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## Newsletter No. 4 (9<sup>th</sup> November 2017)

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back! It may seem like a distant memory now but we hope you all had a restful and enjoyable half term break.

The children have come back full of enthusiasm and have been applying themselves exceptionally to learning challenges. It really is a pleasure to walk into classrooms and hear the children talking positively about their learning, discussing the progress they have made and how they have overcome any barriers.

Parents' evenings this week have been well attended and it was great to see so many of you talking to children about their learning and celebrating their achievements with them.

If you were unable to attend your meeting, for whatever reason, please contact the office. We will be happy to arrange an appointment at the earliest convenience for you to talk about your child's progress and achievements in school.

Best wishes

Odele Davies and Edd Harrison

### Year 5 Trip Portsmouth Historic Dockyard by Jasmine Brown and Anna Dzjuba



On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, Year 5 went on a World War II trip to the Historic Dockyard. We had an amazing time looking at artefacts used in the war.

We were enjoying ourselves so much that we did not realise that we were also having a history lesson! We learnt about the different equipment that people in various jobs used to help win the war!

It was a great trip and we were sad that it had to end.

### Year 5 World War II Trip by Florence Fraser

At the end of last half term we drove in the minibuses to near the Ferryboat Inn to look at the harbour which played a part in the D Day Landings.



We learnt that if the boats honked their horn it meant that they were coming.

After that we went to the anti aircraft gun site at Sinah.

It used to have four concrete gun placements with holes in the walls so that they could shoot their



enemies. Finally we went to the COPP memorial on the seafront. We learnt that people gave their lives in the war to ensure that we can live the life we do today.

### Change 4 Life Sports Leader Training by Harrison Lewis

This week six of us travelled in the minibus to the Mountbatten Centre in Portsmouth for the Change 4 Life training.

We met lots of new people and played games to keep us healthy such as hat in my garden, stuck in the mud and we were allowed to create our own games. I invented a ball game in which you had to get the highest score using three balls.

We now have to use the training we received to set up a Change 4 Life Club in school to pass on what we have learnt to the other children.



## UK Parliament Week



The MJS School Learning Councillors are excited to announce that next week is UK Parliament Week! Lots of schools and organisations around the country are celebrating the event with special assemblies, quizzes and lessons to help children learn more about our parliament and how democracy works.

We will kick off the week with an assembly, so please encourage your children to talk about the government as much as possible during the week.

## FOMS News

We all had fun at the disco last week, we had some fabulous volunteers – thank you for giving up your time to give the children a special night.

The instructions for ordering your Christmas gifts/cards have gone home with the children. Please make sure that you do not miss the deadline for ordering online which is this Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November.

Our next event is the non uniform day on 1<sup>st</sup> December. We would like donations of wine, chocolate or £1 to help make our stalls at the Christmas Fair successful.

Thank you as always for your support.

## Attendance

We just wanted to say thank you to the parents who ensure that where possible, their children come to school every day and on time. Our current attendance rate is 97% and we would like to keep it that way.

If your child is feeling unwell first thing but feels better during the morning (and have not vomited), please bring them in for the afternoon session. Their success and well being is important to us as we are sure it is to you so we appreciate your support in their learning. For the well being of the other pupils we do ask that children are kept home for 48 hours following a sickness bug.

Next year we have an INSET day on 23<sup>rd</sup> July which we hope will help you with any holiday plans. Hampshire County Council are actively fining parents £60 each per child for holidays in term time of 5 or more days.

## Current Class Attendance:

Maple 98.19%	Lime 97.36%
Oak 97.75%	Birch 98.48%
Beech 94.80%	Alder 96.15%
Willow 95.51%	Chestnut 97.54%



The South Hampshire branch of The National Autistic Society would like us to let you know that details of their events can be found on the following website:

[www.shantsnas.org.uk](http://www.shantsnas.org.uk)

**Special mention box...for children who have demonstrated responsibility by respecting their classroom environments. Each child will receive a head teacher pencil.**

Layla Clegg, Summer Moss, Alexia Psaila, Poppy Butler, Lily Snell, Harrison Lewis, Claudia Croker, Oliver Mitchell



Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November 9.00am <b>**new time**</b>	Year 5 Remembrance Assembly
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	School photographer individual photos
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	School nurse drop in 1pm-3pm (make an appointment with the school office)
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November 9am <b>**amended item**</b>	Maple Class Assembly
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Be Bright Be Seen non uniform day
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November <b>**new item**</b>	Scholastic Book Fair begins
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 5 trip to planetarium
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December 9am <b>**new item**</b>	Willow Class Assembly
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December <b>**new item**</b>	FOMS non uniform day in return for wine/chocolate or £1
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December <b>**new item**</b>	Parents invited in to help us make decorations
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December 9am <b>**new item**</b>	Alder Class Assembly
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December <b>**new item**</b>	Year 4 Production (details to follow)
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December <b>**new item**</b>	Year 4 Production (details to follow)
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 9am <b>**new item**</b>	Beech Class Assembly
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 9am <b>**new item**</b>	Year 5 African Drum Concert
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 3.30pm <b>**new item**</b>	FOMS Christmas Fair
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December <b>**new item**</b>	Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas lunch (pupils only)
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 9am <b>**new item**</b>	Celebration Assembly (by invitation only)
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December <b>**new item**</b></b>	<b>Last day of autumn term, school ends at 3.20pm</b>
<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018 <b>**new item**</b></b>	<b>First day of spring term, school starts at 8.45am</b>