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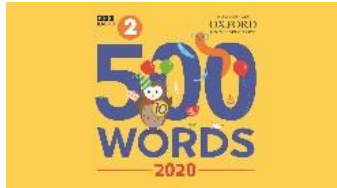
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Dear Parents and Carers,

500 words 2020 BBC Story Writing

We are encouraging the children to participate in the BBC story writing



competition. This is a fantastic opportunity to get your creative thinking hats on and have a go at writing a story within 500 words. Have a look at the BBC website for more information. All entries must be in by Thursday 27th February and it is open to children aged 5 -13.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/4n1HgL2GFCWDMctq9Sx5kKB/500-words-2020>

Site access at beginning of day

May we kindly remind parents that they are responsible for their children before and after the school day at 3pm. School begins at 8.45. We have organised appropriate staff supervision for pupils ten minutes earlier, at a cost to the school. This provision is a courtesy and allows the children enough time to gradually arrive. The mag locks on the gates are unlocked at 8.35 each morning.

Camera Phones

We have a strict policy that we do not allow visitors (including parents) to take photographs anywhere on school premises with their cameras or phones, unless permission is given by the headteacher. Please bear this in mind when you attend 1-1 consultations, events and during pick up and collection.

Fairtrade Fortnight

After February half term, we will once again be participating in Fairtrade fortnight. This will be a cross curricular project that will open up the learning for pupils to find out about people and places from



across the world. We look forward to sharing the children's learning with you.

Safety on the roads

We have had concerns raised by members of the local community about the standard of driving by parents picking up children from the school. Please be mindful of the speed limits and of the condition of the roads, particularly when there is ice. A member of the public reported to the school that a parent was flashing lights and driving far too close to her bumper along the road all the way to the school.

Bikeability

Last week Year 6 took part in Bikeability where they learnt valuable skills in how to cycle independently on the roads and the highway code.

"Year 6 have really enjoyed doing Bikeability. At the start, we learnt how to check our bike, which was called an 'm' check. First, you check the front tyre to check it has enough air and ensure the bolt on the wheel is secured tightly. Then, you had to go up to the handle bars and check they were not loose, whilst we were checking the handle bars, we pressed the brake and moved the bike accordingly to see if the brakes were in good working condition. Then, we went down to the pedals to check they were secure and would not fall off. After that, we checked to see if

our bike seats were the right height for us. Finally, we checked the back tyre like we did the first.



We learnt the highway code right at the end, which was

Love Hope Justice



very fascinating. We felt this course was extremely fun and we learnt a lot about how to stay really safe when cycling on the roads. At times, we had to show a lot of courage because there were other cars coming down the road at the same time but it allowed us to overcome our fears. We will always remember the four main points of cycle safety which are: observation, priority, signalling and position.” From Edward and Charlotte (Year 6)

The Bikeability team who worked with the children had some wonderful comments. “Thank you so much for a wonderful week, the children were polite and their manners were fantastic. It was a pleasure for the 4 days and the school made us so welcome.”



Playtime snacks

Pupils in Key-Stage 1 receive a free piece of fruit during the morning. Pupils in Key-Stage 2 should not bring in crisps, chocolate bars or snacks containing nuts. Healthy snacks such as fruit or vegetables only please.

After school snacks

We noticed last term that some children are missing the first part of after-school clubs due to time spent eating snacks. Many of the children have their lunch as late as 12:45 and should not need a snack as clubs finish at 4pm.

If your child has a medical need that requires them to have food between meals, please contact us. Children may, of course, have a drink before and during clubs. Here is some NHS guidance on healthy snack ideas after school.

After-school ideas

Fight the 4pm tummy rumbles with:

- crackers topped with lower-fat cheese
- a scotch pancake
- a crumpet
- plain rice cakes
- chopped veg with lower-fat hummus
- bread or toast with lower-fat spread
- plain popcorn
- fresh or tinned fruit



Holocaust Memorial day

During collective worship this week the children were incredibly thoughtful when we discussed Holocaust Memorial Day saying that we should be brave and speak out when we see injustice. We all have a duty not to accept intolerance in any form.

