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Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been an exciting couple of weeks with events including a residential trip and the gardening competition, but whilst this (and lots of learning) has been going on, building work has also begun in the background.

Wednesday and Thursday next week are the island wide transition days. The majority of year 6 head up to the Hayling College, which leaves us space for everyone else to move up into their new class for 24 hours. This is a great opportunity for pupils to get to know their new teacher (if they don't already) and find out about what excitement awaits next year!

Best wishes,
Odele Davies and Edd Harrison

Tea Party

Thank you to those who were able to join us for the Tea party. The theme this year was the circus! The performances were brilliant, with singing, dancing, gymnastics and the maypole!

Pupils entertained the crowd even in the baking heat. We had to create extra shade and factor in drinks breaks because of the heat wave we are experiencing.

After the performances, the refreshments and stalls opened. They were run by FOMs, our staff and the pupils. There was plenty to do and the event raised £700!!



Choir Performance

On Thursday 28th June, our Choir Workshop children performed at St. Mary's Church. They were joined by children from Mill Rythe and Hayling College along with members of the Portsmouth Cathedral Choir. Their repertoire included 'Blue Birds Over the White Cliffs of Dover', 'Rule, Britannia!' and 'Cockles and Mussels'. Thank you to Mr. Adrian Green (MD of Portsmouth Cathedral Choir) for all his hard work getting the children pitch perfect!



Fairthorne Residential & Productions

The year 6 residential is underway and the reports back so far is that the pupils and teachers are having a brilliant time. Falling out of a kayak has never been so appealing given the heat. We will give more details in the next Newsletter and photos will be added to the website early next week.

The year 6 pupils who haven't gone to Fairthorne have been having an action packed week organised by Mrs Kelsall. Including a nice mixture of art, food and challenges.

Rehearsals have been underway for the year 6 production 'Pirates of the Curry Bean' and it is looking and sounding fantastic. They have one more week to perfect their lines and then performances are in the final week.

Special mention box... for children who entered the Horticultural Society competition. Each child will receive a head teacher pencil.



Evie Wheal, Lacey O'Connor, Jenny Lawley,
Matilda Johnson, Evie Benfield, Eshal Chowdhury,
Abbie Cox, Anya Morrell, Nancy Bowen, Leah Wride,
Lilly Pellat, Finley Wenman, Chanel Williams,
Kayson Parker, Chloe Stevens,
Finely Wells-Canterbury,

Prize Winners!

Congratulations to our Tea Party prize winners who were as follows:

- ✚ Jaydon Jones – Victorious Festival Tickets
- ✚ Bali Sherrington – Child Hamper
- ✚ Julie Fraser – Adult Hamper

Also, a big well done to Pheobe Hammond who was just 2 away from guessing the exact number of sweets in the jar!

Northney Farm

Year 5 had an exciting trip to Northney Farm in West Town. They welcomed us with a thrilling tractor ride around their farm – we met their free range chickens, resident Alpacas and recently shorn sheep; then fed some chickens and ducks too. The children were shown different crops, which are grown on the fields, and now have a better understanding of what farm life is about. After meeting the calves, heifers and cows, the children were allowed to visit the milking parlour and learn where our milk comes from and how it is processed on a dairy farm. Luckily we had a chance to enjoy some of their delicious and nutritious ice cream; made directly on the farm and available at the Farm Shop too.

Gardening Competition Success!

This year has seen more pupils than ever taking part in the lunchtime gardening clubs. Working with Tony and our other gardening volunteers, the pupils have created a beautiful space for all of us to enjoy. This was entered into the Hayling Island horticultural society show and I am pleased to announce that we came 2nd! It was also lovely to see an ex Mengham pupil collecting the 1st place prize for the Hayling College.

On top of the main gardening competition we also entered several individual plants from our pupils. The results will be announced on Monday.



Cleaner Vacancy

If you (or somebody you know) would like to join our friendly team, we have a vacancy for a cleaner to work 12.5 hours per week. This will be from Monday to Friday, 3pm – 5:30pm. Please contact Janet Adams in the school office for further information.

Cake Donations

A huge thank you to all the parents and carers who kindly donated cakes for our Tea Party event. We had an overwhelming response to our plea for sweet treats, and this helped raise valuable funds for the school.

Spinnaker Tower Challenge

Unfortunately, the Spinnaker Tower Challenge was cancelled for a second time due to weather conditions. Apologies to anyone who made arrangements to go along and support our brave teachers. Another date is yet to be confirmed but it is now likely to be after the summer break. On a more positive note, sponsorships for this death-defying challenge have so far reached £776!

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

Hayling College Induction Days

Soon our year 6 children will be moving on to pastures new, and for those going to Hayling College in September, there will be induction days on Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th July.

Important: If for any reason your child is absent on either of the induction days please make sure you report the absence to both schools, thank you.

Heart Radio

Following Heart Radio's Sports Day visit, a video has been added to their website. Why not take a look....

<http://www.heart.co.uk/solent/radio/shows-presenters/breakfast/sports-day-rich-zoe-mengham-school-hayling/>

Family Fundraiser

One of our pupil's parents, Sara Pollard-Dambach has asked us to mention a fundraiser she is organising on the 21st July at The Lifeboat Pub. For more details and what's on, search for the event on Facebook.

Important Dates

Thurs 5 th July	KS1 Picnic
Fri 6 th July	Alder Class Assembly
Mon 9 th July	Alder Class - Year 5 Mosque & Islamic Centre Trip
Tues 10 th July	Beech Class - Year 5 Mosque & Islamic Centre Trip
Wed 11 th -12 th July	Year 6 Induction Days at Hayling College
Thurs 12 th July	Year 6 Induction evening at Hayling College
Fri 13 th July	Year 6 Fairthorne Assembly
Fri 13 th July	Year 4 Art Gallery Trip
Tues 17 th July	Year 6 Production
Wed 18 th July	Year 6 Production
Thurs 19 th July	Year 6 Leaver's Party (Letter to Follow)
Frid 20 th July	Celebration Assembly (by invitation only) 9am
Fri 20 th July	End of Summer Term, finish 3.20pm
Mon 23 rd July	INSET Day