampshire School Games in Aldershot for Sports Teams that have got through to the Hampshire Finals (letter to follow)

**Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> June** - Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July - Year 6 residential weekend to the Isle of Wight

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July**—2:40pm—Current Year 3—Year 4 Parents' Transition Meeting

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July**—2:40pm—Current Year 4—Year 5 Parents' Transition Meeting

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July** - Non School Uniform and Summer Fayre (after school).

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July** - Year 6 reports and SATs results to parents

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July** - Wildern Oscars

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July** - Years 3,4,5 reports to parents

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July** - Sports Day — morning (more details to follow)

**Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> July** - 2.30pm - Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

**Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> July** - 3.30-5.30pm - Year 6 Leavers' Party

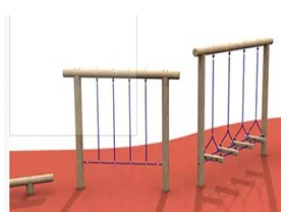
**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July** - Gold Assembly 2.45pm

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July** - Last day of term

**Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> July to Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September** - Summer Holidays

The school website [www.freegrounds-jun.hants.sch.uk](http://www.freegrounds-jun.hants.sch.uk) has a link to the calendar on the front page

### **Congratulations**



With your help this year the children have raised the £3 000 needed to order the first phase of the play trail!

The activities have now been ordered and with the help of volunteer employees from MACE, who are coming into school on the first day of the summer holiday to fit the trail, it will all be ready for the children to use at the start of term in September!

Thank you for your support with the fund raising and a massive thank you to the MACE employees for fitting the play trail for us!

### 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](mailto: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](http://www.freegrounds-jun.hants.sch.uk)

## Can you help?

We are desperately keen for helpers in school—it makes such a difference to our children and to the things that we are able to offer them. Please could you look down this page and see if you would like to volunteer to be involved in any of the following ways? (or if you know someone else who might be interested?)

### Freegrounds Junior School Association



We are keen to get ourselves prepared for this year's **Christmas Fayre** and really need your help.

**We will be holding a short get-together on Wednesday 12th July at 6.30pm** at school and if you are able to come along we would love to see you.

The meeting will last a maximum of 45 minutes—we will decide what we want to do for the Christmas Fayre and a list of jobs to be done—e.g. letters for raffle prizes etc...

Please do get in touch if you can help—we really do need you!!!!

You can contact us through the school office or by applying to join our closed facebook group which can be found by searching for **Freegrounds Junior School Association** in facebook and requesting membership.

### Volunteer Helpers in School—Do you know someone who would like to give a little bit of time each week?

For example:

We would love to have help with **gardening** around the school. Since the end of the building project we have gained our flower beds back but they need some TLC to get them looking lovely! Our children would be very keen to help to plant flowers and plants but we need someone willing to give a bit of time each week to prepare the borders and then to supervise a small group of children and teach them how to plant and care for their flowers. We can offer tea, biscuits and fabulous children and friendly staff. If you know someone who might be interested please ask them to say hello to us by contacting the school office on 01489 782295 as this would be a lovely thing to set up and would make such a difference to our school!



Could you hear a **child read each week**? It is such a rewarding thing to do. The children really look forward to meeting up with their reading adult and you get to know one of our children and see the progress that they make. It takes about 20 minutes a week and makes such a big difference. Please contact the office on 01489 782295 if you would like to find out more.

### Why not think about becoming a School Governor?

It sounds daunting but it really isn't. The Governors support and challenge the school in helping us to move forward and they oversee different areas of school life. There are Full Governing Body Meetings and two main sub committees (Curriculum, Achievement & Standards and Finance, Personnel & Resources) which meet each half term. Governors work together to agree the long term plan for the school and then they oversee the progress that the school is making against the targets set.

If you are interested in finding out more, please contact the **school office** on **01489 782295** and we can arrange a chat with one of the governors or answer any questions you might have and, if all goes well, hopefully support you with the application process.

If you know someone else who might be interested please do pass this information on to them.

Governors can be co-opted onto the Governing Body and do not have to be parents / carers of children in school.

