

# Mengham Junior School

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## Newsletter No. 6 (7<sup>th</sup> December 2016)

Dear parents and carers,

I would like to say a huge thank you to all parents who voted for us in the Tesco's Bags of Help initiative. You will be thrilled to know we came second and have a grant of £10,000 to support the first phase of development in our grounds. Over the next year we plan to use the money to build a pond and marshland discovery area. It is so exciting to be given this funding and it will benefit children for generations to come.

### Mark Covell Olympic sailor assembly



Last week we were treated to an inspirational assembly by Mark Covell. He told us all about his journey to the Olympics and the struggles he faced. It was wonderful to hear about how his resilience and determination truly paid off. He challenged the children to ensure they pursue something they are interested in and how it is important to work hard to achieve your dreams. He answered questions and we were even lucky enough to hold his silver medal!

### Planetarium year 5 – Hattie Bird



After we arrived we were shown into a domed room. Excitedly we picked a seat and looked up. All of a sudden the lights turned off and we saw light polluted dark, then just dark! We then looked at some planets

and learned the basics of astronomy! We were then all ravenous so ate our lunch before having a discussion about Apollo 11's journey to the moon. It was a great day and we learned a lot.

### Whole school Aladdin performance



**"Very good production", "children were brilliant" "excellent, so much hard work has gone into it", "well done Mengham Junior School", "brilliant, the children are so confident"**, these are just a handful of the comments received from parents who

watched our Aladdin production. The time, effort, energy and commitment by all students and staff involved in the production was worth every second!

Thank you for supporting us at this very busy time of year with the costumes and bringing the children back for the evening performances. We do appreciate it.



### Fire service visit - Sylvie Baker

Last week, upper school children were lucky enough to be visited by the local fire service and were told how to keep safe in the event of a fire. Also we watched a video of a family where the nan was injured in a car crash because she refused to wear a seatbelt. We were questioned about who we believed was to blame: the nan, the dad [driver], the mum, the kids, the boy who stepped out into the road or the girl who was supposed to be looking after him. After thinking about it for some time, we finally agreed that everyone was to blame. So make sure YOU keep safe!!!



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### Scholastic books

Thank you for your support for our book fair, this will enable our library to be replenished with lots of lovely new books!

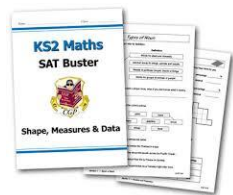


## And Finally

I am looking forward to seeing you all at our next event, Carols By Candlelight on Monday 12<sup>th</sup>.

Warmest regards  
Wendy Bolton

## Year 6 CGP SATS Books



If you have not bought a set yet, these are still available to purchase from the school office for £4.50 a pack (£9 for both English and maths) which is a great saving on shop prices.

## Message from FOMS

Thank you for your support for our non uniform days. We had some lovely donations that we will use to make our stalls at Carols By Candlelight a success. FOMS members have been busy securing raffle prizes. We have a beautiful piece of handpainted furniture from Liberate (pictured) to win plus membership for two to Sinah Warren for a day to include a massage, £50 Boden voucher, £35 Russell and Bromley voucher, entrance to Staunton Country Park and much much more! We will be selling tickets before school on 12<sup>th</sup> December if you cannot make Carols By Candlelight but if you are able to come along in the afternoon please do because it is a lovely Christmassy event with many stalls to take part in and refreshments on sale (including Baileys coffees back by popular demand!). Hope to see you there!



**Special mention box.....for children who have been a fabulous classroom helper. The named children will receive a headteacher pencil**

Alisha Oldland, Matthew Hills, Anna Dzjuba, Tate Clifton Gosling, Joshua Watkins, Bali Sherrington, Madison Roffey, Phoebe Chandler

## Inset Days

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

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May  
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

## Havant School Nurses

Havant School Nurse Team are offering a School Nurse Health Drop In on 21<sup>st</sup> December between 12pm and 2pm at Park Community School, Middle Park Way, Havant, PO9 4BU. Drop ins can be accessed through the main school reception.

This is an opportunity to sign post any children or families with any health related needs.

There will be two school nurses available, Anne Follington and Victor Taylor.

This is the first School Nurse Health Drop In, held in the holidays and we hope to provide this service during all school holidays in the future. Future dates are to be confirmed.

## Diary Dates

\*Please note that the Valentine's Lunch has been cancelled



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
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch parents welcome if pre-booked
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 9am	Celebration assembly, by invitation only
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>End of Autumn 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>
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	Birch Class Winchester Trip (letter to follow)
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	Oak Class Winchester Trip (letter to follow)
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>INSET DAY</b>
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 5 Fort Purbrook Residential
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>End of half term, school ends at 3.20pm</b>
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>First day of half term, school starts at 8.45am</b>
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Chestnut Class to Paulton's Park (letter to follow)
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Willow Class to Paulton's Park (letter to follow)
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Oral Storytelling Day (details to follow)
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Mothers' Day Lunch (letter to follow)
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Parents' Evening
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Year 3 sleepover (letter to follow)
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> April 9am	Celebration assembly (by invitation only)
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Last day of Spring term, school ends at 3.20pm</b>