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Dear parents and carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back to 2017!

The end of term was a wonderful celebration of the children's efforts.

We loved having parents in to decorate our hall - so thank you if you were able to give us some time and even though the decorations were only up for a short time it did make the school feel so festive.



Our choir led by Mrs Emery were extremely busy during December. They wowed shoppers at the late night shopping evening in Mengham,

visited our friends at Gorseway Retirement Home, entertained shoppers in the Co-op and also performed at The Ferry Boat. Thanks to the generosity of the Hayling community the choir raised £150 for FOMS. However by far the most exciting thing was that the choir appeared on our local freeview channel That's Solent! They were recorded singing Christmas carols and were featured on the tv channel all over the holiday period.



Music concerts Well done to the children who showed their skills with the guitar and brass instruments in the Christmas concerts. The audience had great fun accompanying the music with their singing!



Glee performance The production at Hayling College was a great success and the parents who were able to go and watch said what a lovely evening it was. It was fabulous to see the Island schools coming together to produce such an outstanding extravaganza!

Year 3 Christingle On

Tuesday 13th December, Year 3 couldn't believe their luck when they were invited to attend the magical Christingle service at The Hayling College. We learnt and performed songs about Christingle and Christmas, then the finale was being presented with our own Christingles. Everybody made a huge circle around the hall and the lights were turned out as the candles were lit. We couldn't believe how beautiful it was and the teachers were very impressed with our behaviour!



Reading Challenge Thank you for supporting your children to complete our termly reading challenge. The books we receive from Scholastic sales help us to support this. Last term over 50 children took home a book of their choice for completing the challenge.

Open Afternoon As always the children were enthusiastic about sharing their learning and I know parents enjoyed the experience too.



Christmas lunch was lovely again this year and extremely well organised by Mrs Gibbs so we thank her for that. Over 100 parents were able to join us and the kitchen provided 280 meals!



Carols by Candlelight was a highlight of the term and we raised £975 towards our sound system, staging and lighting as well as supplementing events in school as required and the cost of each child receiving a cracker at the Christmas lunch. All of this is provided by FOMS. We ALL would like to send a huge thank you for your support in fundraising for these extra special "extras." Our children reap the benefits and carry new skills onto secondary school.

The end of term assembly was fabulous and such a wonderful opportunity to celebrate hard work and great learning with all of the children.

And Finally, after a hugely successful 2016 - we are all very excited about what 2017 brings to Mengham Junior. I am certainly looking forward to helping create our new pond and wildlife area!

Warmest regards
Wendy Bolton

Special mention box.....for children who were nominated for an end of term award, all nominees received a certificate and the winners received a selection box

Successful Learners Autumn 2016	
Year 3	
Fay Rose	Albert Robinson
Chloe Hobbs	Isaac Gosling
Year 4	
Finley Mann	Hayden Goodright
Nolann Lechevallier	Anya Morrell
Year 5	
Samuel Machen	Molly Fletcher
Denissa Cumpansoiu	Sam Gelson
Year 6	
Emily Murphy	Maya Russon
Harry Hares	Daniel Sparks
Confident Individuals Autumn 2016	
Year 3	
Bella King	Alex Reneaux
Chloe Nicholas	Mutsa Ndovorwi
Year 4	
Amber Russell	Anna Dzuba
Courtney Harris	Ashley Lewis
Year 5	
Bradley Child	Hugo Jones
Jayden Jones	Mason Boulthwood
Year 6	
Mason Willis-Bartley	Paige Manning
JB Singh	Violet Simms
Responsible Members of our Community Autumn 2016	
Year 3	
Livvy Coates	Matthew Hills
Aimee Wheeler	Evie Wheal
Year 4	
Nicole Rabone	Nancy Bowen
Ethan Page	Lilly-May Hudson
Year 5	
Caitlin Shiers	Joshua Watkins
Chloe Stevens	Bali Sherrington
Year 6	
Jessica Caulkett	Grace Crocker
Toby Burgess	Milly Rivers

Feature- What do Friends For Life do at Mengham Junior School? By Emily Murphy, Year 6

Friends For Life started in the last academic year. It is run by the House/Vice Captains at lunchtime in upper school. We wanted to create a place where children can choose to come and enjoy playing games, drawing, chatting and making new friends in a smaller/quieter environment than the playground. I think that Friends For Life is a success because children can create new friendships that they may

not otherwise have done and as Vice House Captain of Nelson I am happy to be a big part of this initiative.

Message from FOMS

We had a very busy December and thanks to your support we were able to run some extremely successful stalls at Carols By Candlelight. You have already seen the amount that was raised by this event which is fabulous. Now we look forward to 2017. We will be arranging a meeting date shortly to discuss our Mother's Day Gift Room and plan a disco and Easter chocolate tombola which we hope will take place this term.

Inset Days

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

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

Diary Dates

Tuesday 17 th January	Birch Class Winchester Cathedral Trip
Friday 20 th January 9am	Maple Class Assembly
Friday 20 th January	Oak Class Winchester Cathedral Trip
Monday 23 rd January	Lower School scooter training
Friday 27th January	INSET DAY
Friday 3 rd February 9am	Birch Class Assembly
Friday 10 th February 9am	Oak Class Assembly
Thursday 16 th February	Year 5 Fort Purbrook Residential
Friday 17 th February 9am	Lime Class Assembly
Friday 17th February	End of half term, school ends at 3.20pm
Monday 27th February	First day of half term, school starts at 8.45am
Monday 27 th February	Year 6 class to Paulton's Park (letter to follow)
Friday 3 rd March 9am	Year 5 Assembly
Friday 3 rd March	Year 6 class to Paulton's Park (letter to follow)
Friday 10 th March 9am	Willow Class Assembly
Friday 17 th March 9am	Chestnut Class Assembly
Monday 20 th March	Oral Storytelling Day (details to follow)
Tuesday 21 st March	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 22 nd March	Mothers' Day Lunch (letter to follow)
Thursday 23 rd March	Parents' Evening
Friday 31 st March	Year 3 sleepover (letter to follow)
Friday 7 th April	Celebration assembly (by invitation only)
Friday 7th April	Last day of Spring term, school ends at 3.20pm