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Dear Parents and Carers,

Parents evening consultations

It was great to see so many parents 'virtually' at last week's consultation meetings, with over 91% attendance confirmed across the school. Your child's class teacher will have shared with you how your child has settled in and progressing this term. We know that that a small number of parents were unable to attend and staff are happy to arrange a time for a phone call. Overall, the Teams video calls seemed to have worked very effectively so well done to you all for adapting to this.

Values and Art competition

The School Council and I met recently and as part of a whole school homework challenge, we would like pupils across the school to design and create artwork reflecting one of our core values of Love, Hope or Justice. Alternatively, children can choose to write a poem about a value and illustrate that. Please ensure that this art homework is presented on A4 paper with your child's name and class written clearly on the back.

We look forward to viewing the art and judging with the School Council. It will form part of a school exhibition. The deadline is Monday 9th November so put your imagination and creativity into action! Prizes will be awarded to the best art work in each class.



Flu Immunisations

Just a reminder that these take place at the School on Wednesday 4th November. You will have already been sent a letter, with a link, asking you to register your child if you would like them to have this vaccination. Please make sure you do this by **Monday 2nd November**. Thank you.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

From 4th – 6th November, children will have the opportunity to buy poppies and other items in their classrooms. A donation of 50p for poppies is suggested and other items, such as rulers for £1.00.



Nightshelter – thank you

The School has received a lovely letter from the Nightshelter

On behalf of everyone here at Winchester Church Nightshelter, I would like to thank you, the staff, and your pupils and their parents for the extremely generous Harvest Festival donation that we have received. We so appreciate this support given in such a challenging year, since lockdown we have been open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and continue to provide a vital temporary home where our residents have been able to stay safe during the pandemic.

The food that is donated at Harvest is carefully stored and lasts us for many months, saving hundreds of pounds on our food bills. Across the year we serve approximately 12,000 healthy and nutritious meals to our residents. The Nightshelter is home to many people, from all walks of life, with different backgrounds, stories and experiences. Food is our common ground, a universal experience. Alleviating hunger is the first step, enjoying food together is the next.

As well as providing sustenance for our residents, the donations also enable us to give food parcels to those moving from the Nightshelter into their own home. This can be a crucial lifeline for many who can struggle financially when they leave us.

As you might know, the Nightshelter has access to two properties, which accommodate another eight residents as a step towards independent living. One house is rented and the other has been purchased by us, and this brings the number of people directly supported by our organisation to

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seventeen, which considerably increases our food consumption. We are looking to increase the numbers of beds we can provide and will keep you updated.

Thank you again for your kind donations, we can only achieve all that we do thanks to people like you believing in and supporting our work. Together, we really are changing lives.

Information from the office:

Primary Times

The Primary Times magazines have arrived containing lots of interesting reading and things to do for the children over the half term break. The children will be bringing them home in their book bags this week.

Dinner menus and accounts

As mentioned in our last newsletter, after half term, our dinner menus will be changing. The children will still have a meat or vegetarian option to choose from (see attachments).

Please may we ask that if your child is having a school dinner, you continue to top-up their account on Scopay in advance. With the school spending a significant amount on additional cleaning and other materials during this time, we do not have spare funds in the budget to subsidise accounts in arrears.

Google Classroom

A reminder to parents for pupils to login as teachers have been setting homework activities on the classroom.

Christmas trees

As the PSCA are unable to do their usual fundraising events at the present time, please see the attached letter about ordering a real Christmas tree from a local farm.

School drop off and pick up timings

Due to the staggered timings we currently have in place, please make sure that your children are dropped off and collected at the allocated times below. Each class needs to be collected promptly at the end of the day to allow for the next class to be dismissed.

Years R/1/2/3	– start 8.45am to 9am
Years 4/5/6	– start 8.35am to 8.45am
Wrens	– collect between 2.50pm – 2.55pm
Puffins	– collect between 2.55pm – 3pm
Owls	– collect at 3pm
Robins	– collect at 3.05pm
Kingfishers	– collect at 3.05pm

Thank you for your cooperation.

Change in weather

Please can you make sure all children have a named waterproof coat, so that they can all participate in outdoor activities, whatever the weather.

Screen time advice

With half term upon us, please find attached some useful information on screen time and setting parental controls.

Living the Values Awards

Children who have been recognised for living the school values of Love, Hope and Justice by demonstrating virtues such as respect, service, compassion, kindness, courage, and fairness. Well done to:



Ally C	Otilie A	Cressida G
Harriet N	Max H	Gabriel R
Isabella VB	Harry R	Harry V
George W		

Building Learning Power (BLP) Awards for demonstrating **Resilience, Reflectiveness, Resourcefulness and Teamwork in learning.**



Jessica P	Bartie J	Felix C
Lila O	George A	George E
Ted W	Zach C	Joseph G
Annie R		

We wish everyone an enjoyable half term break. Please remember that Monday 2nd November is an Inset day, so the school will be closed to pupils. We look forward to seeing the children again on Tuesday 3rd November.

With best wishes.

Mrs. Simrit Otway
Headteacher

Inset days

Three dates for Inset days for the next academic year are confirmed as follows, with one further day to be confirmed.

Dates for your Diary

Inset days:

Monday 2 November 2020

Monday 4 January 2021

Friday 23 July 2021

A list of 2020-2021 Hampshire school dates, including half term holidays, Christmas and Easter, can be found on the school website as well as on the Hampshire w

