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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our upcoming parents' evenings which is a great chance to celebrate all the learning that has been going on. If you haven't had the chance to see the conversion of the old children's centre and new library then please have a look when you come in.

Best Wishes

Edward Harrison & Odele Davies

Parent's Evening

Our parents' evenings next week are a chance to celebrate what your child has achieved already this year and what they are currently working on. We strongly encourage pupils to come with their parents as the meeting is all about them!

Please try and make time either before or after your appointment to have a good look through your child's books and see the pieces of work they are proudest of. There will also be a variety of information stalls set up in the hall to have a look at as well as refreshments available for a small donation.

Governors Need Your Help

We are fortunate in having a strong group of governors, but we always need to recruit more. Our role is a voluntary one. We support and challenge the co Headteachers to ensure that the educational experience the children have is of a high standard. We also make sure that the money the school receives is used wisely and that the school is a safe place for everyone to work in.



A governor has to be interested in families and education and have the abilities to listen, observe and work with others. This is a great way to learn about how children learn, make a contribution to local life, make new friends and attend wonderful school events. If you know anyone in your family, friendship group or acquaintances who has some free time, please talk to them about us and the work we do.

Weekly Coffee Mornings

We are delighted to invite all parents and carers to a weekly coffee morning, starting on Friday 23rd November. This informal drop-in session will be hosted by Mrs Lunnon (our ELSA and home school link worker) and will be a great opportunity to meet and chat with other parents. Refreshments will be provided and the session will run from 8:40am to 9:45am. We hope you can come along!

Swimming

Year 4 had their swimming kits ready to go when disaster struck and Mill Rythe's swimming pool boiler broke down! The work that needs doing to replace it will take a couple of weeks and then the children will get their full amount of swimming lessons. This will mean that 2 of our year 3 classes will now start their swimming lessons part way into the Spring term and the other year 3 class will have their lessons in the Summer.

Year 5 Dockyard Trip

As part of Remembrance, Year 5 children were lucky enough to visit the Portsmouth Historic Dockyard and further their learning about our veteran soldiers. This trip really helped to bring their learning to life and the children also enjoyed time in Action Stations which included rock climbing, assault courses and lots of fun interactive games!



Special Mention Box

For children who have showed lots of resilience in their learning.....

**Alisha (Alder), Olivia (Beech), Layton (Oak)
Will (Lime), Jenny (Maple), Hazel (Willow),
Katie (Birch), Riley (Elm)
Ronnie (Chestnut)**



Exciting news!

Mrs Clements is pregnant with her first baby! I am sure you will join us in congratulating her and wishing her all the best in the exciting year to come. Mrs Clements is due to start her maternity leave from the Easter holidays. In the next couple of weeks, we will be putting out an advert for a teacher to teach her class until she returns at some point in the next academic year.



Musical Achievement!



The Hampshire Music Service has recognised the value Mengham Junior School places on music and nominated us to become a 'Music Mark' School Member. Music Mark is an organisation for schools who make a commitment to quality music education and we're delighted to be a part of it! A huge thank you to Mrs. Emery who has worked hard bringing music into the children's learning.

Roof Building Works

They are still going on but completion is edging closer. Weather dependent, this will be all complete before the end of the month. We can already feel the benefit from the insulation when it's cold outside.

Portsmouth High Taster Day



On Tuesday 13th November Portsmouth High Senior School is hosting a Taster Day for Year 6 girls, looking ahead for entry into Year 7.

The day will run from 9am – 3pm and lunch will be provided. Alongside this, the school are also offering an Open Doors Event from 9am – 11am so that prospective parents can tour the school, see lessons in action and meet with key staff.

If you think your child may be interested please complete the booking form on the school's website www.portsmouthhigh.co.uk or pick up a paper copy from the MJS office. Places are limited so please book as soon as possible.

An Invite to Messy Church!

The Hayling Christian Centre would like to invite parents and children along on Sunday 9th December at 2:30pm to enjoy an afternoon of creativity, celebration and hospitality.

This event is primarily for people who don't already belong to a different church, and will include biblical themed arts and crafts, prayer and song. For more information visit www.haylingchristiancentre.org or take a look at their Facebook Page.

Hard of Hearing Group

For any parents or carers who have hearing loss, you may be interested in a support group which takes place every Monday from 11am-12pm at the Hayling Island Health Centre. For more information just contact Zoe Cox on 07796 620065 or Email: aj.cox@btinternet.com

FOMS Non-School Uniform Day

On Friday 23rd November we will be having a non-uniform day in return for £1 or a bottle of wine. This is to contribute towards our Christmas Fayre 'Wine & Water' stand. Thank you in advance for your kind contributions!

Pompey In The Community

Registered charity Pompey In The Community (PITC) have been helping with our Year 5 curriculum by carrying out weekly PE sessions with the children. PITC run a variety of coaching sessions in the local area including after school clubs – for more information just visit www.pompeyitc.co.uk



Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying Week

On Monday 12th November children can wear odd socks to school to mark the first day of Anti-Bullying week. Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun! It's an opportunity for children to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique!



Important Dates

Tue 13 th Nov	Junior Citizen Day (Year 6) Parents Evening
Wed 14 th Nov	Parents Evening
Thu 15 th Nov	Individual Photographs
Tue 20th Nov	CD Recording (Whole school)
Wed 21 st Nov	Multi Sports Festival (Yrs 3 & 4) <i>Letter to follow</i>
Thu 22 nd Nov	Transition Workshop (Yr 2) Parents Evening @ 6pm (Yr 2)
Fri 23 rd Nov	Sleepover (Yr 3) 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) <i>Letter to follow</i>
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
Thu 20th Dec	Christmas Fayre 3:30 – 4:30pm
Fri 21 st Dec	Christmas Lunch / Last day of term

Inset Days 2018/2019: 7th Jan; 21st Jun; 24th June