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Dear Parents and Carers,

Despite the cold weather we have managed to get through January without a 'wet break' and made the most of both playgrounds now being open. Having two sittings for lunch has been working well, although I know a lot of pupils will be looking forwards to the warmer weather when they can picnic on the grass again.

Recently various teachers have been working with a whole range of new software/websites that support teaching and learning. The programmes available now are getting very sophisticated, in many cases able to adjust and advise the pupil and teacher based on what answers it receives. These are all primarily for in school use but many can be accessed at home as well. We have added links to these under 'Year X Links' on the year group pages

Best Wishes

Edward Harrison & Odele Davies

Nurse Drop-In Session

On Thursday 21st February the Havant School Nurse Team are offering a healthcare drop-in session between 12pm and 2pm at Park Community School, Middle Park Way in Havant. For further information, please call the Nursing Team on 0300 0030135.

Arts & Crafts at Goresway

Earlier this week some of our pupils visited Goresway Nursing Home to enjoy doing arts & crafts with the residents. Activities like this really help strengthen our links with the community and it looks like fun was had by young and old alike.



Governor News

Sue Lewis, a valued member of our governing body, has now stepped down as Chair of Governors and the role has been taken on by Julie Fraser and Chris Wotton. Sue remains an active governor but we are extremely grateful for all her hard work and dedication as Chair over the past few years. Sue has gone above and beyond to help make MJS the wonderful school it is today.

Congratulations also to Julie and Chris, existing governors who we know will thrive in their new roles.



Sue Lewis (left) has stepped down as Chair of Governors but remains an active member of the governing body. Julie Fraser (middle) and Chris Wotton (right) are now the Co-Chairs of Governors.

Healthy Snacks & No Nutella Please!

We would like to remind all parents, carers and lunch box makers that children are only allowed healthy snacks at break time (ideally fruit or vegetables) and lunch boxes are not allowed to include chocolate spread or Nutella sandwiches. We have a child with a severe nut allergy and we really need to enforce this rule. Thank you for your understanding.

Nutella contains hazelnuts which is dangerous for people with nut allergies



Special Mention Box

For children who have been extra caring to those around them. Please collect a reward pencil from the headteachers office.



**Will (Lime); Clarice (Elm); Ollie (Maple);
Katie (Oak); Persian (Birch); Isobella (Beech);
Amelia (Alder); Anna (Willow);
Finley (Chestnut);**

Sophia's Roman Soup

Last week, Lime Class pupil Sophia carried on her history learning at home by cooking up some delicious soup made using authentic Roman recipes and cooking methods. The soup was enjoyed by her classmates and teaching staff alike so well done Sophia!

Pictured below: A pupil taste testing Sophia's soup....



Winchester Science Centre Trip

Our year 5 children recently visited the Winchester Science Centre and Planetarium and enjoyed two floors of amazing interactive science exhibits. They also got to experience the planetarium which is the largest standalone planetarium in the UK. The centre is open 7 days a week so great if you're thinking of a family day out in this cold weather.



Road Safety

We have been informed that a few of our pupils were seen on the road, not the pavement, when walking down Palmerston road. We have spoken with them in assembly but please help us reinforce the importance of keeping safe when travelling to and from school. On a similar note, can we please remind those who cycle to school (awesome) that they need to wear a helmet.



World Water Day Event

On 23rd March, Inn On The Beach are teaming up with the Royal National Lifeboat Institution to mark World Water Day. They will be raising funds for the RNLI and creating awareness around water safety and also water pollution. This will be a fun, community day with activities such as a surf simulator and water sports taster sessions.

RNLI will be advising on safety and education with life jacket checks, dog walking by water and common kite surfing call outs to keep you safe on water. We are looking at ways to contribute as a school so watch this space!

Pompey In The Community & Portsmouth Water

Year 4 had the opportunity to have Pompey in the Community teach them about the Portsmouth Water system and learnt what they can and can't flush or put down the drain. Did you know if you pour oil down the drain it costs £7.00 to resolve? Following on from the lessons, they had PE sessions outside where they developed their individual and team skills in bench ball and ultimate infinity tag!

Class Assemblies

Class assemblies will be taking place every Friday at 9am from now until the end of term. Please check out Important Dates below for more info.

Important Dates

Fri 1 st Feb	Elm Class Assembly
Tue 5 th Feb	Safer Internet Day (whole school)
Fri 8th Feb	Birch Class Assembly
Tue 12 th Feb	Butser Farm Trip (Lime)
Wed 13 th Feb	Butser Farm Trip (Elm)
Thu 14 th Feb	Butser Farm Trip (Maple)
Fri 15 th Feb	Lime Class Assembly Last day before half-term break
Thu 28th Feb	First Swimming Session (Yr 3)
Fri 1st Mar	Paultons Park Trip (Willow)
Mon 4th Mar	Paultons Park (Chestnut)
Fri 8th Mar	Alder Class Assembly
Thu 14th Mar	Yr 4 Geography Trip (date amended)
Fri 15th Mar	Yr 6 Assembly
Fri 22nd Mar	Oak Class Assembly
Fri 29th Mar	Maple Class Assembly
Wed 3rd Apr	Parent Consultations
Thu 4th Apr	Parent Consultations
Fri 5th Apr	Last day of term

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