

# Mengham Junior School

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## Newsletter No. 4 (9<sup>th</sup> November 2016)

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back after the half term break. We have an exciting half term of learning ahead of us and we look forward to sharing many of the events with you.

Our Harvest was a huge success and I would like to say a massive thank you for your generosity. All of the food collected was sent to the food bank at The Bridge Church. Year 6 led a lovely assembly and Mr Paul Dennison from the Bridge Centre told the children about the good work done at the centre. See his thank you letter at the end of this newsletter.



HC3s, the school catering service, worked with children from year 5 to create a beautiful harvest loaf which was shared with the whole school at the end of the day.

### Soup making – by Denissa Cumpansoiu

Year 5 had the opportunity to make soup in our DT lessons. We invited our parents in to taste them all. My parents thought that all of the soups were amazing and really enjoyed the afternoon. I was really happy because my soup won first place!



### Bright Day



On Bright Day, all of the children arrived at school in their most colourful, even some fluorescent, clothing! The JRSOs were so impressed with the effort that everyone put in. It was lots of fun wearing our bright clothes all day, however the cherry on the cake was the surprise disco during a song practice at the end of the day. Miss Slade hi-jacked the sound system and the lights were turned off. We had disco lights, loud music and most importantly - because we were all dressed brightly - we could be seen in the dark! The JRSOs would like to say a huge thank you because, as a result of your donations, we managed to raise a huge £115 for the road safety charity Brake.

### Year 2 art morning – Mrs Kelsall

Last Thursday morning, we welcomed children and parents from Year 2 at Mengham Infant School to join us for a very special art morning. The children were lucky enough to work with an artist from Southampton Art Gallery to create individual fish sculptures using wire and collage techniques inspired by the story 'The Rainbow Fish'. It was a really fun morning and the children all had a wonderful time. The fantastic fish will be hung from the net above our reading boat by the library for all to enjoy and will be waiting for the children when they join us next year.

### Author visit – Miss Rowsell



Last Tuesday morning we were extremely lucky to have a visit from the author Eamonn Reilly. He conducted an exciting assembly and made us all laugh a lot. We were then

set writing challenges and all children thoroughly enjoyed becoming authors. Eamonn then returned on Thursday morning to meet the children and sign the books they had purchased. The school received 30 free books to add to our library thanks to your overwhelming response to buying Eamonn's books. Thank you for your support.

### SATS

Our Year 6 Sats information evening was extremely well attended but if you were unable to get to us, please make an appointment to see one of the year 6 team.

### Tesco award Reminder

Please vote NOW until 13<sup>th</sup> November. We are really looking forward to seeing our project come to life.



### Extreme reading



We have 8 fabulous Deadly 60 books which have been signed by Steve Backshall to give away! Our extreme read homework challenge ends on 14<sup>th</sup> November, make sure your entry is in.

We will display all entries in our library and present the books in a special assembly.

### Feature- What do Buddies do at Mengham Junior School? By Karen Lunnon

Mengham Junior Buddies patrol the playground with a partner keeping an eye on the other children. They have to sign a contract to say that they will be kind to



others and help children who are upset plus many other responsibilities. They wear special hi-vis vests so that the other children know who they are should they need a friend.

I am very proud to see how dedicated this term's buddies are to helping others.

And Finally

Our next special event will be Remembrance which is to be led by year 5. Please ask at the office if you would like to attend this assembly as seats are limited.

Warmest regards

Wendy Bolton

### Message from FOMS

The children had a lovely afternoon last Friday creating their Christmas card designs, some classes fully embraced the whole theme by even playing Christmas tunes! Further information will be sent home to let you know how you can view the beautiful art and have the opportunity to purchase products showing your child's design. A special thank you goes out to the parents and carers who came in and supported the children in this activity.

### Special mention box.....for children who have been a great sportsperson. The named children will receive a headteacher pencil

Chloe Hobbs, Mia Plumstead, Frank Wotton, Lily Snell, Charlie Lewis, Charlie Kean, Mason Willis Bartley, Maya Russon

### Inset Days

Our remaining inset days for this academic year are as follows:

Friday 27th January  
Friday 19th May  
Monday 22nd May



### Thank you from The Bridge Church

Dear pupils, parents, Headteacher and staff at Mengham Junior School,

I would like to say a very big THANK YOU to you all for the huge amount of

food that you donated to The Food Bank at the end of last half term when you celebrated Harvest Festival. Many children, families and individuals will benefit and be helped through their difficulties because of your generosity.

I loved the songs you sang at the Harvest Festival assembly too, I haven't heard them before. Saying "thank you" to God for all the food, shelter, clothing etc that we have and remembering and thinking of other people who are not so well off, was a very compassionate and great act of kindness. Well done.

Please pass on our thanks to all involved in this project.

Yours sincerely  
Paul Dennison

### Diary Dates

Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> November 5.30 – 7pm	FOMS Disco (ticket only)
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> November 10.30am	Remembrance Assembly led by Year 5
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 6 Junior Citizen <b>*NEW ITEM</b>
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> November <b>9.15 – 10.15am and 6-7pm</b>	Year 2 Open Morning/Evening
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Non Uniform day in return for filled jars/toiletries/£1 <b>*NEW ITEM</b>
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	School Photographer
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 5 Trip to Chichester Planetarium <b>*NEW ITEM</b>
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> November 9am	Willow Class Assembly
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Non uniform day in return for wine/chocolate/£1 <b>*NEW ITEM</b>
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 9am	Lime Class Assembly
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> December – dress rehearsal at 2pm and evening 6pm	School Production – ticket only
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December 2pm/6pm	School Production – ticket only
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Willow Class to Chichester Cathedral
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December – 1.15pm	Parents invited to decorate school hall
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Chestnut Class to Chichester Cathedral
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 3.30-5.30pm	Carols by candlelight (details to follow)
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch parents welcome (letter to follow)
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 9am	Celebration assembly, by invitation only <b>*NEW ITEM</b>
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>End of term, school ends at 3.20pm</b>
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2017</b>	<b>Start of Spring Term, school starts at 8.45am</b>
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>INSET DAY</b>