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Dear Parents and Carers,

Over the last week we have been getting into lots of Maths and English lessons to see how our pupils are progressing in their learning. Pupils in all year groups were keen to share their work with us and talk us through their learning journeys. We were particularly impressed with the focus and resilience of year 6; they were taking on challenging problems in maths and kept going until they reached the answers.

During Monday's assembly, we gave out a huge number of certificates. The majority of these were for completing times table challenges. Thank you for your support at home with learning these. There are some great times table websites which can help, some of which are listed in the front of the homework books. Well done to everyone who got a certificate this week.

Edward Harrison & Odele Davies

School Clubs

School clubs are now underway with a huge variety of activities taking place. Some of the clubs were so popular that we had to limit the number of children in the club this time round (on a first come basis). If you were unsuccessful this time and your child is still interested, then please reapply in the spring and summer term and you will be prioritised.

MacMillan Coffee Morning

On Friday 28th September, year 3 (together with our school councillors) hosted their coffee morning in support of MacMillan. It was a lovely morning and we raised a fantastic £361!

The event was well attended by our year 3 parents so thank you to all of you who attended and of course those who made/donated cakes. It couldn't have gone ahead without you and we are very appreciative of your support and generosity.



Stonehenge

This week, year 3 went to Stonehenge. We explored the huts and the museum; we even saw some skulls and an axe head! Then, on to the bus to go and see the stones themselves. Did you know that they had to chisel points on the tops of the stones to hold the lintel in place? (like lego!) We had a fantastic time and it was great to see the Stone Age to bring our history topic to life.



Farewell to our Cook!

After 4 years we are wishing our cook, Elaine, a very happy retirement. Her last day cooking for the children will be Friday 5th October and she will be very much missed. Thank you Elaine for all your hard work and we hope you enjoy your new found freedom! Elaine's successor has already been working hard in the kitchen and is now ready to take the reigns as our new cook.

Harvest Festival Lunch

On Thursday 18th October all parents are warmly invited to a Harvest Festival Lunch. Due to the popularity of our themed lunches, hot food for the day is being pre-ordered so we are asking for reply slips to be returned by Friday 5th October. Even if you are unable to attend, we do still require your child's lunch option for the day. Thank you for your co-operation and we hope you can come along!

Special Mention Box

For children who have really listened carefully before offering their own ideas in class:



Oliver (Lime), Alfie (Willow), Luke (Alder),
Amy (Oak), Edie (Beech), Tyler (Chestnut),
Eva (Elm), Mya (Birch), Jayden (Maple)

Harvest Festival – Food Bank Donations

To celebrate harvest festival, we will be holding a food bank collection throughout the week commencing 15th October. Donations will be given to The Bridge Centre Food Bank, Hayling Island. We feel that creating links with the community is an important responsibility and we want to encourage this value with our children. Some suggestions for donations are:

- Instant mash potato
- Tinned vegetables
- Tinned tomatoes
- Long life fruit juice
- Tinned fish
- Tinned cold meat
- UHT milk



Unfortunately we cannot accept fresh produce.

Please support us by sending in donations with your child. A house point will be awarded for every donation received.

Year 6 are hosting a special assembly on 18th October and a representative of the food bank will be attending the assembly to accept your kind donations.

NSPCC Workshops

On the 25th September, years 5 and 6 participated in NSPCC Speak out. Stay safe. workshops following a whole class assembly the week before. These workshops were delivered by specially trained volunteers and staff from the NSPCC and were a great opportunity to support the work we do in school regarding keeping safe.

We were also delighted that some of you were able to attend the free online safety parent workshops held at Mill Rythe on the 2nd October. We hope you found these informative.

Roof Update

The roofing work timeline has had to be extended and will now definitely be continuing until half term and possibly a week or two beyond. Hopefully we will have a warm, waterproof roof and no scaffolding before the wet winter weather sets in.

Volcano Dome

On Monday 8th October year 4 children will be learning all about Earth's ancient history by looking at the planet from space and being shown pictures of the surface changing through time using a digital theatre and planetarium with 360 degree picture and film sequence! Our next newsletter will let you know how the children got on, but it's sure to be a wonderful experience.



Important Dates

Fri 5 th Oct	Alder Class Assembly
Mon 8 th Oct	Volcano Dome (Yr 4)
Fri 12 th Oct	Oak Class Assembly
Tue 16 th Oct	WWI Remembrance Trip (Yr 5)
Wed 17 th Oct	WWI Remembrance Trip (Yr 5)
Thu 18 th Oct	Harvest Lunch Harvest Assembly (Yr 6 Parents only) Height & Weight Checks (Yr 6)
Fri 19 th Oct	Chestnut Class Assembly
Fri 19 th Oct	Last Day of Half Term
Mon 29 th Oct	INSET DAY
Mon 5 th Nov	Portsmouth Dockyard Trip (Yr 5) <i>Letter to follow</i>
Fri 9 th Nov	Remembrance Assembly (Yr 5) <i>Letter to follow</i>
Thu 15 th Nov	Individual Photographs
Wed 21 st Nov	Multi Sports Festival (Yrs 3 & 4)
Thu 22 nd Nov	Transition Workshop (Yr 2) Parents Evening @ 6pm (Yr 2)
Fri 23 rd Nov	Sleepover (Yr 3) <i>Letter to follow</i>
Wed 28 th Nov	Science Workshop (Yr 4)
Tues 4 th Dec	Flu Vaccinations (Yrs 3, 4 & 5)
Wed 5 th Dec	Christmas Decorations
Mon 10 th Dec	Karate Festival (Yr 3)
Tues 11 th Dec	Christingle (Yr 3) <i>Letter to follow</i>
Fri 14 th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
Sat 15 th Dec	Hi5 Christmas Fayre
Fri 21 st Dec	Christmas Lunch Last day of term

Inset Days 2018/2019

Monday 29th October
Monday 7th January
Friday 21st June
Monday 24th June



New Menu....

