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## Newsletter No. 2 (5<sup>th</sup> October 2017)

Dear parents and carers,

We are well in to the first half term now and the children are in full swing! They have been hard at work writing dramatic defeating tales in English and in maths we have seen children working on fractions, algebra, area and perimeter and number! Topics are well under way and children are enjoying finding out about a range of different themes, from the Stone Age and Volcanoes to Ancient Greeks and World War II. Entries for our reading competition have been coming in thick and fast and we have delighted in sharing some entries in class and assembly. There is still plenty of time left for your children to get their entries in though so they needn't panic if theirs isn't in yet!

### Macmillan Coffee Morning

Once again we were overwhelmed by the support and generosity of our fabulous parents. You donated plenty of lovely cakes to sell, it was difficult to choose a favourite! This year we split the morning into two sessions which seemed to work really well. Year 3 provided some entertainment by opening each session by singing 'Believe'. It was so lovely to see



parents and carers in school enjoying a 'cuppa' and a cake with the children. We raised an astounding £600 thanks to you! Well done also to Samuel Hughes who won Guess The Weight Of The Cake. His prize was the scrumptious chocolate cake made by our very own Mrs Hedgcock.

### Volcanic Eruption!

We were excited to welcome the mobile, inflatable Science Dome into our hall again this week. It gave Year 4 the opportunity to explore the science of rocks and volcanoes in an interactive way. The children were transported to the centre of a super volcano via the technology of a rollercoaster simulation!



### Stone Age Stonehenge

Year 3 had a fascinating time on their trips to Stonehenge. All of the children were amazed by the artefacts and evidence on display in the museum and loved pretending to be Neolithic people inside the huts. We even attempted to pull a rock of a similar weight to those on Stonehenge! The highlight of the day however was a bus ride up to the sacred site of Stonehenge itself. It was a real awe and wonder moment for the children, particularly when pondering the question - how? It was a brilliant trip and an excellent start to our History topic 'The Ages of Stone'.



### New staff

A very big welcome to Kirstie Russell who has joined our midday meal supervisor team. Our lunchtime staff endeavour to make lunchtimes a safe and enjoyable experience for all children both in the lunch hall and on the playground.

**WELCOME**

### Nurse Drop-ins



We are very pleased to be able to offer half termly drop in sessions with our school nurse, Nikki Connelly. Nikki is on hand to provide advice on a range of issues such as health, eating, teeth, toileting and many more. If you

have a worry or concern about your child and would like the opportunity to have a chat with Nikki in a safe, informal setting then please contact the school office for an appointment.

### Earrings

If your child wears an earring, please ensure that they keep some tape in their bag to tape them up for PE.



## Car Parking

A reminder that the car park gates are closed at the beginning and end of the day. If you are dropping off or collecting by car, the best place to park is Hawthorne Grove/Poplar Grove and the surrounding area which is at the rear of the school. There are a limited number of spaces outside the allotments in front of our gates but we ask that you do not park/stop in the turning bay. This is required for cars to turn around and if it is blocked this causes congestion in Palmerston Road. We also have a few disabled parents, therefore unless you have a blue badge on display, please do not park in our disabled bays. Your support with this matter is greatly appreciated.



Best wishes

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Acting Co-Headteachers

## FOMS News

**PTA** We are holding our AGM this Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 2.30pm. You are all welcome and we are a friendly bunch. Hope to see you there to discuss fundraising for this academic year.



**Special mention box.....for children who have been successful learners by demonstrating resilience. Each child will receive a headteacher pencil.**

Jack Bartley, Sophia Ripley, Zac Carden, Olivia Cobbold, Lily Snell, Jamie Ford, Oliver Mitchell, Caitlin Shiers



We wanted to make you aware of a free NAS Parent Seminar on Managing Anger on Thursday 23 November from 9.30 to 2.30pm at Fleming Park Bowling Club in Eastleigh.

Managing Anger is one of The National Autistic Society's Autism Seminars for Families which provides information and advice to parents and carers of children (up to the age of 16) who have an autism diagnosis.

Families can book up to two free places on this seminar, which includes one resource pack of useful information, advice and support guidelines per family, light refreshments and a buffet lunch. Admission is by ticket only. Booking is now open and will be on a first come-first served basis.

For full details and to book tickets visit <https://nassouthants.yapsody.com/event/index/153811/managing-anger>

## Harvest Festival

To celebrate harvest festival, we will be holding a food bank collection throughout the week commencing 16<sup>th</sup> October. Donations will be given to The Bridge Centre Food Bank, Hayling Island after our special assembly on 18<sup>th</sup>. Any donations would be gratefully received. Some suggestions for donations are:

- Instant mash potato
- Tinned vegetables
- Tinned tomatoes
- Long life fruit juice
- Tinned fish
- Tinned cold meat
- UHT milk



Unfortunately we cannot accept fresh produce. Thank you!

## Year 4 Swimming



Letters will be sent out nearer the time but Year 4 will start their weekly swimming lessons on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. Please remember to send their swimming costume, towel and a swimming hat in a separate bag each Thursday. If the items could be named as well that would be great!



Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 5 World War II Trips
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> October 9am	Lime Class Assembly
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> October 2.30pm <b>**new item**</b>	FOMS AGM – all welcome
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> October <b>**new item**</b>	Year 6 height/weight check – school nurses
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October <b>**new item**</b>	FOMS Non Uniform Day for £1 or toiletries
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October 9am	Birch Class Assembly
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October <b>**new item**</b>	Years 3 & 4 flu immunisation – school nurses
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Festival Lunch (parents welcome if completed reply slip)
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October 9.00am	Harvest Assembly led by Year 6
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Last Day Of Half Term</b>
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>INSET DAY</b>
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>First day of half term</b>
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 5.30pm – 7pm <b>**new item**</b>	FOMS Disco
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 9am <b>**new item**</b>	Oak Class Assembly
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November <b>**new item**</b>	Year 5 Navy Remembrance Trip
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents' evening
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents' evening
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November 10.45am <b>**new item**</b>	Year 5 Remembrance Assembly
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> November <b>**new item**</b>	School Photographer individual photos
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November 9am <b>**new item**</b>	Willow Class Assembly