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Dear Parents and carers,

Thank you for your kind messages and notes congratulating the school following the Ofsted Inspection.

Fairtrade – Fyffes Bananas!

As part of Fairtrade Fortnight this half term, we were pleased to have a special visitor from Fyffes. Pupils learnt about how Fairtrade bananas are produced and the journey they embark on to get to our shops. Our Fairtrade Reps took an active role in the assembly, alongside a few other helpful volunteers, to demonstrate the production process and the benefit of buying Fairtrade to the farmers.



Visit to village community shop

Year 5 children went to the local village shop to do a Fairtrade treasure hunt. We were organized into two teams and we worked our way around the store to find some Fairtrade items.



Robins and Kingfishers then had a follow-up workshop in which the idea of 'fairness' and 'equality' was explored in more detail through practical demonstrations. We all very much enjoyed Roger's visit and learnt lots about Fairtrade from this experience.



We are grateful for the donations of sugar, chocolate, flowers and tea from the Candover Valley Stores.

Year 5

Fairtrade Tuck Shop

We had another successful tuck shop this week and a combined total of £83.38 has been raised from both tuck shops run in February. Our thanks again to our school cooks, who baked some delicious cakes and biscuits for the sale. Monies raised from the sales will go towards Fairtrade items for the school.

Love Hope Justice



World Book Day

Last Thursday, the whole school dressed up for World Book Day. We had a mixture of costumes, ranging from a classroom of crayons, "the twits", Marvel and Disney characters. Everyone had a great time – thank you to everyone for the effort and time put into making the children's costumes.



Red Nose Day for Comic Relief Friday 17th March

Next Friday for Comic Relief, the children can come to school dressed in anything "red". Pupils may accessorize some or all of their normal school uniform for red or indeed wear the normal red jumper. A £1.00 donation can be handed to the class teachers in morning registration. The donations will support Comic Relief to support life-changing projects across the UK and world.



Year 6 SATS Revision

After discussions with some parents at Parents evening, I thought I would send you all a link of SATs revision books that I have used in the past. You do not have to buy these for your children as I have similar in school, but know that some parents wanted to know the best ones. I think the KS2 SATs buster books: 10 minute tests are very useful, so it doesn't become too overwhelming for the children - they are 10

minutes of learning at a time. Please see link below.

[Complete KS2 Maths and English 10-Minute Test SAT Buster Book 1 Bundle \(for the 2023 tests\) | CGP Books](#)

Many thanks, Mrs Meier

Fabric and Buttons

Kingfishers class are asking for donations of any spare fabric or buttons they can use for their DT project this term. If you do have anything at home, please can you send them into class with your child. Thank you.

Easter Holiday Activities: Sports-xtra

We have received details from Mark @ Sports-xtra, regarding some free holiday places during the Easter break. They are as follows:-

We have, once again, been lucky enough to secure funding to provide holiday camp places for eligible Free School Meal children across eight days of the Easter Holidays.

This funding has been provided by the DfE to local councils and is connected to the Marcus Rashford campaign for providing Free School Meals during school holidays. Hampshire County Council have then divided the funding out to providers like ourselves through a grant application process. As part of this scheme, we will provide activities and learning for eligible children and also a free hot meal.

The holiday camp will run for a total of 8 days across the Easter Holidays with week one being Monday 3rd April to Thursday 6th April (4 days) and then week two, Tuesday 11th April to Friday 14th April (4 days again). As always, our venue will be Everest Community Academy, Basingstoke.

A booking form is attached for completion and return to me should you wish your child to attend. The key criteria to book a child is that they are eligible for Free School Meals and their FSM registration number is required on the booking form.

Places for our schemes have filled very quickly and I have had to turn some schools/children away. So if you do want a place, please be quick to ensure you get your child booked in.

Mark @ Sports-xtra
www.sports-xtra.com

Mother's Day

The PCSA will be running a gift shop at school, during the morning of Thursday 16th March. If your child would like to purchase a gift for their mum, they are priced at £3.00 each - please make sure they bring money to school, in a named envelope or purse on the day. Thank you to our PCSA volunteers for organising this event and helping us to appreciate mums everywhere.



RNLI Visit to School

Today, pupils learnt how to spot a wide range of dangers, identify an emergency situation – as well as understanding the effect cold water has on their bodies. In addition, the children learnt about the four steps to stay safe around water.



It was a great educational visit, which the children very much enjoyed.

Best wishes

Mrs Simrit Otway
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

27th Feb – 10th March – Fairtrade Fortnight
WC 13th March – STEM week
16th March – Mother's Day PCSA gift sale
17th March – Comic Relief
17th March - Kestrels celebration of learning
24th March – Kites celebration of learning
3rd – 14th April – Easter Holidays
1st May – Bank Holiday
8th May – Bank Holiday for 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.