



Friday Flyer

7th May 2021

Dear parents & carers,

Over the last few weeks we have seen several small changes in school, which signify the start of what we hope will be a slow return to normality. Children and teachers have been delighted that the tables can finally be moved back into different formations, enabling the range of teaching styles in lessons to be broadened, with a renewed focus on group work.

We have also been able to visit the church for Collective Worship again for the first time in over a year. Many of our Wrens children had not been into the church at all until this week, and children across the school had clearly missed the weekly visits and enjoyed the experience, many commenting on how lovely it was to be back. For me, it feels like the school is gradually moving from being an isolated unit, within its own grounds, to part of the wider community once again.

In addition to this, Class One were able to undertake their annual visit to the bluebell woods – our first school visit since the start of the pandemic. Fortunately, they chose a dry afternoon and enjoyed carefully observing the plants and sketching them in their Art Books.

This half-term has also seen the introduction of some new clubs. We have welcomed Helen Grant on Tuesdays for the very popular French club and Mrs Jan Topping on Mondays for Class 3 Gardening Club. These are in addition to our Football, Sports Multi-Skills, Wild Child, Boppin Dance and Art clubs. We are delighted that we are able to offer such a range of opportunities for the children – the variety of activities on offer is extensive for such a small school.

Last week, Phil Bagge, Computing Adviser for Hampshire Local Authority, led a virtual E-safety workshop for parents. Thank you to those families who were able to join us. I hope you found the session useful. For those who were unable to attend, a copy of the Powerpoint is attached with this week's newsletter.

Finally, you will find included here information about our key end of year events. Please add these dates to your diaries and we will confirm the situation regarding audiences, spectators and timings as soon as we are able.

We are very much hoping, as we move through this half-term, that the weather continues to improve. Our children are never happier than when they are outside, enjoying our beautiful grounds and surroundings, and it is so lovely to see so much outdoor learning going on.

Have a good weekend.

With warmest wishes,

Mrs V Farrow

IMPORTANT DATES & INFORMATION

Friday 21st May

Whole School Outdoor Learning Day

Monday 14th – Friday 18th June

Residential Week Years: 4, 5 & 6

Geography Themed-Olympic Countdown Week: rest of school

Tuesday 22nd June

Class Photos - morning

Thursday 24th June

Sports Day - afternoon

(1st July reserve date in case of rain)

Thursday 9th July

Transition Day

Thursday 15th July

Summer Play - afternoon

Wednesday 21st July

Leavers' Service

Thursday 22nd July

1.30pm Term Ends

Friday 23rd July

INSET Day

What We've Been Up To

A trip to the bluebell woods to welcome in the spring





Pre-School News

Books are firmly embedded within all areas of our pre-school, including the outside space. Our children use books to deepen understanding in their lines of enquiry, to build imagination, to communicate and also for pleasure. Last week, some of our children showed a particular interest in 'Handa's Surprise', a well-loved book about a little girl taking a fruit basket to a friend.

This led to some fantastic opportunities for learning. Our children used props to retell the story, thought of alternative endings, talked about sharing and friendships, used maps and the globe, and explored different types of fruits...the mango proved especially popular. Alec said that it was very juicy and yummy! Unfortunately, the passion fruit was not as popular, with Isidro commenting that it actually looked just like our frog spawn! Oh dear – perhaps not quite the reaction that we were expecting but a great correlation.

Warmest wishes

Gillian Jones

Pre-School Manager

