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Dear Parents and Carers,

We can't quite believe that half of the Autumn has passed already! We've achieved so much and celebrated lots of events and learning in such a short period of time – it's no wonder that we're all ready for a break.

May we wish you all a very relaxed week.

Please be reminded that the first day back after half term is an INSET day. The children return to school on Tuesday 30th October.

Best Wishes

Edward Harrison & Odele Davies

Snacks & Lunches

May we thank you all for your continued support in providing your children with healthy food for break and lunch. Unfortunately, there are some children who are bringing chocolate, fizzy drinks, cakes and sweets into school for lunch and break. There are several reasons why we request healthy foods only: it is not only important that children receive a well-balanced diet but a healthy lunch also helps improve concentration and attention levels. This, we're sure you can understand, helps to ensure that your children are able to fully access the curriculum and be successful in their learning.

As a reminder:

Break – please provide fruit only.

Lunches – no fizzy drinks, sweets, cakes or anything containing nuts. Sandwiches should not contain chocolate spread.

Water bottles – water only. No squash.

School Crossing Patrol

After a lot of lobbying the council has agreed that they create a temporary post to cover the crossing patrol on Elm Grove. Unfortunately, there were no applicants. If you know anybody who could take on this important role then please direct them to this link:

<https://careers.newjob.org.uk/HCC/job/Hayling-Island-Casual-School-Crossing-Patrol-HCC4447-HAM/485870901/>

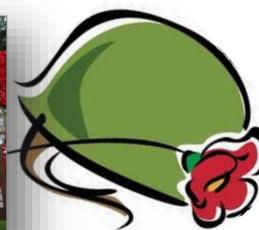
Year 5 Remembrance Centre Trip

This week Year 5 visited the WWI Remembrance Centre in Portsmouth. The children travelled back in time to learn all about the sacrifices made by past generations. They also visited the Poppy display at St. Peter's Church in Northney and it was reported back to us how beautifully behaved and respectful all the children were. Well done Year 5!



St Peter's Church Remembrance Display

St Peter's Church in Northney are currently displaying over 17,000 poppies in tribute to those who died during the First World War. The poppies have mainly been made by people on Hayling Island, but have also come from others around the world. The poppies will be on display until Remembrance Sunday, and will be available for viewing between 10am and 4pm, Monday to Saturday. If you have a spare hour over the half term break, then St Peter's is well worth a visit.



Special Mention Box

For children who have demonstrated respect for others:

**Lyra (Maple), Sarah (Elm), Gerrard (Oak),
Persian (Birch), Samuel (Beech),
Riley (Alder), Amber (Willow), Jasmine
(Chestnut), Sophie (Lime)**



All Things Harvest!

Harvest – What is it and why do we celebrate it?

By Jasmin (Chestnut Class – Year 6)

Harvest is about being grateful for your food and what you have. However, it's also about donating food to the people in need. What's more, people might get to the point where they need help from natural disasters like earthquakes, volcanoes, wars and tsunamis. Our assembly raised awareness about the importance of Harvest. We also collected food to donate to a local food bank.

Harvest Lunch

It was lovely to see so many of you at our Harvest Lunch yesterday. We hope you enjoyed yourselves and your meal, cooked by our new cook: Calpurnia Beatty!



Harvest Assembly

Thank you to all our year 6's for an entertaining and insightful assembly this year. Thanks also to Paul Dennison for joining us and to those year 6 parents, carers and grandparents who were able to celebrate this time of year with us.

Harvest Collection

Wow – what a lot of food! As always we are delighted and overwhelmed by your generosity. The food, we know, will be most welcomed by the Bridge Centre who package the food you donate into parcels to be collected by families who may find themselves in crisis situations. This support is invaluable. Upper School Councillors were also involved in creating this year's Harvest Loaf which looked delicious.



A Picture of the children's Harvest Loaf

Parking – Palmerston Road

Please, please, please if you are picking up children at the normal time, do not attempt to park in Palmerston Road after 3.10pm. It is very unlikely there will be a free space and there then won't be time to find a space in a neighbouring road. Thank you for helping keep the roads around the school clear in the right places so that it is safe for our pupils to cross.

Year 4 Swimming

Year 4 will be starting their swimming sessions on Thursday 1st November at Mill Rythe Junior School. If you have a child in year 4, please make sure they bring in swimwear, a swimming hat and towel each week. For dates and further information visit our 'Virtual Office' on the school website.

Important Dates

Fri 19 th Oct	Last Day of Half Term
Mon 29 th Oct	INSET DAY
Fri 2 nd Nov	Chestnut Class Assembly
Mon 5 th Nov	Portsmouth Dockyard Trip (Yr 5)
Fri 9 th Nov	Remembrance Assembly (Yr 5) <i>Letter to follow</i>
Tue 13 th Nov	Junior Citizen Day Parents Evening (<i>email to follow</i>)
Wed 14 th Nov	Parents Evening (<i>email 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> Non-Uniform Day
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

