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Dear parents and carers,

I have looked back over the newsletters, wow what a fantastic term we have had! As ever at Mengham, we haven't slowed down for the end of term either....

Extreme Discount Challenge

Huge congratulations to the winners of the Extreme Discount Challenge, each child was awarded with a giant calculator: Chloe Nicholas, Reuben Jeacock, Peter Pyatt, Nancy Bowen, Molly Fletcher, Chloe Stephens, Toby Balchin, Joe Coates

Year 4 Trip to HMS Dauntless by Nicole Rabone and Ashley Lewis



This week Year 4 visited a modern naval warship called HMS Dauntless as part of our English topic in school about sea monsters and the sea. Sailor Ian showed us round the 9 different decks on the colossal ship. To get to the different decks we had to use the very steep stairs! We went to the bridge

which is where they steer the ship and we were allowed to sit in the Captain's chair! At the end of the trip we were given a little goodie bag which was really kind we thought. Overall, our favourite part of the trip was visiting the control room which is used to fire the missiles up to 70 miles!!!



DT Challenge Day – tremendously 'eggciting' towers!



On DT challenge day the children worked within house teams in groups of 4 with one child from each year group. Mrs Kelsall launched the cracking challenge in assembly for the teams to design and build the tallest tower that could support a real egg. Then the race was on to design and create their towers with a budget of £10 of Mengham money to buy the resources from the governor's shop. Every tower was tested to find the winner from each house. Unfortunately, a few towers immediately collapsed under the weight of the eggs but in each house, a few remained and the tallest was then chosen to go head to head with the other houses in a final showdown. It was 'eggstremely' tense as each

winning team stepped up to balance their eggs gently on their towers and the audience cheered with delight as egg after egg was stacked up until the inevitable collapse and egggy mess on the floor. Finally the victors were declared as the winning tower from Shackleton managed to hold an astonishing 12 eggs before finally collapsing. Congratulations to all our winners who received a chocolate egg prize. We would all like to extend a special thank you to the governors who came to run our shop and watch the grand final - we couldn't do it without your 'eggcellent' support.

Oral Storytelling Assemblies

The children performed their defeating tale stories to a captive audience who were enthralled by the pizzazz shown by the children! Parents who were able to attend were then invited to share in their child's learning in the classroom. The staff of Mengham Junior School were so proud of the effort the children had put in for this event.



Year 3 Sleepover

The year 3 team would like to say a huge thank you to all of the children who came along to the sleepover on Friday 31st March. It was a huge success and all of the children were so well behaved. Some of the best bits were; the talent competition (some beautiful singing, crazy acting and awesome football skills), playing in the sunshine on the field, hide and seek (the teachers hid too!) and of course the hot chocolate and late night birthday cake (thank you Daniel). Additional thanks go to all of the staff and volunteers that gave up their own time to help us out, we couldn't do it without you. Bring on the year 4 camp out!



Year 5 at Hayling College

The children of Year 5 were excited to be invited to The Hayling College to hear a secret guest speaker! They were enthralled to listen to Paul Robbins who, during his rich and varied career in visual arts, has extensive experience in props and model making for film and television. He brought along Kermit The Frog, a statue from Raiders Of The Lost Ark and some wands from Harry Potter for the children to see. Chloe Stevens told me that she found him inspirational because he filled her head up with ideas!

Mother's Day Lunch

We were thrilled to welcome over 100 mums and carers to our Mother's Day Lunch. Our kitchen staff cooked over 200 meals and there were lots of smiling faces around the school. We hope that if you were able to come along, you enjoyed it as much as we did.



And finally

Thank you all for your amazing support this term and may I wish you a lovely Easter holiday!

Warmest regards

Wendy Bolton

Special mention box.....for children who have been nominated for an end of term award, each winner will receive an easter egg.

Successful Learners Spring 2017	
Year 3	
Alexia Psaila	Edward Gadsdon
Ellie Hedgeland	Riley Goodricke
Year 4	
Learna McGrath	Peter Pyatt
Jasmine Brown	Connor Williams
Year 5	
Charlie Kean	Lily-Violet Rowlands
Caden Hedgcock	Riley Manning
Year 6	
Kai Pearce	Maddy Roffey
Ashley Wood	Hannah Flanders
Confident Individuals Spring 2017	
Year 3	
Lucy Rivers	Olivia Breeze
Roddy Giles	Chloe Pollard
Year 4	
Holly Wheal	Frank Wotton
Jasmin Begum	Ruby Kean
Year 5	
Leah Wride	Sasha Boulwood
Charlie Lewis	Louie Agius
Year 6	
Sylvie Baker	Isabella Fegan
Harry Fraser	Noah Jeacock
Responsible Members of our Community Spring 2017	
Year 3	
Caitlin Sheppard	Alfie Tuppen
Alisha Brown	Isaac Hatter
Year 4	
Tate Clifton-Gosling	Sofia Agg
Florence Fraser	Phoebe Hammond
Year 5	
Lana Cruickshank	Millie Burns
Ella Trafford	George Dyde
Year 6	
Jack Whipp	Lewis Hamilton
Mia Hall	Faye Brettell

FOMS News

Another lovely day of trade at the Mother's Day gift shop on Friday 24th March. The children enjoyed carefully selecting their gifts for their special someone and everyone who helped said what a lovely day it was. Thank you to everyone who contributed and made it a very special occasion.

We all had fun at the disco last week, another thank you to all of our volunteers who ensure that this event can go ahead.

Final thanks also for the generous donations of chocolate which have been used for our Chocolate Lucky Dip taking place Thursday. Mrs Latham from the office kindly ticketed it all up for us at the weekend and we are sure the children will really enjoy themselves. Have a great Easter!

Diary Dates

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
Tuesday 25 th April **new item**	Beech Class Mosque Trip
Wednesday 26 th April **new item**	Alder Class Mosque Trip
Friday 28 th April 9am	Maple Class assembly
Thursday 4 th May	Year 5 taster day at Hayling College
Friday 5 th May 9am	Year 5 assembly
Friday 5 th May	Year 4 camping at school
Monday 8 th May	SATS Week no leave of absence to be applied for
Friday 12 th May	Year 6 Revision Reward Trip (selected pupils)
Friday 19 th May	INSET DAY – school will be closed to pupils
Monday 22 nd May	INSET DAY – school will be closed to pupils
Wednesday 24 th May	Sports Day (details to follow)
Friday 26 th May 9am	Year 4 assembly
Friday 26 th May	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.
Friday 9 th June **new item**	Mad Hatter's Tea Party (details to follow)
Wednesday 14 th June **new item**	Father's Day Lunch (details to follow)
Friday 16 th June 9am **new item**	Lime Class assembly
Friday 16 th June **new item**	FOMS Father's Day Present Room
w/c 19 th June **new item**	Year 6 Residential to Fairthorne Manor
Friday 7 th July 9am **new item**	Year 6 Fairthorne assembly
Friday 14 th July 2.15pm **new item**	Open afternoon, all welcome