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Dear parents and carers,

We have had an exciting half term and the children have been busy with their learning.

On our last INSET day we came together with Mengham Infant School to have a look at effective learning for all children in the classroom. The day was very successful and staff were buzzing with ideas.

Superstars Event by Faye Brettell - Year 6



On Wednesday 1st February a team of eight (4 boys 4 girls) were invited to take part in the Superstars sports afternoon in Havant. During this event we competed

against other schools in eight different challenges such as speed bounce, relay racing and accuracy throwing. The GCSE students from Havant Academy were running the event and it was a great afternoon for all of us. The best news of the afternoon though was that **Mengham came 3rd** out of the 11 schools who competed and Mason came 1st overall out of all of the boys with Dylan coming in 3rd. I am sure you will agree that this was an amazing result!

Feed The Fleet Maths Challenge by Jasmine Brown and Anna Dzuba – Year 4



This week, Mengham Junior and four other schools decided to enter a team of 6 children in a maths challenge at the Naval Dockyard. Our task

was to work out how much food we needed to feed Henry VIII's sailors for one day and then how much we needed for five days. We then pretended to be Tudors and had to buy food with the money. It was great to show off our skills plus we also learnt a new strategy in maths on three digit numbers! During the day we also had a tour around the Mary Rose Museum. We saw

half of the Mary Rose which is protected by glass cabinets. It was AMAZING!

Extreme Discount Competition!



Don't forget to check out the "Extreme Discount" competition (details inside

pupil's homework books). The challenge is to get a photo with a special offer/discount that is either huge, tiny or just plain ridiculous. The **closing date is 17th March**. All entries will be displayed in the library wing, with an overall winner from each class receiving a giant calculator.

Breakfast Club Arrivals

We have changed the entry procedure for Breakfast Club.



Please could children walk to the old Starfish Centre entrance through the green gate by our car park and then ring the bell for staff to let them in. They will no longer be able to come through the school office. Thank you.

Car Parking After Clubs



As you all know, we started to shut the school gates morning and afternoon for the safety of the children after witnessing several near misses in the car park with careless driving/parking at drop off and pick up. However we have left the gates open whilst clubs are going on. Sadly staff have noticed that some parents are not parking sensibly after clubs and not considering the safety of the children who will be crossing the car park. Please could we ask that if all of the marked spaces in the car park are full, that you park away from the school and walk to meet your child after their club. If we do not see an improvement in the parking then the gates will remain shut from 2.30pm until all of the children

have left the premises. Thank you for your support.

Sing To Sign Week

We have been learning sign language to go with a song in order to raise money for the charity 'Signhealth' to help support those with hearing difficulties. We have really enjoyed learning the different signs and performed brilliantly during our assembly.

Safer Internet Day

On Thursday 9th February, Mengham celebrated its Safer Internet Day. The day kicked off with an informative assembly by the digital leaders and e-safety ambassadors, about what photographs are safe to post online. Within their house teams, the children completed four activities, ranging from exploring what the online risks are, through drama and creating engaging acrostic poems, to teaching other young children how to be safe online. The day was a great success thanks to the enthusiasm and engagement of the children.



And Finally

Enjoy the half term break and thank you for all of your support in your child's learning again this term.

Warmest regards

Wendy Bolton



Lunchtime Supervisory Assistants Training

On 2nd February our lovely

lunchtime ladies went to Robin's Oak School to learn strategies to deal with incidents that may happen in the playground at lunchtime. They came away with lots of good advice and booklets full of information about 'older games' to play with the children which they are sure will be enjoyed by adults and children alike. They particularly liked the idea of introducing a 'story time' in the library on wet play days. The ladies also came away feeling extremely lucky to be working here at Mengham Junior as they feel supported by the teaching staff and appreciate the good communication that exists between them.

Feature – What Happens At Film Club?

Do you love watching films? Do you like to share your ideas? Do you have an opinion about films you have watched? In film club we watch up-to-date movies for kids and review the impact on the viewer. We especially love to debate films we have seen both inside and outside of the club. So far we have watched and reviewed 'Zootropolis' -



a brand new movie which was featured in the BAFTA awards this week! We are now watching Alvin and the Chipmunks (1 and 2!) ready to review in the new half term.

Special mention box.....for children who worked especially well in music. The named children will receive a Headteacher pencil.

Riley Goodricke, Caitlin Sheppard, Hazel Chapman (for recorders), Tate Clifton-Gosling (for guitar) Millie Burns, Charlie Lewis, Kye Elliott-Street, Ben West

Inset Days

Our remaining inset days for this academic year are as follows: **Friday 19th May & Monday 22nd May**



Friday 17 th February 9am	Lime Class Assembly
Friday 17th February	End of half term, school ends at 3.20pm
Wednesday 22 nd February 12pm-2pm	Havant School Nurse Team Health Drop in at Park Community School, Havant
Monday 27th February	First day of half term, school starts at 8.45am
Monday 27 th February	Chestnut Class to Paulton's Park
Thursday 2 nd March **new item**	World Book Day – children to dress up as favourite character from a book
Friday 3 rd March 2.45pm **new time**	Year 5 Assembly
Friday 3 rd March	Willow Class to Paulton's Park
Tuesday 7 th March	Lime Class Trip to Southsea Synagogue
Wednesday 8 th March	Maple Class Trip to Southsea Synagogue
Friday 10 th March 9am	Willow Class Assembly
Friday 17 th March 9am	Chestnut Class Assembly
Monday 20 th March	Oral Storytelling Day (details to follow)
Tuesday 21 st March	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 22 nd March	Mother's Day Lunch
Thursday 23 rd March	Parents' Evening
Friday 31 st March	Year 3 sleepover (letter to follow)
Friday 7 th April	Celebration assembly (by invitation only)
Friday 7th April	Last day of Spring term, school ends at 3.20pm
Monday 24th April	First day of Summer term, school starts at 8.45am
Monday 8 th May	SATS Week no leave of absence to be applied for