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Dear Parents and Carers

Just when we think spring is on its way – it snows again! I'm sure many of you enjoyed the opportunity to rebuild melted snowmen and perfect your snowball aim!

It might be hard to believe given the weather, but this time next week, we will be on our last day of term before the Easter break. We will have hosted the annual DT Challenge and we will have celebrated the end of term with our termly award giving assembly. There are plenty of local events on over the course of the break so keep an eye out for egg hunts and Easter arts and crafts.

Finally, may we say a big thank you to you all for being so supportive regarding the parking. It has made a big difference to the congestion and ultimately this has made entering and leaving school much safer for our pupils. Please continue to leave the turning space free to ensure an efficient turn-around.

May we wish you a very happy, relaxing Easter; we look forward to seeing you in the summer term!

Best wishes
Odele Davies and Edd Harrison

Junior Mathematics Challenge by Lily Rowlands



A selection of girls were invited to Portsmouth High School this week to take part in their maths challenge day.

The Headteacher hosted the event and started proceedings with warm up questions. Once our mathematical minds had been sharpened we then took part in four rounds of maths challenges. We found the logical section the most difficult but overall we enjoyed the day and scored an amazing 151 points altogether!

Annual Tea Party – New Date!

Just to let you know, we have changed the date of our tea party since we issued our dates for your diary back in September. Our fabulous tea party will now take place in the afternoon on Friday 29th June. We hope you can still make it!



Scholastic Book Fair

Our Year 6 bronze librarians did a fantastic job of running the book fair this term. Thanks to your support, we have received 200 free books for the school. We used some of these as prizes on World Book Day.

World Book Day

Despite the delay due to the inclement weather, Mengham Junior came out in force for World Book Day take 2!



The children spent the day on fun literacy based tasks and we ended the day with a catwalk fashion parade where the children could show off their costumes. There were some fantastic outfits (thank you to our parents for this!). The overall winners of best costume were Grace Wotton, Harry Spratt, Livvy Coates, Poppy Butler, Florence Fraser, Joshua Shervell, Riley Manning and Lily Pellatt. They each received a free book of their choice from our library.

Lions Club Poster Competition

The Lions Club, which support all of the Hayling Schools with their fundraising, organised a poster competition along the theme of keeping our beaches clean. Congratulations to prize winners; Persian Woods, Abigail Adcock-Hart, Katie Horbury, Lana Cruickshank, Lily Rowlands and Kitty Neville who were awarded prizes of book tokens by Pearl Phillips who represented The Lions in assembly this week.

Tag Rugby Tournament by Ellie-Rose Treleven and Phoebe Hammond

Mrs Iggledon and Mrs Fraser drove us to Havant in the school minibus. We warmed up for the event by running. We soon overcame our nerves about competing with other schools by winning three matches throughout the morning! We improved with every game we played which was brilliant and although we didn't come first we all enjoyed ourselves. Thank you to Mrs Fraser for coming along to help.



Parents' Evening

Many thanks to all parents who came to parents' evening. These evenings are the perfect opportunity for your children to celebrate their learning with you. We hope you enjoyed looking through their books and talking to your children about what makes them confident, successful learners.

If you were unable to attend, then please contact the office who will be able to arrange a meeting with your child's teacher at a mutually convenient time.

Gymnastics Festival



Twelve year 4 children travelled to Portsmouth Gymnastics Centre this week to take part in the festival, along with other schools in the area. The children had to do a body management floor routine and also the vault. Mutsa and Frazer won a medal for their routines! Well done to all of the children and thank you to Miss Taulbut for coming along to help.

Marwell Gold

To celebrate us achieving Gold for School Games Mark last year for all of the sporting events we take part in, 6 of our children were invited to Marwell Activity Centre. They, along with children from other Hampshire schools, took part in many fun events including archery and climbing.



It was a beautiful sunny day. Children and staff alike enjoyed themselves immensely and returned to school very muddy but happy!

RNLI Assembly by Sam Machen, Year 6



On Monday this week, a member of the Hayling Island RNLI crew and two volunteers came to do a special assembly for us. They demonstrated what risks there are at sea and what to do in an

emergency. They also taught us what the different beach flags mean. Some of us volunteered to pretend to be a lifeguard and be in the boat to demonstrate. The most important fact I learnt was that if you are in a boat that is adrift, stay in the boat! The RNLI will come and save you, it is too dangerous to try and swim back to shore.

School Meal Change

New menus for after Easter have been sent home with the children. Please note that the jacket potato choice will be replaced with a cold packed lunch option for the summer.



FOMS News by Julie Fraser

Disco letters came home this week - we are looking forward to another enjoyable evening in the company of all the fabulous Mengham Junior School dancers!



Look out for the poster about our Spinnaker Tower challenge - you can start to support this event by following this link:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/library1>

We also have a non-uniform day to look forward to this coming Friday, in preparation for our 'Eggciting Easter Chocolate Tombola'. These are busy times and if you can offer any support to the FOMS team please get in touch via the school office.

Online Safety Hints

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.

www.internetmatters.org

Special mention box...for children who have demonstrated confidence in their learning by trying something new. Each child will receive a head teacher pencil.

Charlie Lindop, Bobbie Mallon, Isaac Gosling, Olivia Cobbold, Joshua Shervell, Jack Byrne, George Dyde, Zino Harrison



Friday 23 rd March	FOMS non uniform day in return for chocolate or £1
Tuesday 27 th March 9am	Year 5 clarinet concert – parents welcome
Thursday 29 th March 9am - 9.45am Year 3/4 10am - 10.45am Year 5/6	End of term Celebration Assembly (by invitation only)
Thursday 29 th March	FOMS Easter Chocolate Lucky Dip (letter to follow)
Thursday 29th March	Last day of Spring term. School ends at 3.20pm
Monday 16th April	First day of Summer term. School starts at 8.45am
Thursday 19 th April 5.30pm-7pm **new item**	FOMS Disco – ticket only
Friday 20 th April **new item**	Year 3 Sleepover (rescheduled due to the snow)
Friday 27 th April 9am **new item**	Year 3 assembly