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Dear Parents and Carers

We hope you had an enjoyable festive break. The new term is well underway, with house points and learning stars being earned already.

Hopefully last week the curriculum letters made it home, to give you a flavour of what is to come this term in your child's year group. It is also available in the year group tabs on our website.

Christmas Lunch



This year we did something slightly different for school Christmas lunch. We had it on the last day of term and set out the tables like a banquet hall so classes could eat together with their teachers and support staff.

Crackers were pulled and we all looked suitably silly in our paper hats. The kitchen team did a fantastic job and our governors came in to help us all serve the delicious meal. It was a fantastic way to end the term, staff and children alike really enjoyed it.



We wish you all a very happy new year!

Best wishes,

Odele Davies and Edd Harrison

Year 3 Southsea Synagogue Trip by Miss Slade



Year 3 were extremely lucky to be invited to the Portsmouth and Southsea Synagogue for the second year running. Once again, the children were absolutely amazed by the building and all of the sacred parts of it. David was very helpful in showing the children around the building and

explaining parts of the Jewish religion. This trip has helped the children with their 'sacred places' learning in RE and they have begun to think about what a sacred place means to a religious person.

Lions Santa Sleigh

As well as school fundraising, a charity close to our heart is The Southampton Neurological Unit for children and young people. We recently supported them through fundraising with The Hayling Lions, who help so many charities in the community. Our rather merry group of Elves went out with Santa and his sleigh on two evenings in December. You may well have seen them shaking their collection buckets? We raised a whopping £490 and the funds will be equally shared between the school's fundraising with FOMS and The Southampton Neurological Unit.

A special thank you to those who tirelessly gave up their time; Tanya Hedgcock, Simon Silver, Mary Smith, Harriet Lawley and some members from the Hayling community. Also a big thank you to The Bay Of Bengal who treated Santa to a curry after the event to warm him up! If you are interested in joining this event next year please contact Nikki Pyatt via the school or the FOMS team.



Online Safety Hints

Most social media apps have a minimum age rating of 13. If a social network has set an age limit it means that some of the content may not be suitable for a younger child. We'd strongly advise you to follow the minimum age rating. If you do say yes, use strict privacy settings and either 'friend' your child or ask a family member to.

www.internetmatters.org

Special mention box...for children who have made an exceptional start to their learning in 2018. Each child will receive a head teacher pencil.

Sofia Sheasby, Ethan Treleaven, Lacey O'Connor, Kyla Oldham, Ethan Page, Liberty Dollery-Agius, Ella Trafford, Sam Spies



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| Thursday 18 th January | Oak Class Trip Winchester Cathedral |
| Friday 19 th January | Birch Class Trip Winchester Cathedral |
| Friday 26 th January 9am | Chestnut Class Assembly **new item** |
| Wednesday 31 st January | Year 5 Residential Trip Fort Purbrook |
| Thursday 1 st February | Year 5 Residential Trip Fort Purbrook |
| Friday 2 nd February 9am | Oak Class Assembly **new item** |
| Friday 2 nd February | Year 5 Residential Trip Fort Purbrook |
| Thursday 8th February | Last day of half term, school ends at 3.20pm |
| Friday 9th February | INSET DAY – school closed to pupils |
| Monday 19th February | First day of half term, school starts at 8.45am |
| Friday 23 rd February 9am | Year 5 Assembly **new item** |
| Thursday 1 st March **new item** | World Book Day (children can dress up as their favourite character) |
| Friday 2 nd March 9am | Birch Class Assembly **new item** |
| Friday 2 nd March **new item** | Year 3 sleepover (letter to follow) |
| Monday 5 th March **new item** | Year 6 trip to Paulton's Park |
| Wednesday 7 th March **new item** | Mother's Day Lunch for female carers (letter to follow) |
| Friday 9 th March 9am | Year 3 Assembly **new item** |
| Friday 9 th March **new item** | FOMS Mother's Day Gift Event (letter to follow) |
| Friday 16 th March 9am | Willow Class Assembly **new item** |
| Friday 23 rd March **new item** | FOMS non uniform day in return for chocolate or £1 |
| Thursday 29 th March 9am | End of term Celebration Assembly (by invitation only) **new item** |
| Thursday 29 th March | FOMS Easter Chocolate Lucky Dip (letter to follow) **new item** |
| Thursday 29th March | Last day of Spring term. School ends at 3.20pm |
| Monday 16th April **new item** | First day of Summer term. School starts at 8.45am |

Year 3 Swimming

Just a note for your diaries that Year 3 children will start their swimming lessons on Thursday 22nd February. They will need to bring a swimming costume, hat (boys included) and a towel in a separate named bag. A letter will be sent nearer the time with all of the dates.

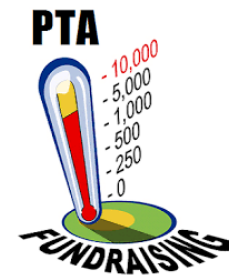


Dinner Money

Unless you qualify for free school meals, the cost of a school lunch is £2.15. Please could we ask that you all keep your child's dinner money account in credit. Thank you for your help!



FOMS News by Julie Fraser



Happy new year to all! As we said goodbye to 2017, we can congratulate ourselves on a lovely Christmas Fair and thank everyone who helped and indeed everyone who came along to celebrate the event. We look forward to 2018 and our exciting events which include our Spring disco, Mother's

Day gift shop and a very exciting sponsored challenge for two of our brave teachers - more information to follow on that one so watch this space!

Parent Governor Vacancy

Thinking of being
a governor?
We currently have a vacancy.

If you are interested in becoming a parent governor, please check out our website following the link below for more information and to

download an application form for completion.

<http://menghamjunior.co.uk/about-the-school/the-governors/becoming-a-governor>

If you are still unsure of the role, the time required or the qualities needed, please speak to any of the office staff or ask them for my contact number and I will be delighted to help.



Sue Lewis – Chair Of Governors



Current Whole School Attendance:
96.02%

If your child's attendance has fallen below 93%, letters have been sent in the post to advise you. Please help us to keep our whole school attendance above the national average of 96%. Thank you.

Current Class Attendance:

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| Maple 97.35% | Lime 96.34% |
| Oak 96.58% | Birch 96.65% |
| Beech 94.78% | Alder 94.59% |
| Willow 94.59% | Chestnut 96.94% |