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Dear parents and carers,

It has been lovely seeing pupils and teachers alike returning to school this September refreshed and working hard. It is especially nice seeing how well our new year 3 children have settled in to their new school. The celebrations of good work continue to flow into our office and we are truly astounded by the learning behaviours of the children. We have awarded an impressive number of certificates since the beginning of term: handwriting, times tables and lunchtime leaves for being responsible members of the school community. Finally, may we congratulate all the children on their focused approach to their learning this year and for their enthusiasm-well done!

New Pond



Some of you may have noticed the fenced area behind the larger playground, which houses our new boat shaped pond! Thanks to the generosity of the Tesco 'Bags of Help' scheme, we were able

to fund our pond project and we are delighted with the results. The children have all carried out risk assessments with their teachers and are eager to find out what wildlife has inhabited already. Look out for information about its grand opening later this term.

Meet the teacher

Many thanks again to all who attended our meet the teacher sessions. We hope you found them interesting and informative and appreciated putting a face to your child's teacher's name! If you were unable to attend then don't worry – all the information you need is on our school website.



Responsible Member of The Community

Congratulations to Charlie Lewis in Year 6 who was awarded a special certificate in assembly last week. It was brought to our attention by a parent that Charlie had rushed to the aid of a friend who had hurt himself at the skate park and was unable to get home.

Charlie went to get adult help and directed them to his friend's house in order that the parents could be informed.

We are all very proud of Charlie and the parent who notified us called him 'a real hero'.

At Mengham Junior School we ASPIRE to be
Successful learners, Confident individuals, Responsible members of our community

School council elections

Last week saw the election of our new school learning councillors. The first two weeks of term saw campaigns like no other: Posters, songs and even confetti were used to persuade peers to vote for them in a truly democratic vote. During the day last Friday, children queued in the hall to post their ballots and the winners were announced in last Friday's celebration assembly. Many congratulations to:



Maple Class - Katie Bailey and Henry Philbrow
Lime Class - Charlie Tuppen and Sofia Sheasby
Birch Class - Lucy Rivers and Livvy Coates
Oak Class - Albert Robinson and Samuel Hughes
Beech Class - Frank Wotton and Nicole Rabone
Alder Class - Alfie Corbett and Lilly Snell
Year 6 - Caden Hedgcock and Brennan Clegg

House Captains

Last term, the children were also given the opportunity to vote for their new House Captains. Congratulations to the following children and good luck in your new roles:



Nelson House

Captain: Hugo Jones
Vice Captain: Zino Harrison

Shackleton House

Captain: Caitlin Shires
Vice Captain: Leah Wride

Ainslie House

Captain: Charlie Lewis
Vice Captain: Molly Fletcher

MacArthur House

Captain: George Dyde
Vice Captain: Riley Manning

Homework – Creative Reading Competition

This term's homework competition is out and has an exciting reading focus. For those who wish to enter, there is the opportunity to win a prize for the best front cover designed for their favourite/own book. For further information, please dig deep in your child's bag for the poster or pop in to the office for a new one. The homework is due in on 27th November which gives the children plenty of time to create something fabulous!



Best wishes

Odele Davies and Edward Harrison
Acting Co-Headteachers

Bikeability Week by Cycle Hayling

Cycle Hayling ran the assembly at the start of the school Bikeability training week. We were delighted to see so many children walking and cycling to school and that the school is already 'Silver' in the national sustainable travel scheme, Modeshift STARS. Please do encourage your children to help the school get to 'Gold'. If they are cycling, do help them check their bikes with the Bikeability ABCD checklist (A-ir in tyres, B-rakes and handlebars, C-hain oiled, no D-angley bits to snag, from you or your bike). Ideally the night before.

Do watch this inspiring little video from Sustrans, showing one Primary School's bike revolution, at <http://www.cyclehayling.org.uk/one-schools-bike-revolution>. Wouldn't it be great if we could say that this video could have been made at Mengham Junior School!

Cycle Hayling is a volunteer community group to encourage cycling and better facilities on Hayling - please visit cyclehayling.org.uk and sign up.

Governor's News by Sue Lewis – Chair Of Governors



Welcome back to a new academic year. I am delighted to hear that the children have settled in well, especially those who have joined us from the Infant School.

We have a new leadership structure with Mrs Davies and Mr Harrison sharing the role of Acting Headteachers and the leadership of the Governing Body has changed too.

I am again Chair of Governors. However, the day-to-day work of that role is now shared with three other experienced governors; Heather Limb, Becky Whipp and Christine Moore. This new arrangement ensures that, as chair, I am not overloaded. It also ensures a wider use of the knowledge, skills and experience of other Governors.

The first official regular meeting of the Chair of Governors with the Headteacher took place last week. The difference being this year I met with two

Headteachers and was joined by Becky Whipp. We also have a new governor in Nikki Farrage, who was selected by staff to be their representative on the Governing Body.

I am excited to be working with Governors in a new way and to be supporting Mr Harrison and Mrs Davies in their new roles. The Governing Body has full confidence in their abilities and feels sure that they will be successful and will enjoy their new levels of responsibility.

Sue Lewis – Chair of Governors.

FOMS News



The FOMS team are looking forward to a new school year and all of the exciting events we have planned from the Autumn disco to the Christmas fair and many more. If you have any ideas for future fundraising events or are interested in meeting up and getting involved, please look out for the next meeting date, letters to go out soon. Everyone is welcome.

Henry Adams Competition

Congratulations to Peter and Maddy who were winners of the Henry Adams 'Design Your Dream Home' competition last term. They each won a book token.



We hope to work with Henry Adams again this academic year, both at the Christmas Fair and our annual Tea Party in June, so watch this space!

Special mention box.....for children who have been confident individuals by helping other pupils settle into their new year group, each child will receive a headteacher pencil.

Amy Easton, Katie Bailey, Livvy Coates, Samuel Hughes, Abbie Cox, Lola Wrixon-Trafford, Lily Pellatt, Tyanna Hatton

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 29 th September	Macmillan Coffee Morning
Upper School 9.30-10.15	Lower School 10.45 – 11.30
Friday 29 th September	Chestnut Class Assembly
2.45pm	
Tuesday 3 rd October	Lime Class Trip Stonehenge
Wednesday 4 th October	Maple Class Trip Stonehenge
Thursday 5 th October	Year 4 Volcano Day
Friday 6 th October	Year 5 World War II Trips
Friday 6 th October 9am	Lime Class Assembly
Friday 13 th October 9am	Birch Class Assembly
Tuesday 17 th October	Harvest Festival Lunch (parents welcome)
Wednesday 18 th October	Harvest Assembly led by Year 6
9.00am	
Thursday 19th October	Last Day Of Half Term
Friday 20th October	INSET DAY
Monday 30 th October	First day of half term