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Dear Parents and Carers

Wow – what a fantastic term we have had here at Mengham Junior School! We've been busy with many exciting events (MacMillan coffee morning, a visiting volcano, Parliament, Stonehenge, Planetarium, tree planting, disco and Remembrance Assembly to name but a few!) and the children also amaze us daily with their confidence, responsibility and successes.

We have recently looked at books across the school and are astounded, by not only the quantity of work completed (a lot!) but by the quality of work being produced. The children have demonstrated that they are resilient learners and that they take great pride in their learning.

Finally, to all of you who celebrate Christmas, may we wish you a very merry one and we hope all of you have a very safe, well-earned break with loved ones.

See you next year!

Odele Davies and Edd Harrison

Year 4 Christmas Performance by Mrs Simac



A huge thank you to the parents for attending our year 4 Christmas performance. We had great fun rehearsing A Christmas Carol and it was lovely to see the children performing with such confidence. The

feedback from all who saw the show, was extremely positive and many commented on the great choice for the songs! Lastly, an even bigger thank you to the amazing Mrs Fletcher for all her hard work preparing the children for the show!

Tree Planting by Miss Richards

On Wednesday 13th December, the whole school grabbed their wellies and with the help of Mr Brum set about planting trees in the school grounds. Each child was able to plant at least one tree, which involved digging, planting and placing a protection guard around the finished product. Despite the adverse weather



conditions, lots of fun was had and we are all looking forward to the finished result!

Pantomime for lower school by Miss Sinclair

We'd like to say a huge thank you to everyone at Mill Rythe Holiday Village for inviting the Year 3 and 4 children to come along to their incredible production of Dick Whittington! The children had so much fun as did the adults, the pantomime was so well put together and hilarious from start to finish. Year 3 and 4 particularly loved joining in with the actors ("He's behind you!") Well done to Omari for winning the dance competition out of hundreds of children!



Christmas Fair

Our Christmas Fair yesterday was a wonderful event with lots going on for the children and adults.

The refreshments stalls were buzzing with activity, whilst the fabulous raffle raised almost £300! Harbour Vets kindly donated a Samsung tablet which was won by Chanel Grace from Oak Class. There were green screen photos being taken, a gift stall and the ever popular wine and water stall. The chocolate tombola seemed very popular, we can't think why! It was a lovely event and gave us the chance to catch up with you all.

The fair raised over £900 which all goes towards the school to be used for the children. Thanks to Julie Fraser for organising, Zoe Robinson and Stacey Grace for their amazing raffle prizes and all of the FOMS volunteers who helped by manning stalls along with the staff. As always it was an amazing team effort.

Choir singing in the community by Molly Fletcher and Lillie May Gaudie

Gorseway Care Home was a great choir experience as was the Co-op and Blossom House. The customers at The Ferry Boat were amazing and the staff even donated their tips to us! We raised a total of £163 towards a defibrillator for the school. We thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and it really got us into the Christmas spirit!



Year 3 Christingle by Miss Slade



The Year 3 children were delighted to be invited to The Hayling College's Christingle service. The service was a very spiritual and festive experience, starting with an introduction from the local vicar, beautiful singing from the Hayling College Glee Club and finishing with the

children holding their lit Christingles all around the edge of the hall. All of the children were so well behaved and learnt a lot about the Christian tradition.



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 11 th January **new item**	School nurse drop in 1pm-3pm (phone us to book)
Tuesday 16 th January **new item**	Lime Class trip to Southsea Synagogue (letter to follow)
Wednesday 17 th January **new item**	Maple Class trip to Southsea Synagogue (letter to follow)
Thursday 18 th January	Oak Class Trip Winchester Cathedral (letter to follow)
Friday 19 th January	Birch Class Trip Winchester Cathedral (letter to follow)
Wednesday 31 st January	Year 5 Residential Trip Fort Purbrook
Thursday 1 st February	Year 5 Residential Trip Fort Purbrook
Friday 2 nd February	Year 5 Residential Trip Fort Purbrook
Thursday 8th February	Last day of half term, school ends at 3.20pm
Friday 9th February	INSET DAY – school closed to pupils
Monday 19th February	First day of half term, school starts at 8.45am

Governor News by Becky Whipp (Vice Chair)

Governors have had an extremely busy term preparing for the Head Teacher recruitment process. Our teaser advert has now gone to press and will be followed in January by the full advert. We have undertaken two evenings of training and prepared a detailed information pack for applicants. Sue Lewis, our chair of governors, has successfully completed and passed her safer recruitment training in line with HCC guidance. In the new year we have another two evenings of training, mock interviews and shortlisting. Interviews are planned for April, ready for a September 2018 start date.



Governors have also completed monitoring visits in school including data monitoring and safeguarding. All governors have also completed IT Safeguarding training. We have carried out questionnaires with both parents and pupils to establish how many of our

children choose to read for pleasure and have looked at the success of the transition process with new Year 3 parents. The results will be reported back early in the new year.

We also have a **vacancy** for a **parent governor**. If you are interested then please contact the school office for details. Thank you.

We would like to thank Mike Elsen for his continued support for our new acting co-heads and to take this opportunity to thank both Mrs Davies and Mr Harrison for a fantastic first term in their new role. I am sure that you will agree that not only have they maintained the high standards of behaviour, teaching and learning at Mengham Junior School but they have worked tirelessly to push the school on to even better things. Well done to you both for doing such an exemplary job.

It just remains for us to wish all staff, parents and pupils a wonderful festive season and to send our best wishes for a happy and healthy new year.

Special mention box...for children who have been nominated for an end of term award. The winners will each win a selection box.

Successful Learners	Autumn 2017
Year 3	
Sophie Brown Daniel Colborne	Evie Benfield Spike Fraser
Year 4	
Liam Hamilton Poppy Butler	Jake Webster Kitty Neville
Year 5	
Jack Mann Connor Williams	Joe Gelson Anna Dzjuba
Year 6	
Charlie Lewis George Dyde	Brennan Clegg Sasha Boulwood
Confident Individuals	Autumn 2017
Year 3	
Charlie Lindop Faith Guinea	Amy Easton Naomi Davies
Year 4	
Amelia Cannon Lucy Rivers	Livvy Coates Albert Robinson
Year 5	
Max Bowen Alfie Corbett	Poppy Wharton Peter Pyatt
Year 6	
Riley Manning Ella Trafford	Kristen Murphy Zino Harrison
Responsible Members of our Community	Autumn 2017
Year 3	
Ella Barnden Henry Philbrow	Jack Bartley Milo Harding
Year 4	
Mutsa Ndovorwi Samuel Hughes	Alexia Psaila James Pangbourne
Year 5	
Amelia Harding Frank Wotton	Jasmin Begum Nicole Rabone
Year 6	
Lillie-Mae Gaudie Mason Boulwood	Sam Spies Bradley Child