



Wednesday 23rd October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Harvest Festival- Donations - Friday 25th October @9:30 at the church

On the final day of term (Friday 25th October) we will be having our Harvest Festival in the church, starting at 9.30am. Parents, carers and family members are invited to join us and each class will be taking part. We are once again supporting Beacon House, a local foodbank, and ask children to bring in donations of non-perishable foods on the day, thank you.

Be Bright Be Seen - Monday 4th November

We will return to school next half term on our 'Be Bright, Be Seen' day. The Junior Road Safety Officers (Harry, Shalana, Scarlet and Annabelle) will be leading an assembly on the importance of dressing brightly during the darker months. The children are invited to come in wearing brightly coloured clothes to mark road safety. There will be a catwalk in the hall where they will be able to show their bright outfits off and the JRSOs will be judging the bright outfits for house point prizes!

Children in Need - Friday 15th November

The School Council and Mrs Angio have planned a range of exciting fundraising activities for Children in Need day on 15th November. The children are invited to come in wearing 'Clashing Clothes', will partake in a sponsored Pudsey Mile to see how many laps they can complete in 10 minutes and there will also be a bake sale at the end of the school day. If you are bringing in contributions for the bake sale, please ensure that all ingredients are clearly marked and any tubs/containers you want make are clearly named. Thank you!

Attendance

Our attendance rate is hovering slightly below national at 95.5% (compared to national of 95.8% and Local Authority of 96.3%). I know that we've had an increase in pupils off with illness over this last week and am confident that with a good rest over half term, our attendance will improve throughout Autumn 2 and be back up above our target of 96%.

A big congratulations to Ospreys class who has the highest attendance over the last 2 weeks!

You will be receiving your child's attendance summary sheet for the first half term at the beginning of next half term. If you are concerned about your child's attendance and need any support in helping to raise it, please do not hesitate to contact me to see how we can work together.

Online Safety

A few of our children have been discussing Momo, an online 'challenge' that has been around for a while and resurfaces at times. I would like to reassure parents that it has not been viewed here at school but some children did see a trailer for a Halloween movie that upset them. I am working with our IT company to see how it has got through our school filters but in the meantime want to praise the children for doing the right thing in talking to an adult when they saw something upsetting. I have also attached some parental guidance with regards to Momo and there are transferrable messages about how to talk to children if they see something upsetting online.

Parent Courses

Please see the attached leaflet from FACE that is advertising their most recent range of courses to support parents.

Parent Surveys

Thank you to all those of you who attended our most recent Parent Evening sessions and completed a school survey. If you were unable to complete a paper copy, please use this [link](#) to complete an online copy. We use your answers and suggestions to further improve our school and thank you for the time taken to complete one.

Hambledon Pre-History

Last Friday, Owls and Ospreys were invited to attend the Hambledon History Society's exhibit on Hambledon's Pre-History. The children were able to talk to local historians as well as view and handle artefacts all found locally. They were very impressed with the range of finds and the historians were very impressed with the questions from the children.



Poetry Recital

This half term, as part of National Poetry Day, the school took part in a Guinness Book of World Record attempt to have the largest number of pupils taking part in a live poetry lesson. It was led by poet Laura Mucha and involved schools from all over the country. The evidence has been sent off and I will let you know when we hear the results. As part of this, the children wrote their own poems and last week a small group was selected to read their poems at the monthly Soup Lunch Club at the church. The poems were very well received and the members of the Soup Lunch Club also commented on what wonderful vocabulary and handwriting the children had, how brave they were to read their poems out loud and what interesting concepts they covered in their poems. Well done to Elsie-Rose, Scarlett, Johnny, Theo, Joel and Henry B for sharing their poems! A second group will be heading to the Village Hall after half term to share theirs to another group of Hambledon residents.



PSHE Workshops

Last week, Harold the Giraffe and Michele from SCARF (our PSHCE scheme), came to visit the school with their inflatable classroom. Each class had a workshop related to an aspect of PSHCE (Personal, Social, Health, Citizenship Education) and learned a lot about how to keep their bodies healthy - both physically and mentally.



Wrap Around Care

I am very pleased to announce that our afterschool wrap around care will be starting on Monday 11th November 2024. Active Me 360 will be providing the care and there will be 2 sessions available - 3:15pm-4:30pm and 3:15pm -6pm Monday to Friday. The 3:15pm-4:30pm slot will offer two after school clubs covering a range of activities such as football, dodgeball, cricket, cold cooking, arts and crafts, science and nature and more! Further information will be coming out towards the end of the week on prices and how to book.

PE Days

Next half term, PE days will be:

Robins: Thursday (Active Me 360) and Friday (CM Sports)

Kingfishers: Thursday (Active Me 360) and Friday (CM Sports)

Owls: Wednesday (Active Me 360) and Friday (swimming)

Ospreys: Mondays (Mrs Styles) and Wednesdays (Active Me 360)

Please ensure your child comes in wearing their PE uniform on the appropriate days - and if in Year 3/4, have their swimming things ready on a Friday!

Secondary School

If your child is in Year 6, secondary school applications opened on 9th September and close on 31st October 2024. More information can be found on the Hampshire Admissions page.

Year R 2025

Applications for children starting in Year R in September 2025 open on 1st November and close on 15th January 2025. We have a series of open morning tours and bookings for these can be made via the School Office.

Wishing you all a safe, happy and healthy half term and I'm looking forward to seeing all of our pupils, along with 4 new starters, back ready for Autumn 2 on Monday 4th November.

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Ms Adrienne Corr
Headteacher

Key Dates Autumn 2 2024-2025

These will be added to so please check the bottom of the newsletter regularly!

Friday 25th October - Harvest Service at the Church time tbc. All families can join. Foodbank donations to come in to school. Donations for Beacon food Bank.

Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November - HALF TERM

Monday 4th November- Be bright, Be seen day- children to come dressed in colourful bright clothes.

Friday 8th November - Swimming starts for Year 3/4

Monday 11th November - Afterschool Club starts - more information to follow

Friday 15th November - Children in Need Day

Tuesday 19th November - Osprey Parent Evening

Thursday 21st November - Osprey Parent Evening

Wednesday 27th November - Flu Vaccinations

Tuesday 10th December - Owls Ukulele concert to parents @1:00pm

Thursday 12th December - Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 13th December - Christmas Shop

Monday 16th December - Nativity (Yr R-2) @2:00pm

Wednesday 18th December - Nativity (YrR-2) @ 9:15am

Thursday 19th December - Christmas Carols (Yr3-6) @9:15am

Thursday 19th December - Christmas Fair (in classes) 2pm-3pm

Thursday 19th December - Friends Film Night

Friday 20th December - Whole School trip to the Pantomime

Friday 20th December - term ends at 3:15pm

Monday 6th January - Spring Term starts

School Holidays dates can be found here: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schoolholidays>

INSET Days for 2025

Friday 14th February

Monday 24th February

Monday 30th June