We are an inclusive school community and welcome children and families of all backgrounds, whatever their faith, ability, social or economic background. We are proud of what we achieve for the children. In this school, we strive to live by our values and show consideration and respect for others.

As headteacher, I regularly liaise with PC Reid, the Local Authority, Children’s Services, Family Support, the Governing Body as well as members of the local community, pupils, parents and headteacher groups. So, I have the privilege of having a broad perspective of current school, local and wider issues.



**HOLOCAUST
MEMORIAL
DAY 27/1**

The collective worship earlier this week led me to reflect on a number of concerns over the last year. I feel it is important to clarify that by choosing to send your child to our school, you also choose to support our values. Equity and inclusivity are a fundamental part of our school.

We teach our children not to be bystanders and to have the courage to challenge when they see or hear others being treated badly. As adults, the way we conduct ourselves is vital in setting a good example to impressionable children who, from time to time, repeat what they have seen and overheard. No one should behave in a way that demeans someone else's dignity or reputation. We teach the children to treat others as they would like to be treated and show consideration and respect for others.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child, please speak to the class teacher in the first instance or to the headteacher. If you have a concern about any adult, please speak to the headteacher.

Mrs Otway and Mrs Taylor are the Designated Safeguarding leads in the school if you have safeguarding concerns that a child may be at risk of harm.

A prayer for Holocaust Memorial Day : January 27th 2020 from the Diocese.

Dear God

We thank you that we live in a safe country where we can be ourselves without being hurt by others.

Today we especially remember people who suffered in the Holocaust, or have been hurt by others just because they are hated for being themselves.

We pray that they may feel brave because you love and care for them.

Please give us the courage to stand together when we know things are wrong.

We pray that people who are filled with hatred, especially against Jewish people, may have a change of heart and show kindness in the world instead.

We ask all this in Jesus' name.

Amen

Living the Values Awards

Well done to the following 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.



James S	Felix C	Vinnie J
Rio C	Alfie D	Sophie CN
Oscar M	Talia F	Logan LH

February Happiness Calendar

Finally, please see attached a 'Friendly February' calendar with some daily actions we can all implement to bring happiness to others and improve relationships.

We look forward to seeing you at the I-I consultation day in February.

With best wishes

Mrs. Simrit Otway
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

Weds 5th February – School nurse team visit – Year R
17th – 21st February – Half Term

Friday 7th February (3.30-5pm) – Cross Country at Perins for KS2

24th Feb – 6th March – Fairtrade Fortnight

Inset days:

12th February – I-I consultations

24th February

20th April

22nd July

A list of 2019-2020 Hampshire school dates, including half term holidays, Christmas and Easter, can be found on the school website as well as on the Hampshire website.



ACTION CALENDAR: FRIENDLY FEBRUARY 2020



SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



"People forget what you said and what you did. But they never forget how you made them feel" - Maya Angelou



2 Ask a friend what good things have happened to them recently

3 Do something supportive and friendly for your colleagues

4 Notice the good qualities of everyone you meet today

5 Get in touch with an old friend you've not seen for a while

6 Thank someone and tell them how they made a difference for you

7 Show an active interest by asking questions when talking to others

8 Say friendly things to people who work in your local shop or cafe

9 Put away digital devices & really focus on who you're with

10 Try to involve others and invite them to join your conversations

11 Smile at the people you're with and try to brighten their day

12 Send an encouraging note to someone who needs a boost

13 Be kind especially when your first instinct is to be unkind

14 Tell loved ones why they are so special to you

15 Make an effort to have a friendly chat with a stranger

16 Call a friend to catch up and really listen to them

17 Respond positively to everyone you meet today

18 Look for the good side when other people frustrate you

19 Tell a loved one about their strengths that you value most

20 Actively listen to what people say, without judging them

21 Give sincere compliments to three people you meet today

22 Make a plan to meet up with others and do something fun

23 Take time to speak with a neighbour and get to know them

24 Do an act of kindness to make life easier for someone else

25 Make positive comments to as many people as possible today

26 Thank three people you feel grateful to and tell them why

27 Share what you're feeling with someone you really trust

28 Be gentle with someone who you feel inclined to criticise

29 Make uninterrupted time for your loved ones



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