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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back, I hope you had a lovely half term holiday.

Since our last newsletter, year 5 have been on an exciting residential trip to Fort Purbrook. The overnight stays, that are available to each year group, contribute to our school vision of creating successful learners, confident individuals and responsible members of our community. For many pupils (and parents!) being away from home is a big challenge in itself. This year was the first time the year 5 residential was for 2 nights, something we hope to continue in the future. The year 3 sleepover, year 4 camping and year 6 week long residential are all still to come.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank and congratulate the staff and pupils for making the year 5 residential such a great success.

Best wishes

Edward Harrison

Hi-5 Beach Clean



What can only be described as 'a super parent committee' has been formed, to organise fundraising and events that benefit all 5 Hayling Island schools. The first of these events was a beach clean.

The Year 3, 4 and 6 school learning councillors were honoured to take part in the event on Friday 2nd February. Representatives from each school joined the volunteers on the south west side of Hayling Island beach to collect waste on and around the beach. We were pleased to find that there was not too much litter scattered around, however we still collected an entire bin bag's worth! It was great to get together with the other schools and we look forward to taking part in more Hi-5 events in the future.

The next event is going to be a massive fair at The Hayling College on Saturday 28th April, with stalls and activities from all 5 schools as well as organisations from across the island. Definitely a date for the diary!

Our friends at Gorseway Care Home

We enjoy a close relationship with Gorseway Care Home on Hayling and try to invite their residents along to our many events, such as our annual tea parties and Remembrance assembly. We were thrilled when they asked us if they could raise money for us via their Christmas raffle.



Our school councillors were invited to Gorseway on the last day of half term to collect the cheque. They raised an amazing £80 for us!

Our children were made to feel so welcome and were treated to a feast of cakes! It is so lovely to see the younger generation talking with the older people. They really enjoy the stories that they tell and the memories that they have.

Thank you Gorseway, we hope that our special relationship continues for years to come.

Year 5 Fort Purbrook Residential by Ellie-Rose Treleven



We all had an amazing time on our 2 night residential. It was full of exciting activities; bouldering (a type of climbing), multi games, loads of football, hide and seek, quiz, disco and movie

night! It was an experience I will never forget. Thank you for taking us.

Safer Internet Day by Jasmine Brown Year 5

On Thursday 8th February, we all took part in celebrating how we can keep safe online. Lower school were challenged to make robots that represented the key rules we should remember. Upper school explored what is appropriate to post online. It was a really fun day for us all.



World Book Day



This year, World Book Day is on Thursday 1st March. Children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite character from a book. Please note that this is not a non-uniform day so if the children do not wish to dress as a character, they should come to school in their uniform. Thank you for your support.

Reporting your child's absence

In light of the recent tragic reports in the news, we wanted to highlight our absence reporting procedures.



If a child is not at school and we have not heard from a parent by 9.30am, a text message is sent asking them to confirm the reason for the child's absence.

If we do not hear back from the text within an hour, we phone the first point of contact directly to find out why the child is absent. If we are unable to get through to that person, we will telephone the other contacts on the child's records until we are able to establish that you and your child are safe.

It is important therefore, that you keep us updated with any telephone number changes, plus any changes to your designated contacts. Thank you for your help.

Shrove Tuesday BBC Radio Solent Stars



At the end of half term, we were thrilled to be contacted by Katie Martin from BBC Radio Solent. She wanted to visit us and speak to some of our children about their

understanding of Shrove Tuesday, Ash Wednesday and Lent. The school councillors, along with teaching assistants Sonia Hayes and Amanda Westbrook, made pancakes whilst Katie interviewed them.

Katie thanked us for making them so welcome. They loved the material they recorded from us, describing it as "pure gold"! She went on to say that "the children were an absolute joy to spend time with and their enthusiasm was truly infectious; how lovely to spend the afternoon with such articulate, confident and cheerful people!"

The radio pieces were originally broadcast on 10th and 11th February but can still be listened to via the following links:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p05v45yv>
(at 1.40)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p05v463h>
(at 2.16)

Special mention box...for children who have made a huge improvement in their handwriting. Each child will receive a head teacher pencil.

Katie Horbury, Sia Francis, Oscar Simpson, Luca Chamberlain, Tate Clifton Gosling, Ronnie Benford, Sasha Boulwood, Louie Agius

Online Safety Hints

Agree boundaries. Be clear what your child can and can't do online - where they can use the internet, how much time they can spend online, the sites they can visit and the type of information they can share. Agree with your child when they can have a mobile phone or tablet.

www.internetmatters.org

Mother's Day Lunch Sitings (Weds 7th March)

Year 3: 12.00pm

Year 4 : 12.30pm

Years 5 and 6: 1.00pm



Friday 23 rd February 9am	Year 5 Assembly
Monday 26 th February **new item**	Year 3 visit to library
Tuesday 27 th February **new item**	Years 4 & 5 visit to library
Wednesday 28 th February **new item**	Year 6 visit to library
Thursday 1 st March	World Book Day (children can dress up as their favourite character)
Friday 2 nd March 2.45pm **new time**	Birch Class Assembly
Friday 2 nd March 3.20pm	Charity cake sale
Friday 2 nd March	Year 3 sleepover
Monday 5 th March	Year 6 trip to Paulton's Park
Tuesday 6 th March **new item**	Scholastic Book Fair starts
Wednesday 7 th March	Mother's Day lunch for female carers (sold out)
Friday 9 th March 9am	Year 3 Assembly
Friday 9 th March am **new item**	Year 5 local geography walk
Friday 9 th March	FOMS Mother's Day Gift Event
Friday 9 th March **new item**	Hi 5 beach clean
Friday 16 th March 9am	Willow Class Assembly
Monday 19 th March **new item**	Parents' evening
Wednesday 21 st March **new item**	Parents' evening
Friday 23 rd March	FOMS non uniform day in return for chocolate or £1
Tuesday 27 th March 9am **new item**	Year 5 clarinet concert – parents welcome
Thursday 29 th March 9am - 9.45am Year 3/4 10am - 10.45am Year 5/6	End of term Celebration Assembly (by invitation only)
Thursday 29 th March	FOMS Easter Chocolate Lucky Dip (letter to follow)
Thursday 29th March	Last day of Spring term. School ends at 3.20pm
Monday 16th April	First day of Summer term. School starts at 8.45am