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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after the half term break. We hope you all had a chance to relax and enjoy the sunshine!

Last half term was definitely a busy one and this final half term looks set to be just as busy! We have lots to look forward to between now and the summer holidays: the year 6 residential, year group trips, a year 6 leavers' party, our end of term assembly and our annual tea party.

The summer is definitely here so please make sure your child has a water bottle in school, a hat and that sun cream is applied before school.

Best wishes,
Odele Davies and Edd Harrison

Spinnaker Challenge Postponed



Sadly, the Spinnaker Tower Challenge was cancelled due to weather conditions, but it will now be taking place on Sunday 24th June at 5pm. We have reached 71% of our thousand pounds target so a final push to hit our target would be fantastic! To donate just visit:

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

Crossing Patrol

As you are aware Mrs White, the School Crossing Patrol Officer on Elm Grove, is currently unwell and unable to work. We have spoken to the children about safely crossing the road and have advised they use the crossing if possible. Please continue to take care when crossing this road.

Southampton City Art Gallery Visit

As part of Year 4's learning about Saxon printing, we have the chance to attend an 'Experiment with Printing' discovery session where the children will be able to try lots of fun printing methods. Letters have been sent home with the Year 4 children but are also available on the website and in the school office.

Sports Day

On Wednesday 23rd May, the whole school descended onto the fields in their house teams armed with banners and posters ready for action in sports day! And what a day it was!! In the morning the children took part in running and obstacle races followed by a carousel of sporting activities and relays in the afternoon.

All the children did exceptionally well and everyone has since commented on how lovely it was to see both the children and adults alike cheering each other on and supporting each other. We were also very lucky with the weather which was gloriously sunny and enabled those who wanted to enjoy an ice lolly or two!

The day would not have been possible without the support of parents who turned out in force to watch and cheer on the children. A special shout out to those who took part in the obstacle race! Overall a great time was had by all and we are already looking forward to and planning sports day next year!



Special Mention Box

Special mentions for all the outstanding entries we received for the Mosaic Design competition! Each child will receive a pencil for their amazing efforts....



**Alexia Psaila, Ella Ford, Imogen Redman,
Maddie Padmore, Abigail Adcock-Hart, Molly
Fletcher, Stuart Rowlatt, Samuel Hughes,
Chloe Stevens, Layla Clegg, Livvy Coates,
Florence Fraser, Faith Guinea, Claudia Croker,
Nicole Rabone, Matilda Johnson,
Zino Harrison**

Tennis for Kids



Tennis for Kids is back! Open to children aged 4 and 11, every child who signs up will receive 6 high-quality lessons and a special 'Tennis for Kids' Babolat racket (developed by experts at the LTA), ball set and personalised t-Shirt delivered right to their door – all for just £25. Visit: <https://www.lta.org.uk/coach-teach/tennisforkids>

Drumming Assembly

This week a percussion club assembly took place to showcase all of the children's hard work. Pheobe Hammond kindly wrote the following article all about it....

'In the percussion club assembly we did a song to 'This Is Me' from the film The Greatest Showman. We also used boomwhackers. These are long tubes and when you hit them against the floor they make a different sound. When we played 'This Is Me' to the whole school we had to use different boomwhackers to make the right tune.



Art Week – Who is the best British artist?

During the afternoons this week, we have been taking part in art activities. Each class has been given a British artist to focus on and we have been creating our own art work in the style of that artist. We've been painting, sculpting out of clay and soap, drawing amazing shapes, taking photos and creating installations out of natural resources! We are holding an art gallery from the end of school tomorrow so come along and see what we've been up to. You could even help us decide who is the best British artist!

Singing opportunity



Members of Portsmouth Cathedral Choir are currently providing vocal workshops for our children. The theme for these workshops is 'Folksongs and sea shanties' and our children have really enjoyed singing sessions delivered by enthusiastic experts. We will be joining children from other schools on the island for a performance from 3.30pm-4.30pm on 28 June. This will take place at St Mary's Church and should be a great celebration of singing in schools.

Portsmouth Jami Mosque & Islamic Centre Trip

On the 9th and 10th July, Year 5 will be visiting the Portsmouth Jami Mosque & Islamic Centre in Southsea. The children have been learning all about sacred places for different religions so this visit will really help to deepen their learning.



*NEW Friday 8 th June	Children's Art Exhibition at 3:20pm
Wednesday 13 th June	Father's Day Lunch
Thursday 14 th June	Year 6 Paultons Park
Friday 15 th June	FOMS Father's Day Gift Event
Tuesday 19 th June	Year 4 Billy trip
Thursday 21 st June	Year 4 Billy trip
Friday 22 nd June	Year 6 Kite Surfing Festival
	Year 5 Beech Class Assembly
*NEW Sunday 24 th June	Spinnaker Challenge 5pm
*NEW Thursday 28 th June	Choir Performance 3:30pm – 4:30pm
Friday 29 th June	Tea Party (Letter to follow)
Thursday 5 th July	KS1 Picnic
*CHANGE of date Friday 6 th July	Alder Class Assembly
*NEW Monday 9 th July	Alder Class - Year 5 Mosque & Islamic Centre Trip
*NEW Tuesday 10 th July	Beech Class - Year 5 Mosque & Islamic Centre Trip
Wed 11 th – 12 th July	Year 6 Induction Days at Hayling College (Letter to Follow)
Thursday 12 th July	Year 6 Induction evening at Hayling College
Friday 13 th July	Year 6 Fairthorne Assembly
*NEW Friday 13 th July	Year 4 Southampton City Art Gallery Trip
Tuesday 17 th July	Year 6 Production (Letter to Follow)
Wednesday 18 th July	Year 6 Production
Thursday 19 th July	Year 6 Leaver's Party (Letter to Follow)
Friday 20 th July 9am	Celebration Assembly (by invitation only)
Friday 20 th July	End of Summer Term, school ends 3.20pm
Monday 23 rd July	INSET Day