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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy new year. We are starting 2019 with all our building work complete. The inconvenience caused by the scaffolding has been well worth it as the school is noticeably warmer in this cold weather and no leaks!

Last term was very busy and the coming term looks very exciting as well. Our website has lots of information that is worth checking out:

1. **Curriculum letters** – These were sent home last week and have year group information about the term ahead. These can be found on the year group pages of our website.

2. **Ofsted report** – This is now available on the Ofsted website as well as a copy on our website.

3. **Gallery** – A new batch of photos have been added for December. We will be adding more in the coming weeks.

Thank you for all your support and communication last term.

Best Wishes

Edward Harrison & Odele Davies

School Run Clubs

The following school run clubs will be starting next week (week commencing 21st January):

- Monday Film Club (finish time 4:15pm)
- Monday Drama Club (finish time 4:20pm)
- Monday Running Club (finish time 4:15pm)
- Monday Cookery Club (finish time 4:30pm)
- Tuesday Cookery Club (finish time 4:30pm)
- Wednesday Art Club (finish time 4:15pm)
- Wednesday Dance Club (finish time 4:15pm)
- Calming Colouring Club (finish time 4:15pm)

Science Club has already commenced this term and will run until Wednesday 3rd April. All other clubs will finish on the week commencing 18th March. If you still need to pay for your child's club please do so as soon as possible!

Allotment Project Volunteers Needed

We would like to setup a raised allotment in our outdoor classroom so our pupils can grow their own vegetables. Last term we applied for a Greggs Foundation environmental grant and have been successfully awarded £2,000 for this project. This will cover wooden sleepers, tools, fertiliser and the first round of seeds.

As a staff we have limited experience with this sort of thing so we are looking for some volunteers to work with us to make this project happen. We need two kinds of volunteer:

1. A team who would be able to help construct and setup the raised wooden sleepers.
2. A team who can offer some regular time to work with small groups of pupils to plant and grow the vegetables (hopefully with some advice as to what would be good to try growing first).

If you or someone you know fits one or both of those categories, then please get in touch. First harvest September 2019?

A Sad Farewell to a Former Governor

We offer our condolences to the family of Tracy Rich, who died just before Christmas. When she moved to Hayling, Tracy quickly volunteered at our school, hearing children read. She became a governor and was then elected Chair. In those three roles, she worked with pupils, staff and governors and her contribution to the life of the school was highly valued.



Special Mention Box

For children who have tried new things and challenged themselves at the start of the year.

**Isobella (Elm); Evie (Maple); Erin (Lime Class);
Summer (Oak); Haydn (Alder); Isaac (Beech);
Alfie (Willow); Jamie (Chestnut);
Callum (Birch)**



Winchester Cathedral

Earlier this week our year 4 classes enjoyed a trip to Winchester Cathedral. The children were taken on a grand tour of the Cathedral and pretended to help King Alfred by illuminating writing and making Anglo-Saxon brooches.



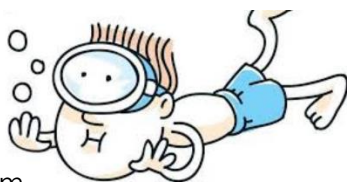
New Crossing Patrol Lady

You may have noticed that a new School Crossing Patrol Officer has been appointed at Elm Grove, making the journey to and from school much safer for our children. Debbie Hawkins has been undergoing her training this week and will be covering the site for the foreseeable future.



Year 3 Swimming

On 28th February our Year 3 children will be starting their weekly swim sessions at Mill Rythe Junior School. These will take place every Thursday and children will need to ensure they have swim kits including towels and swim hats. More info to follow.

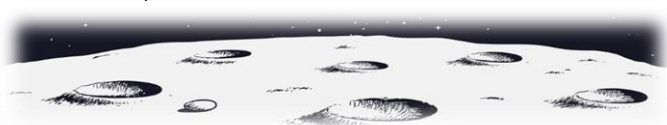


TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS

Information about 'Times Tables Rockstars' will soon be sent out. This is a website we are trialling to replace our existing times table challenge. It has already been trialled with one of our year 5 classes and they gave it excellent reviews!

Upcoming Yr 5 Science Centre Trip

On Friday 25th and Monday 28th January our Year 5 children will be visiting the Winchester Science and Planetarium as part of their 'Space' science topic. Pupils will be exploring the 'universe beyond our reach' so watch this space for a cosmic report of how the trips went!



Christmas Lunch

Lunch times are a little different on the last day of the autumn term. The hall is setup with long banquet style tables and we pull crackers and eat together as classes. Teachers and pupils don their paper hats and proceed to tell terrible cracker jokes. A huge thankyou to our lunch team and governors for making this happen.



Good Luck to our Mathematicians

On Monday 21st January a small group of selected pupils will be travelling to Portsmouth Grammar Junior School to take part in a Year 5 Maths Challenge. Our young mathematicians will be taking part in 6 fun challenges before all getting together for an exciting final round. Good luck to our team!

Relaxation Club

Relaxation Club will be starting again on Thursday 31st January. This will initially be open to years 3 and 4 but may be opened up to other year groups if numbers allow. This club is run by Heather Donaldson, an experienced instructor in wellbeing, so if your child is interested please let the school office know.



Important Dates

Mon 21 st Jan	Monday (school run) Clubs start
Tue 22 nd Jan	Tuesday (school run) Clubs start
Wed 23 rd Jan	Wednesday (school run) Clubs Start
Fri 25 th Jan	Winchester Science Trip (Alder)
Mon 28 th Jan	Winchester Science Trip (Beech)
Tue 5 th Feb	Safer Internet Day (whole school)
Tue 12 th Feb	Butser Farm Trip (Lime)
Wed 13 th Feb	Butser Farm Trip (Elm)
Thu 14 th Feb	Butser Farm Trip (Maple)
Thu 14 th Feb	Geography Trip (Yr 4) <i>Letter to follow</i>
Fri 15 th Feb	Last day before half-term break

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