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Dear parents and carers,

We have had another busy fortnight and I have been able to celebrate learning with lots of children. I have written 75 postcards so far this term which is just brilliant! I know the children are working hard in everything they do and their books, which they will have shared with you at parents evening this week, are a testament to that.

Year 3 Trip to Southsea Synagogue



Year 3 were extremely excited to be invited to visit the Portsmouth and Southsea Synagogue at the beginning of March. As part of our 'Places of Worship' RE unit, we learnt all about the Synagogue and its meaning to Jewish people. The extremely knowledgeable and helpful volunteer showed us around the Synagogue and the children

even learnt to read some Hebrew! We would like to say a huge well done to all of the children for their respectful behaviour and great questions throughout the afternoon.

Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you for your support for our book fair. We sold an amazing £581 worth of books which raises £348 in commission for us to buy books to use as prizes for our termly bookmark challenge.

Teacher training

Geography by Mrs Simac

I recently went on a geography course to learn about how to implement trailblazers in our school. I learnt how to use outdoor learning across all areas of the curriculum and how to utilise the school grounds that we are fortunate enough to have. My hope is that for the future every year group will have the opportunity to experience 'the great outdoors' at least one lesson a unit and as a school, we will take part in national 'empty classroom day' on 18th May so watch this space!



Technology by Miss Farrage

I spent Friday 17th March being trained in the new exciting technologies we could introduce across our school to link our DT and Computing curriculum. Crumble boards (one of my favourites) allows children

to program something they have built to move. We had the opportunity to explore and test this technology by completing a list of programming challenges to get our buggy to move. I am extremely excited to be trialling this with the children in the Summer term.



Maths by Mr Harrison



I recently attended a Maths Conference in Northney with all the other maths managers from across the area. We worked with a guest speaker called Lynne McClure who

was helping us reflect on where we are with the recent curriculum changes and what our next steps should be. I am looking forward to using this information in maths across the school.

And finally

Please allow an extra 15 minutes to share the displays and your thoughts in the hall at parents' evening later.

Warmest regards

Wendy Bolton

Tri Golf Festival by Lana Cruickshank, Millie Burns, Molly Fletcher and Bali Sherrington (year 5)

A team of 10 children from year 5 were selected to go to Horndean Technical College to compete against other schools in the Tri Golf Festival. We had been practising hard after school every Wednesday. When we arrived, we were given the opportunity to practise on a concrete pitch and learn the rules. Next we were guided to the astroturf area where we had to warm up by running around the pitch. Then the games began! We played 7 games in



total and all of the other teams were from Year 6! This made it all the more surprising when it was announced that we had finished in second place! Our hard work had paid off and we sang 'We Are The Champions' in the minibus on the way home!

Proposed funding cuts for school...have your say!

As you know from the letters we sent out last week, the government are proposing a National Funding Formula that will seriously affect the amount of money that schools receive. Please follow the link below for further information or check out our website, on the home page, under useful links.

<http://www.schoolcuts.org.uk>



School Council News

We had an extremely busy meeting this term with many items on the agenda. We discussed wet play games, have added some new ones to be introduced in assembly and

have ensured that they are shared equally across the school so that each year group has a fair share of games to play with.

The Hayling Schools Together project has been successfully launched at the Hayling Library. We have been introduced to an e-safety project which we are all very interested in.

Healthy eating has been identified as a problem across the school and Mrs Bolton has noticed a lot of unhealthy lunch boxes. We decided to tackle this with posters and a guide for parents.

It was a very productive meeting and we look forward to updating you after our next meeting.

Healthy Lunchboxes

A big thank you to Waitrose Havant who donated a gift card for us to be able to purchase food to demonstrate healthy vs unhealthy lunchboxes for children at our parents' evenings this week.



FOMS News

We had our meeting a few weeks ago to discuss our events this term. The ever popular Mother's Day Present Room is this Friday (no more orders to be taken sorry). We have been busy buying and wrapping gifts and have a team of volunteers to help the children choose and wrap their gift. Thank you to all of the parent volunteers as this event could not go ahead without you and the children really enjoy it!

We also have a non uniform day on 29th March in return for a donation of wrapped chocolate, our disco is on 30th March (sold out now) then our final event this term is the chocolate lucky dip on Thursday 6th April where each child can bring in 50p to have a go. There is a winner every time and we make sure that all prizes are worth more than the 50p stake.

So I'm sure you will agree that it is a very busy term for FOMS but we do appreciate your support!

Mothering Sunday – St Mary's Church

Families are invited to St Mary's on Sunday 26th March at 10.30am to share their special service. All welcome.

Feature – What Happens At Karaoke Club?



At Karaoke Club we have fun singing our favourite songs. We can sing songs that are in the charts and also ones from the past. We use Youtube to find out what the lyrics are and then we go for it! We are also intending to use the microphones to make our voices even LOUDER!

When we have sung our hearts out, Mrs Emery gives us a snack to keep up our energy levels .

Special mention box.....for children who have worked especially well in RE this term.

Edward Gadsdon, Ellie Hedgland, Tyler Harrow, Anya Morrell, Molly Fletcher, Bali Sherrington, Jay J Halls, Adam Bird

Diary Dates

Thursday 23 rd March	Parents' Evening
Friday 24 th March 9am/2.45pm **new time**	Oral Storytelling Assembly Years 3 & 4 morning Years 5 & 6 afternoon
Friday 24 th March	FOMS Mother's Day Gift Event
Wednesday 29 th March	FOMS Non Uniform day for a donation of chocolate
Thursday 30 th March 5.30-7pm	FOMS Disco (ticket only – SOLD OUT)
Friday 31 st March	Year 3 sleepover
Monday 3 rd April	Year 4 Trip to HMS Dauntless
Thursday 6 th April	FOMS Chocolate Lucky Dip (details to follow)
Friday 7 th April 9am	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
Friday 28 th April 9am **new item**	Maple Class Assembly
Thursday 4 th May **new item**	Year 5 taster day at Hayling College (details to follow)
Friday 5 th May **new item**	Year 4 camping (details to follow)
Friday 5 th May 9am **new item**	Year 5 Assembly
Monday 8 th May	SATS Week no leave of absence to be applied for
Friday 12 th May **new item**	Year 6 Revision Reward Trip (selected pupils)
Friday 19 th May **new item**	INSET DAY – school will be closed to pupils
Monday 22 nd May **new item**	INSET DAY – school will be closed to pupils
Wednesday 24 th May **new item**	Sports Day (details to follow)
Friday 26 th May 9am **new item**	Year 4 assembly
Friday 26 th May **new item**	School Photographer – class photos
Friday 26th May	Last day of half term, school ends at 3.20pm
Monday 5th June	First day of half term, school starts at 8.45am.