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## Newsletter No. 13 (20<sup>th</sup> April 2018)

Dear Parents and Carers,

The summer has arrived! It kindly waited until after the break but nevertheless, it is here. Our school field often gets water logged in the winter months; this year it has taken until now to dry out. Finally, at break and lunch we can now enjoy the full space that our grounds have to offer.

On the first Monday back, we had an assembly looking ahead at the exciting events coming up this summer (see important dates box). We are having some building work done this term in preparation for three Year 3 classes next year. The building work will also involve converting parts of the old Children's Centre into a new library and nurture room. There should be minimal disruption to the pupils during term time.

As the weather warms up please make sure your children have sun cream and a hat as well as their usual water bottle. We are hoping for as much learning as possible to take place outside.

Welcome back!

Kind regards,  
Odele Davies and  
Edward Harrison

### DT Challenge Day

Pupils' problem solving skills were put to the test with this year's DT Challenge. The task sounds simple - design and build a device to protect an egg as it falls from a height. However, with a limited budget and a drop of 4m it was not going to be easy.



Working in house teams, each group designed and budgeted their contraption. Designs varied from crumple zones to parachutes. Massive congratulations to Max Bowen, Sam Spies, Harry Budd and Joshua Watkins, all members of Shackleton House who came out winners.

We would like to say a HUGE thank you to the governors for their hard work running the DT challenge shop and supporting the day.

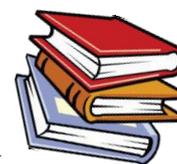
### Guinea Pigs' Retirement

Missy and Lola have been important members of Mengham Junior School for over 5 years. They work tirelessly every day eating vegetables and being stroked. They have now retired to enjoy some well earned rest. Mr Brum has built them a brand new retirement home and they have even started learning how to knit. Missy and Lola want to say a huge thankyou to all the guinea pig monitors who have looked after them over the years!



### Reading Book Challenge

We are pleased to announce that 33 children successfully completed the Reading Book Challenge and have been awarded prize books – well done to all children who took part!



### Special Mention Box

**These are the children who have had a really successful start to the summer term in their learning. They will receive a head teacher pencil.....**

**Ellie-May Bibbins, Jirapon Ross, Naomi Davies,  
Matthew Tidbury, Ruby Kean, Dan Bugg,  
Peter Pyatt and Priyanka Choudhury**

## IMPORTANT DATES

### Hi-5 Family Fun Day

As you may be aware, the Hi-5 Family Fun Day is taking place on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April at Hayling College. In preparation for the event we are holding a non-uniform day on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April in return for chocolates. Even unwanted Easter Eggs will be gratefully received!

We are also collecting donations of cuddly toys, jam jars and any small toys that might fit inside.



During the event, there is a plan for all the children to congregate in the main events hall and perform the hit song 'Love Is All You Need'. The children have worked really hard to be pitch perfect, so it would be great if as many children as possible join in at the event.

As always, these events cannot go ahead without the support of our parents and carers. If you can volunteer any of your time on the day that would be very much appreciated. You can run a stall, help out with coffee and cake or assist with guiding people around the event. The more helpers we have the better!

A letter will be going home with the children today (Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April) which includes a reply slip. If you can volunteer please complete and return the slip to the school office – thank you.

### The Office Admin Team

As most of you will probably know, Sally Gibbs sadly left the office admin team at the end of last term. She has now gone on to pastures new, but Tracey Clegg joined the office team after Easter and will be doing her best to get to know all of the children, staff and parents/carers. Thank you for your patience while Tracey is settling into her new role.

### School Uniform

This is just a reminder that all children must attend school in the correct uniform. You can find the full uniform list under the 'Parents' section on our website but children must wear black trousers/skirts and black shoes as well as the appropriate tops.

**Please note, jeans are NOT allowed - thank you.**

Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> April *New	Year 3 Sleepover
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> April *New	Year 3 Assembly
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> April *New	Non-uniform day in return for chocolate or £1
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> April *New	Hi-5 Event at Hayling College
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> April *New	Lime Class trip to Chichester Harbour
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May *New	Maple Class trip to Chichester Harbour
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> May *Change	Year 5 Hayling College Taster day
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 4 Camping
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	SATS Week
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> May *New	Year 4 Camping Assembly
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Sports Day
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> May *New	Non-uniform day in return for wine or £1
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Class Photos
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	Half-term week
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET day
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Father's Day Lunch
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> June *New	Year 6 Paultons Park trip
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> June *New	FOMS Father's Day Gift Event
	Alder Class Assembly
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June *New	Year 4 Billy trip
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> June *New	Year 4 Billy trip
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June *New	Year 6 Kite Surfing Festival
	Year 6 Beech Class Assembly
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> June *Change	Tea Party
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Open Morning & KS1 Picnic
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> July *New	Year 6 Induction evening at Hayling College
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> July *New	Year 6 Fairthorne Assembly
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Production
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Production
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leaver's Party
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 9am	Celebration Assembly (by invitation only)
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Summer Term, school ends at 3.20pm
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	INSET Day