

# Mengham Junior School

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## Newsletter No. 01 (7<sup>th</sup> September 2018)

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! An extra welcome to those who are joining Mengham Junior School for the first time. We hope you've had an enjoyable and restful Summer. Whilst our alarm clocks came as a bit of a shock on the first day back, it was lovely to see so many smiling faces and cheerful greetings as the pupils came through the gate for the start of the new year.

Over the Summer we had two building firms working on the school. The first completed the conversion of the library wing, installation of a new classroom and addition of a new nurture room. The other building firm has been hard at work in the baking heat replacing the roof. The roof work has overrun due to the weather and will be continuing into this first half term. However, this outstanding work won't affect the running of the school. Hopefully it won't be long before the small playground is back in use and the scaffolding is gone.

As soon as the inside building work was completed, the staff were busy making sure everything was ready for the pupils when they returned. A special thanks to Mrs Fletcher and Mr Brum for the additional work they did getting the new parts of the school ready.

Our INSET day was very productive. The day was split between looking at priorities for the year ahead and making sure we're up-to-date with our knowledge of safeguarding and health & safety. There was a bit of time left over to put those finishing touches on making the inside of the school look amazing!

The plans for the year are in place and we know that we are in for an exciting year. Please keep checking the newsletter and website to find out about all the excitement as it unfolds. We hope you get the opportunity to join us on some of the many family events that happen throughout the year.

*Edward Harrison & Odele Davies*

### Nut Allergies...



We have several pupils in school who have nut allergies. Could we please remind you not to include anything that may contain nuts in children's packed lunches. Some of our pupils could have a reaction, even to nut residue transferred simply by touch. Thank you for your cooperation in this important matter.

### Legion Gate Time Change

To increase site security and the safety of the pupils we are changing the opening time of the legion gate at the end of the day. **The gate will now be opened at approximately 3:10pm.**

We know that some parents use this route through to get to the infant school before this time. We would ask that you please adjust your route and use the road going down the side of the British Legion. There is a planned path across the legion field that will make this easier in the winter months. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

### School Crossing Patrol

The school and our governing body have been lobbying local officials to provide cover for the school crossing patrol on Elm Grove. The response has been frustrating but we are pleased to hear that they are now in the process of advertising for a replacement.



If you, or anyone you know may be interested in the role, please contact the School Crossing Patrol Team on 01962 846200 or visit:

[www.hants.gov.uk/schoolcrossingpatrolcareers](http://www.hants.gov.uk/schoolcrossingpatrolcareers)

### Parking Reminder

If you park in a marked bay leading up to the main gate, please ensure the front of your vehicle does not overlap the pavement. This is dangerous for our children and all other pedestrians. Thank you!

## Could you Join our Lunchtime Team?

We're on the lookout for a Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant from Monday to Friday 11:45am to 1:15pm term time only. If you, or anyone you know might be interested in this role, please contact Mrs Adams in the school office for more information. The closing date for all applications is Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September.

## Uniform Info

Going forward we'd like to encourage all parents & carers to order school uniform online by visiting [www.brigade.uk.com](http://www.brigade.uk.com) The ordering process is very simple but for a step-by-step guide just take a look under the 'Parents' section on our school website.

Please also remember to 'name' your child's uniform. Every year we acquire lots of brand new clothing items in our lost property box, and no way of reuniting them with rightful owners!



## Spinnaker Challenge

Miss Rowsell and Miss Farrage's exciting Spinnaker Challenge is due to take place on **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September at 2pm**. The brave duo will be abseiling down the Spinnaker to raise money for Mengham Junior School's outdoor learning environment! Unfortunately, this event was previously postponed due to unsafe weather conditions, but fingers crossed all goes well on Sunday. Show your support by visiting:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/library1>



**Fun Fact:**  
There are 560 stairs to the top of Emirates Spinnaker Tower!!

## Snacks & Lunches



To promote healthy eating, please could we ask that all snacks at break time are just fruit (not Winders etc). Fruit can also be purchased from the school canteen snack shop.

## Important Dates

<b>Sun 9<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	Spinnaker Challenge @ 2pm
<b>Thu 13<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	Community Nurse Talk (Yr 6)
<b>Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Sept</b>	NSPCC Assembly
<b>Tue 25<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	NSPCC Workshops (Yrs 5+6) <i>(Letter to Follow)</i>
<b>Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	MacMillan Coffee Morning (Yr 3 only)
<b>Mon 1<sup>st</sup> Oct</b>	Stonehenge Trip (Maple)
<b>Tue 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct</b>	Stonehenge Trip (Lime)
<b>Tue 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct</b>	NSPCC Parents' Workshop @ Mill Rythe Junior <i>(Letter to follow)</i>
<b>Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct</b>	Stonehenge Trip (Elm)
<b>Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	Volcano Dome (Yr 4) <i>(Letter to follow)</i>
<b>Tue 16<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	WWI Remembrance Trip (Yr 5) <i>(Letter to follow)</i>
<b>Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	WWI Remembrance Trip (Yr 5) <i>(Letter to follow)</i>
<b>Thu 18<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	Harvest Lunch & Afternoon Assembly
<b>Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	Last Day of Half Term
<b>Mon 29<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	INSET DAY

## Inset Days 2018/2019

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October  
Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June  
Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June



## Tuck Shop Snack List

Snacks are sold from the school kitchen at morning break. Children can choose from:

✚ Fresh Fruit (Various)	30p
✚ Packet of Raisins	25p
✚ Calypso Apple Juice	30p
✚ Calypso Orange Juice	30p
✚ Yazoo Strawberry or Choc Milk	50p

## Our New Corridor & Library!

