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Dear parents and carers,

Firstly, I have to say WELL DONE YEAR 6! They are a credit to the school, you as parents and to themselves. They have approached SATs week in a mature way. They were well prepared for this week and all of the children tried their best. We are very proud of them!

Year 5 taster day

We had a really interesting trip to Hayling College last week. We enjoyed splendid food at lunchtime after a busy morning of English and PE. We were surprised to see that they have a lot of pets; rabbits and chickens in a large coop. It seemed quite different from junior school but good fun!



Year 4 camping by Frank Wotton

On Friday 5th May Year 4 had an amazing camping experience like no other! We did many fun activities such as super hide and seek, fabulous football and tricky treasure hunt. These were all great fun,

however Miss Farrage, who is the queen of hiding and seeking, still has not been found in 2 years! Thank you to all of the adults who stayed to help us.



Year 3 swimming – Miss Richards

This term Year 3 have been practising their swimming skills over at the pool at Mill Rythe Junior School. Through different activities they have been able to improve their technique in all the four strokes and their confidence has grown massively! It has been lovely to witness! The children have also been able to build their confidence in the water through games such as Sharkey in the Middle and woggle races – much to

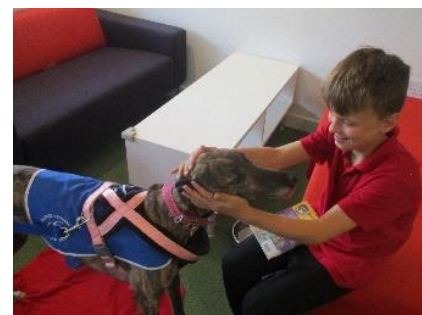
their enjoyment! All the children have made an enormous improvement in their swimming and I look forward to teaching them again in year 4!

Year 6 reward trip – Mr Harrison

We ran a reward trip for pupils in year 6 who had gone the extra mile with their SATS revision. The day was spent at the Queen Elizabeth Country Park taking part in a series of challenges and games. All groups successfully navigated their way through the woods and cracked the code to open the safe. A well deserved and enjoyable day.

Reading to dogs!

We are thrilled to be able to welcome ex-pupil Katy-Ann and her lovely dog Bella from the Canine Concern Charity.



Their concept of reading to dogs is innovative. Most of us are apprehensive about speaking or performing in public, fearing getting things wrong and being ridiculed. Research shows that young students can also become nervous and stressed when reading to others in a classroom. By sitting down next to a dog and reading to it, all threats of being judged are eliminated. The child relaxes, pats the attentive dog, and focuses on the reading. Reading skills improve while building self-esteem, and associating reading with something pleasant.

The children who have read to Bella so far have very much enjoyed the experience and Katy-Ann is due to continue visiting us every week until the end of term at least.

Outstanding Pathways – Mr Harrison

On the 3rd of May, 15 senior leaders from schools across Hampshire came for a look around our school and to hear about the journey it has been on in the last 4 years. The focus of their visit was looking at what leadership looks like at every level. They were very impressed with the learning going on across the school and how clear staff and pupils were able to talk about their roles as leaders.

School Uniform



A little moan I am afraid. I have noticed that many children are not wearing the correct uniform. Shoes, in particular, are an issue. Please read the uniform information below from our website so that you can be sure that your child has the correct clothing. Thank you.

- Black trousers or black skirt (girls may also wear trousers)
- Red or white polo shirt
- Red sweatshirt or sweat cardigan
- Black shoes (black leather trainers are acceptable but not trainers in other colours)



And Finally

We are looking forward to seeing you at sports day, fingers crossed for some great weather!

Warmest regards

Wendy Bolton

Waitrose Community Matters

Just a reminder that we are currently being supported by Waitrose in Havant so if you can, go and shop there and support us with the little green tokens. Our spy (well Mrs Adams) tells us that we are neck and neck with Glenwood School so every token counts! Thank you!



Our little visitor



Our caretaker Mr Brum had a visit from a passing hedgehog early in the morning last week. This little chap was busily making his way across our playground into the hedgerows. As it

was much too early for the children to be in school he took this lovely photo.

Mill Rythe Holiday Camp Summer Stage School



We have been asked to let you know that this year Mill Rythe Holiday Camp are running a summer stage school and pop star academy at the park giving

children the opportunity to learn singing, dancing, theatre and acting skills along with filming experience. The children would receive 10 hours of training over 4 days (Mon-Thurs) with fully qualified teachers from the Pauline Quirke Academy. The programme is available for children over 6 years old and only costs £69 for the 4 day course or £24 per day running on weeks commencing 24th July and 14th August. You do not need to be staying at the park to take part.

For more information, please

visit: www.awayresorts.co.uk/summer-stage-school/

Please note that Mengham Junior School is only advertising this project, we are not running it nor are we associated with it. Therefore parents should contact the organisation running the Stage School regarding any safeguarding checks which may have been done.

FOMS News

Following the success of the Mother's Day Gift Shop, FOMS are looking forward to a similar event for those special Dads and carers on Friday 16th June. The children will again be given the opportunity to visit the gift shop and make some careful selections. We also look ahead to the Mad Hatter's Tea Party where we will be running various stalls and games for the children so if you can help out at this event then please let the school office know.

We were pleased to be able to donate a cheque to Mengham Junior School this week for them to purchase further staging and better sound equipment for the productions. We are all hoping that the new equipment will arrive in time for the tea party.

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

Chanel Grace, Alfie Tuppen, Anna Dzjuba, Ashley Lewis, Mason Boulwood, Sasha Boulwood, Kai Pearce, Hannah Flanders

Diary Dates

Thursday 18 th May	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 1.15pm to 3pm	Mad Hatter's Tea Party
Monday 12 th June	Birch Class trip to Southampton Art Gallery
Tuesday 13 th June	Oak Class trip to Southampton Art Gallery
Wednesday 14 th June	Father's Day Lunch
Friday 16 th June 9am	Lime Class assembly
Friday 16 th June	FOMS Father's Day Present Room (details to follow)
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
Monday 17 th July **new item**	Year 6 Production (dress rehearsal and evening – to be confirmed)
Tuesday 18 th July **new item**	Year 6 Production (matinee and evening – to be confirmed)
Monday 24 th July **new item**	Year 6 Leavers Party (details to follow)
Tuesday 25 th July 9am **new item**	Celebration Assembly (by invitation only)