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Dear parents and carers

Season's greetings to you all. Coat season is finally here and our pond is covered in a thin layer of ice. Our hall has had a festive makeover and the Mengham post box is in place for Christmas card deliveries.

It was lovely to be able to walk into Mengham with the choir last week to sing at the late night shopping event. All of the Island schools performed together and it created a wonderful atmosphere and put us all in the Christmassy mood! The Lions Club gave all of the children a glow stick to hold while we gathered around for the lighting of the tree.



Upper school have had exciting trips in the last two weeks. It has been great hearing what they have learnt, both trips really brought the learning to life.

Year 5 Planetarium Trip by Joe Gelson & Frank Wotton



On Wednesday 29th November, Year 5 made one small step for us but one big step for our learning. When we arrived at the planetarium, lots of us were scared of the statue of Patrick

Moore next to the door. It looked real! As we sat down in the dome, the seats flew back and made us face the ceiling. Up in the sky (it also looked real) were the stars and planets we had been learning about.

Afterwards, when we ate our lunch, the instructor showed us a film of a girl at the ISS (International Space Station) who gave a tour. When Alder class sneaked in early, Beech class had to leave. We were sad that it was time to go.

Year 6 Parliament Trip by Zino Harrison & Lana Cruickshank

We excitedly jumped on to the coach and began our ride to London. We all enjoyed going through the Hindhead tunnel!

Once we arrived at the Houses Of Parliament and went through security, we took a tour of the building

and watched debates in the House of Commons and the House of Lords. Alan Mak also came to talk to us.

Afterwards we all took a quiz to see how much we had learnt about the Houses of Parliament before setting off on our return journey to Hayling Island. It was a really interesting trip and we all enjoyed going.



Karate Festival by Sophia Ripley

Twelve of us set off in the minibus for South Downs College for the Karate Festival. After a demonstration by the adults we learnt some karate moves such as blocking our faces and the correct foot positioning. We were also told the correct names for each move.



We then did an exercise where the adults were trying to bump into us and we had to try and avoid them. This was to help us be more aware, alert and to react. Two girls then did a demonstration of pretend fighting. Afterwards we were able to wear the karate pads on our hands and have a go ourselves.

We were told that an important part of karate is learning respect for other people and not having the intent of hurting someone. My favourite part of the morning was learning the karate moves. We would like to thank Mrs Easton for volunteering to come along with us!

Christmas Decorations in the Hall

We welcomed nearly 70 parents into school last Friday afternoon to help the children make decorations in class for Mr Brum to hang in our hall. We always love seeing you all and the decorations really make our hall look festive!



Mayor's Christmas Card Competition



You may remember that the children were asked to draw a Christmas design to be sent to the Mayor's office to be judged. The winning entry was to be used as the Mayor's official Christmas card.

We are so excited to announce that out of all of the schools in

the borough of Havant, our very own Hattie Bird won first prize and Livvy Coates was a runner up. They and their parents were invited to the Mayor's Parlour in Havant for a special tea so that she could present them with a prize and congratulate them. Hattie's winning entry also won £50 for the school! Well done girls and thank you to everyone who entered.

RBL Poppy Appeal



Thanks to your incredible support, we as a school raised £196.71 from selling the poppies and related merchandise. Thank you!

We hope to see as many of you as possible at the Christmas Fair on Wednesday 20th at 3.30pm. It should be a fabulous event.

Best wishes,
Odele Davies and Edward Harrison.

Special mention box...for children who have made the best use of D.E.A.R. time (drop everything and read!) Each child will receive a head teacher pencil.

Abigail Adcock-Hart, Lawan Edyvane, Chloe Hobbs, Ellie Hedgeland, Sofia Agg, Nancy Bowen, Brennan Clegg, Jayden Jones

School Uniform

Just a reminder that you can purchase embroidered school uniform via the office. We have a stock of polo shirts, sweatshirts, sweat cardis and PE T-shirts. Ask for an order form if you would like to purchase anything.



Online Safety



Following, the recent news stories relating to the police's increasing concerns about child exploitation

through social media

(<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-42224148>), please do take the time to set up robust parental controls on devices and ensure that you set the passwords and codes so that only you know them.

There is some helpful advice relating to this on Hampshire County Council's website: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/childrenandfamilies/safeguardingchildren/onlinesafety>

If your children are likely to be using the internet, you may find it helpful for them to be aware and to have viewed this website:

https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/5_7/

Helpful advice is also available from the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC) website: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

FOMS News

We received all of your orders for the Christmas cards and gifts and these have now gone home. Thank you to everyone who took part, the designs were lovely and some of the gifts ordered looked very special.



This year FOMS are taking part in two Santa Sleigh walks with the Lions, if you want to get involved in supporting either or both of the walks then please let the office know. Remember also to look out for when the raffle tickets go on sale for the Christmas Fair. There are many fabulous prizes, the top prize is a Samsung tablet!



Friday 8 th December 9am	Alder Class Assembly
Friday 8 th December 2.15-3.00pm **new item**	Open afternoon, all welcome
Monday 11 th December 2pm/6pm	Year 4 Production A Christmas Carol
Tuesday 12 th December 6pm	Year 4 Production A Christmas Carol
Wednesday 13 th December **new item**	Whole school tree planting (bring wellies)
Friday 15 th December 9am	Beech Class Assembly
Tuesday 19 th December 9am	Year 5 African Drum Concert
Wednesday 20 th December 3.30pm	FOMS Christmas Fair
Thursday 21 st December	Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas lunch (pupils only)
Thursday 21 st December 9am	Celebration Assembly (by invitation only)
Thursday 21st December	Last day of autumn term, school ends at 3.20pm
Thursday 4th January 2018	First day of spring term, school starts at 8.45am
Thursday 18 th January **new item**	Oak Class Trip Winchester Cathedral (letter to follow)
Friday 19 th January **new item**	Birch Class Trip Winchester Cathedral (letter to follow)
Wednesday 31 st January **new item**	Year 5 Residential Trip Fort Purbrook
Thursday 1 st February **new item**	Year 5 Residential Trip Fort Purbrook
Friday 2 nd February **new item**	Year 5 Residential Trip Fort Purbrook
Thursday 8 th February **new item**	Last day of half term, school ends at 3.20pm
Friday 9 th February **new item**	INSET DAY – school closed to pupils
Monday 19th February **new item**	First day of half term, school starts at 8.45am