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Dear Parents and Carers

Last Friday I had the privilege of attending The Hayling College to carry out prefect interviews together with Hayling staff, governors and members of the Hayling Island community. I was delighted and incredibly proud to see so many ex-pupils of Mengham Junior School applying for this prestigious position!

The applicants I interviewed spoke confidently. Each and every one of them spoke with pride about not only their school but of the island's community spirit.

Our geography as an island is unique but so is its community. This is a result of effective relationships, partnerships and the dedication and commitment we all have towards the young people of the island and their futures.

It was a real honour to be part of this event and I'm sure that in future years, many more of our pupils will be able to put themselves forward for this role with confidence, responsibility and success.

Best wishes

Odele Davies

Festival of Languages



Last week, 4 children from year 5 and 6 attended a 'Festival of Languages' at Portsmouth High School. There were children from other schools there too. They played games, took part in a

treasure hunt and experienced many different languages: German, Chinese, Bengali, Greek and Russian to name a few!



Chris Lubbe Assembly

We were lucky enough to have a visit from inspirational speaker Chris Lubbe. He travels the country speaking to audiences about his experience of apartheid and his time working as a bodyguard for Nelson Mandela. Pupils and teachers alike were captivated by the events of his life and the lessons he learnt along the way. His story helped pupils understand about the damage caused by racism and

what people went through in their struggle for equality. Chris also talked about not taking for granted water and education, neither of which were available during his childhood. One of Nelson Mandela's most famous quotes is "education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." A truly inspirational start to the week.



Year 4 Trip to Winchester Cathedral by Eshal Chowdhury



Year 4 went on an amazing trip to the breathtaking Winchester Cathedral, to develop our knowledge of King Alfred the Great for our history topic. During our tour of the Cathedral, we walked past some historical Saxon monarch's graves. We were lucky enough to learn that these were the graves of King Canute, King Ethelred and Queen Emma. An interesting fact for you: the Roman soldiers destroyed these graves during their reign and all the bones are jumbled up, so we have no idea who is in each grave!

After our tour, we sat down and listened to the story of Queen Emma and how she struggled to reach the throne due to the Normans.

In the afternoon, we took an Anglo-Saxon master class in gold leaf, brooch making and writing in Saxon runes.



This was a fantastic trip and we are now bursting with knowledge!

Year 5 Maths Challenge



On Monday 22nd January, we represented our school at Portsmouth Grammar Junior School in a Year 5 Maths Challenge. We had to complete seven maths challenges such as: pentominoes, catch the train and measuring distances. Although there were terrifying time limits, we tried our hardest and

succeeded. We would encourage others to go on maths challenges and hope our love of maths will inspire them. Thank you to Mr Wotton for coming along to help.

Special mention box...for children who have tried something new or taken on a challenge. Each child will receive a head teacher pencil.

Charlie Lindop, Milo Harding, Alex Reneaux, Graham Freeman, Lawrence Clark, Jack Byrne, Sam Gelson, Kristen Murphy



Big Bandana Bake 2018

On Friday 2nd March at 3.20pm, one of our year 3 parents will be holding a cake sale at the front of the school. This is to raise money for The Brain Tumour Charity which has been a great support to one of our pupils and her family. We will remind you again nearer the time but please put the date in your diaries and support them by either purchasing a cake yourself or sending your child in with some money in a named envelope so that they can buy a cake after school. Thank you.

South Central Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust would like to invite you to attend a virtual birthday party with their 999 Ted mascot

999 Ted, the mascot and Ambulance Bear Assistance, will be celebrating its third birthday on the 6th of February and is inviting you to take part in a virtual celebration.



You could bake a cake, make a birthday card or send a birthday message via post, email or on a video.

If you are opting for a cake or birthday card, simply email the picture(s) to communications@scas.nhs.uk and they will publish them on our social media. Alternatively, you can send it to its Twitter account @scas999Ted.

We hope you will take part in this fun virtual party and look forward to receiving your online wishes and virtual presents.

Governor News by Sue Lewis



As you know, parking outside the school gate is limited. Most parents who collect their children from school by car, park in areas away from the school and walk the final part of the journey. Should you choose to attempt to park in the spaces at the end of Palmerston Road, please could we ask you not to park in the marked turning bay or wait in your car parallel to the allotment fence. Doing this clogs up the road, prevents emergency access to the school and poses a risk to children crossing to these vehicles. If upon arrival to the end of the road, spaces aren't available then please use the turning bay to turn around and seek spaces in neighbouring roads.

The governing body will continue to monitor the parking situation. I am sure you will appreciate that the safety of pupils must come first and we thank you for your continued co-operation.

School Nurse Health Drop In



Havant School Nurse Team are offering a School Nurse Health Drop In on Monday 12th February between 12pm and 2pm at **Park Community School**, Middle Park Way, Havant, PO9 4BU.

This drop in is available to all school aged children in the area and can be accessed through the main school reception. This is an opportunity to sign post any children or families with any health related needs.

Online Safety Hints

Put yourself in control. Install parental controls on your home broadband and any internet-enabled devices. Set up a user account for your child on the main device they use and make sure other accounts in the household are password-protected so that younger children can't access them by accident. www.internetmatters.org



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