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Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back into the summer term. As always there are lots of events for your diaries this term and I hope you will be able to make some if not all of them. We really appreciate the efforts you make to support us in your child's learning.

Can I ask that now the weather is warmer and children are cycling to school - please insist they use a helmet!

Reading challenge

Last term we gave away 27 books for children who had completed the challenge.



Let us see if we can beat that this term. If you find it hard to make the time to support this piece of homework, please speak to your child's class teacher as we will ensure there is a quiet space for them to work on it at lunchtimes.

School council – Miss Slade



The School Learning Councillors were proud to introduce the children to a new feature in our playground, the buddy bench! Just outside the lower school doors, is a bright and colourful, welcoming bench designed to help children struggling to find someone to play with. The upper school 'buddies' will be in charge of keeping an eye out for any lonely children and giving them a helping hand (if they want it) to find someone to play with. This was bought with money from Havant Borough Council via the Community Grant Scheme which we applied for earlier this year.

Keyboard concert – Mrs Emery

Yet again, years 3 and 5 proved to be superb musicians as demonstrated in their keyboard concert. We were delighted to hear all the different songs and their enthusiasm and confidence in their performance really shone through. As always, we are amazed by how much



they learn in such a short amount of time! Well done and keep up the good work!

Waitrose Community Matters



Each month every Waitrose branch donates £1,000 between 3 local good causes. When customers pay they receive a token to place in a box of the good cause they would most like to support. The more tokens a cause gets,

the bigger the donation they receive. Mengham Junior School are currently being supported by Waitrose in Havant so if you can, go and shop there and support us. Thank you!

Dream Home with Henry Adams



Henry Adams are supporting us as a school which is great news. This term they are sponsoring our homework competition which they launched in assembly last week. The task is that the

children have to design a dream home on the special entrance forms that they should have brought home last week. If you do not have a copy of the form let us know.

The details are on their website, please find a link to the blog below.

<http://www.henryadams.co.uk/news/365/dream-home-competition>

Year 5 Trip

Last week Year 5 went on a fantastic trip to the Jami Mosque in Portsmouth. The Imam was extremely welcoming and it was a perfect start to our RE topic, looking at how water is used in different



religions. It was wonderful to learn all about Islam and how peaceful the religion is. Year 5 asked fantastic questions and they really learnt a lot. Furthermore, we were particularly interested to learn that on a Friday, up to 1,400 people go to the mosque to pray! The children then learnt about the different positions for prayer and were keen to replicate them themselves.

Overall this was an extremely valuable trip and we will certainly be visiting again.

Volunteers tea party

Mengham's Cookery Clubs provided our volunteers with a wonderful afternoon tea before half term to say thank you for the time they give to school. It is lovely to be



able to give something back because we rely on their kindness throughout the year to help make the school a fun place for your children to be.

And finally

I am truly excited about the next phase for Mengham Junior School. I am very proud to have been part of an amazing journey during the last 5 years but it is time for me to move on to a new challenge. The school is in fantastic hands. Our teachers are so passionate about the learning for all of the children and our newsletters demonstrate what a vibrant and fun place to learn Mengham Junior School is. Mr Harrison and Mrs Davies will be leading the school during the interim which means there will be a super transition. I am looking forward to the summer term and working closely with you to ensure Mengham Junior School continues to be a centre of excellence for all children.

Warmest regards

Wendy Bolton

Tag rugby by Phoebe Hammond (Year 4)



On the last week of term, two teams of children from years 3 and 4 were selected to compete against other local schools at Havant Rugby Club in a Tag Rugby tournament.

We travelled in the school minibuses and I thought it was good fun. We were split into two teams and we were all given the chance to play on each team.



Both teams played really well against some really good players from other schools. Although we did not finish in the top three we all had a good time.



FOMS News

The chocolate lucky dip before Easter was, as always, great fun. This was the last event of the Spring term and we are pleased to announce that we raised £425.32 in total during the term which is amazing. A new sound system is being ordered for the school productions which FOMS are paying for. Our next event will be a **non uniform day**



on **Thursday 18th May** in preparation for the Mad Hatter's Tea Party on Friday 9th June. We will be manning several stalls at the tea party so if any of you are free to help out on the day then please let Julie Fraser or the school office know. We have also been asked to sell refreshments on Sports Day, once again if you can spare half an hour to help out then let us know. Thanks for your support.

Special mention box.....for children who have made extra effort in learning times tables over the last term, each child will receive a headteacher pencil

Jake Webster, Ellie-May Bibbins, Ethan Page, Amber Russell, Bali Sherrington, Lucy Lou Burgess, Joe Coates, Caitlin Foran

Feature: What happens at Dance Club?

Each week we learn a different style such as contemporary or hip hop. This term we are learning a new routine to be performed at the Mad Hatter's Tea Party where we will be accompanied by the school choir! We do hope that you can come along to see us!



Diary Dates

Friday 5 th May 2.45pm **new time**	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)
Thursday 18 th May **new item**	FOMS Non Uniform Day in return for a bottle of wine or £1
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
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	Mad Hatter's Tea Party (details to follow)
Monday 12 th June	Birch Class trip to Southampton Art Gallery (details to follow)
Tuesday 13 th June	Oak Class trip to Southampton Art Gallery (details to follow)
Wednesday 14 th June	Father's Day Lunch (details to follow)
Friday 16 th June 9am	Lime Class assembly
Friday 16 th June	FOMS Father's Day Present Room
w/c 19 th June	Year 6 Residential to Fairthorne Manor
Friday 7 th July 9am	Year 6 Fairthorne assembly
Friday 14 th July 2.15pm	Open afternoon, all welcome