



Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Jeans for Genes



Thank you to all that supported this worthwhile charity while having some fun and wearing jeans for the day! It was lovely to see the school community raise awareness for the work this charity does and they appreciate the donations made. If anyone is still needing to donate, the link is

<http://www.justgiving.com/jeansforgenesday23888>.

### National Grandparents Day

To celebrate National Grandparents Day on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October, we would like to invite as many grandparents in as possible (or another family member if they are not available) to start off our 'Read with Me' sessions this year on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October**. These are sessions where you are invited to come into school and share an aspect of the curriculum with the children. This one will be a chance to share stories from drop-off to 9am.



### Attendance

School attendance, as always, is a focus for our school this year as last year our absence rates were higher than national absence rates. I am very pleased to see that we have started the school year off well and currently above national attendance rates (95.5% compared with 94.1%). This is a great start, however our aim this year is to be 96% or higher as strong attendance is directly linked with stronger academic achievements as well as contributing to increased sense of belonging and strong social relationships. A big congratulations to Ospreys Class who has the highest attendance over the last 2 weeks!

We have started to see some autumn colds, coughs and the like make themselves known. Your child is able to come to school with a cough or cold and is only advised to stay home if they have a temperature. More advice can be found on the NHS website <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>.

Please also see the accompanying leaflet 'Good School Attendance Guide'.

### Collecting Pupils

A reminder that we can only let pupils go with identified adults - if it is not you collecting your child, please make sure the Office know or write it in the diaries yourself (located in the front entrance) so whomever is dismissing the class is aware. We dismiss the children one at a time for safety reasons so please be patient while this is happening. If you need to make a quick getaway, encourage your child to ask to be at the front of the line in order to help with this.

### Breakfast Club

Please remember that this starts at 7.45am and we ask that all adults dropping children off wait with their child(ren) until then. We do have spaces available in our Breakfast Club - please contact the Office to find out more about booking spaces.

### Pupil Information

Our School Census is taking place on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2024. It is important that we have the correct information regarding your child. If you believe they would be considered Service, Looked After, Previously Looked After or Eligible for Free School Meals, please let us know. Free School Meal pupils benefit from more than simply school dinners so even if your child is in Year R-2, it is important to register them as such. Further information can be found via <https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/freeschoolmeals/juniorsecondary>

### Census Day

As mentioned above Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October is our School Census Day. The lunch menu for this day is attached. Please encourage your child to take a school meal on this day, especially if they are in Years R, 1 and 2 as this directly impacts the level of funding we get as a school that benefits all of our pupils - the difference can mean thousands of pounds. We are more than happy for your child to bring a packed lunch on this day to have as 'back up' should they not like the meal that day and/or you are worried about them not eating enough. We will be running our usual spot prizes again so remind your children to look out for them. Prizes include book tokens, non-school uniform days, and other goodies from Miss Corr's box of prizes!

As a result of the change of menu on Census Day please note that there will also be changes on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October. They are as follows: -

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October - Bubble Salmon or Vegetable Lasagne. Pudding - Banana cake**

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October - please see attached flyer**

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October - Roast Beef or Vegetable Wellington. Pudding - Jam coconut sponge**

### Anxiety

Children and adults of all ages experience anxiety from time to time. It is important to normalise worry as being part of a range of human emotions. Some people are able to vocalise their worries which will allow others to support them. For others, even being able to identify that they are feeling anxious is hard and so being able to express and communicate this to others can be a real challenge.

Below are some useful links and suggested books which can offer support and guidance along with the Children and Adult Mental Health website which is <https://hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk/>. This website offers a range of useful resources, strategies, videos etc aimed at both your people and their carers.

<b>For young people:</b>	<b>For parents/ carer:</b>
<a href="http://www.moodjuice.scot.nhs.uk">www.moodjuice.scot.nhs.uk</a> <a href="http://www.youth.anxietybc.com">www.youth.anxietybc.com</a> <a href="http://www.getselfhelp.co.uk">www.getselfhelp.co.uk</a> <a href="http://www.youngminds.org.uk">www.youngminds.org.uk</a> Morris and the Bundle of worries by Jill Seeney What to do when you worry too much by Dawn Heubner Up and down the worry hill by Aureen Pinto Wagner	<a href="http://www.worrywisekids.org">www.worrywisekids.org</a> <a href="http://www.childrenwithanxiety.com">www.childrenwithanxiety.com</a> <a href="http://www.youngminds.org.uk">www.youngminds.org.uk</a> Help your anxious child: A step by step guide for parents by Ronald Rapee Overcoming your child's fears and worries by Cathy Creswell and Lucy Willetts Overcoming your child's shyness and social anxiety by Cathy Creswell and Lucy Willetts Worries no more: Help and hope for anxious children by Aureen Pinto Wagner

### Governors

We have a space on our Governing Body for a Parent Governor along with Co-opted Governor spaces available. Please contact Mrs Slaney on [governing.body@hambledon.hants.sch.uk](mailto:governing.body@hambledon.hants.sch.uk) for further information.

### Online Safety

Please read the attached resource for some top tips on managing screen time.

### 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.

Best wishes,

*A. Corr*

Ms Adrienne Corr  
Headteacher

### **Key Dates Autumn 1 2024-2025**

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

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October - School Census Day

W/B 7<sup>th</sup> October - Y5/6 Bikeability

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October (after drop off till 9am) - Read with Me for Grandparents (or other family members if Grandparents are not available!)

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October - KS2 to visit Hambledon Pre-History Exhibit in the Village Hall

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October - Parents Evening for all year groups

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October - Parents Evening for Years 3-6

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October - Parents Evening for Years R-2

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October - Harvest Service at the Church time tbc. All families can join. Foodbank donations to come in to school.

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

### INSET Days for 2025

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June