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Dear Parents and carers,

Parent Consultation Evenings

It was good to see our families at the Parent Consultation meetings this week. We hope you enjoyed looking at your child's books and that the meeting with your child's teacher was informative in understanding your child's progress, strengths and next steps in their learning.

Children's Mental Health Week- 'Let's Connect'

This year's theme is about 'Let's connect' and we have been encouraging everyone to connect with others in healthy, rewarding and meaningful ways. When we have healthy connections to family, friends and others – this can support our mental health and our sense of wellbeing. Please find below a useful link, which will help support you and your children.

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/about/>



Attendance

We appreciate that at this time of year, we have had various seasonal illness and hope that improves as we move into spring.

Congratulations go to Kestrels Class for their overall attendance this half term! Good school attendance is vital to academic achievement. We will be entering the second half of the school year and it is a time when pupils will be building upon and applying their prior learning in new scenarios more independently.

We also have end of year assessments across the school in May/June so no absences will be authorised unless absolutely exceptional. Every session of learning makes a difference. Please arrange to speak to the Headteacher if you are considering an extended leave of absence for any reason other than for medical appointments. As a school we strive for attendance to be above 96%.

Class	Present %
Wrens	89.9%
Kites	95.6%
Kestrels	97.3%
Robins	96.8%
Kingfishers	94.9%

Action for Happiness

Please find attached the Friendly February Calendar, which gives ideas and suggestions of acts of kindness, especially with half term next week.

Fairtrade

27th Feb-12th March is Fairtrade fortnight!

We have invited a speaker from Fyffes bananas after half term to talk all about bananas and Fairtrade projects.

The children will be using the fortnight as an opportunity to do some interconnected learning involving geography, maths, English and citizenship.



Love Hope Justice

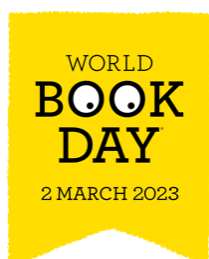


We will be holding another Fairtrade tuck shop after half-term – this will now be on Tuesday 28th February, not Monday 27th as original planned. If your child would like to purchase a snack at morning break time – kindly ensure they come to school with some change in a named envelope or purse. Items are only 50p each.



World Book Day

World Book Day this year takes place on Thursday 2nd March and to help celebrate, the children are welcome to come into school dressed as a character from a book on this day if they want to. Parents should not feel they have to spend lots of money on expensive costumes. There are many creative and affordable ideas online.



Pupils can also bring in their favourite book or a book that has really inspired them to share with others on the day.

Please also encourage your child to carry on reading and completing the Story wings reading activities in order to earn their wings.

Cross Country Event @ Perins School

On Monday, eight children from Years 3 to 6 went along to represent our school at an after school cross country event at Perins. The runners ran a 2km course around the Perins field. For some, this was their first experience at representing our school in an event and for the majority, it was their first experience of cross-country.

There were a total of 174 runners across the three age groups from schools across East Hampshire at this event.

Four of our runners finished in the top 10 for their year groups events - Freddie W, Poppy Olivia and Lily.

The top 12 boys and top 12 girls from the Year 5 and 6 races will go on to represent East Hampshire

at the County Cross Country Final on Tuesday 7th March at Down Grange, Basingstoke.

A big well done to everyone who took part, also to Lily who qualified for the next stage in March!

PE Kits

Your child's PE kit will be coming home this week for a good wash – please make sure it returns with your child on the first day back after half-term. All items of clothing should be named and it would also be worth making sure your child has sufficient items in their PE bag for all weathers – especially at the moment, when it is cold outside.

After School Clubs

These will be continuing directly after half-term, with new courses for Dance and Tag Rugby available to book online at the following address:-

www.sports-xtra.com

Please make sure your child has their PE kit back at school if they are taking part in an after-school sports club.

Building Learning Power (BLP) & Leader in Me (7 Habits) Awards

Freddie He	Octavia C	Talia F	★ ★ ★
Frankie G	Logan LH	Lila O	
Harry P	Anhelina D	Theo M	
Sophie L	Leo N	Zahra B	
Sophie CN	Clemmie C	Annie R	
Marnie AS	Walter F	Beau G	
Teddy P	Alice R	Imo R	
Jack W	Emma W		

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.

Cressida G	Harrison A	Austin H	★ ★ ★
Maddie CN	Lily J	Milo LB	
Hatty N	Scarlett S	Nikita N	
Mia K	Feranmi E	Max He	
Olive M	Charlie E	Gabriel R	
Violet S	Phoebe S	Fergus Re	
Jonty A	Charlotte C	Freddy Fo	
Ivy G	Savanna C	Eloise P	

We hope you all have an enjoyable half term. I look forward to seeing everyone ready for some superb learning in the second half of the spring term.

Best wishes

Mrs Simrit Otway
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

20th February – Fyffes Fairtrade visit to school
28th February – Fairtrade tuck shop
27th Feb – 10th March – Fairtrade Fortnight
2nd March – World Book Day
WC 13th March – STEM week
17th March - Kestrels celebration of learning
24th March – Kites celebration of learning
3rd – 14th April – Easter Holidays
27th April – Wrens Milestones trip
8th May – Bank Holiday for Kings Coronation
8th – 11th May – KS2 SATS (Yr 6)
WC 5th June – Year 4 multiplication check
WC 12th June - Year 1 phonics check

2022/2023 Inset Days

Friday 10th March 2023

Friday 21st July 2023

A list of 2022-23 Hampshire school dates, including holidays can be found on the school website.