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Dear Parents,

It is the best feeling when you end a school year and can see how much the children have thrived and grown in all areas. In this morning's celebration collective worship, we gave thanks for the good things in our lives and looked forward to exciting times ahead.

Year 6 Leavers' gift

Thank you so much for the beautiful wooden bench, which was presented to the school as a gift from our Year 6 children and parents. We are extremely grateful. I am sure it will be cherished and used by all the children at school for a very long time.



Butser Farm – Robins Class Trip

On Friday 7th July, Robins class visited Butser Ancient Farm, as part of their learning in their history lessons about the Vikings. Fortunately, the weather was on our side and we were able to enjoy a number of different Viking related activities. Some of our

favourites included making clay sculptures of Viking longboats, shields and pendants complete with runes. Here are some of the pupil's reflections about the day:

Ivy "One of my favourite activities was making the wattle and daub fence because it involved teamwork, craftsmanship and it was really fun."

Fergus " We learnt a Viking war call which was really cool and we enjoyed shouting it out as if we were really going to go into battle!"

Apryl " I really enjoyed the chalk carving because I have never done it before and it was really satisfying seeing the end product!"

Zahra " the archaeological dig was brilliant because we found items that we never knew existed!"

Annie " I really liked learning about how Vikings used the fire for so many different jobs and learning about the Viking houses too which was really interesting"

We had a wonderful time and learnt so much more about the Vikings.



Love Hope Justice



Jazz @ The Grange

On Tuesday 27th June, our Year 6 children were given an enrichment opportunity to attend The Grange to listen to a performance led by the renowned trumpeter Dominic Farinacci and a journey through the musical life of Duke Ellington, one of jazz's most ground breaking composers. Below is what two of our Year 6 pupils thought of the event:-

From the first moment we set foot on the Grange grounds, we were awe-struck! The tall columns and detailed architecture really made us appreciate artwork in such a different way. As we were shown to our seats, we waited for the show to begin. All of the scattered instruments intrigued us and made us wonder. It was such an amazing opportunity to experience such talent and magic through jazz, as well as collaborating through singing "lucky-so-and-so".
By Scarlett and Octavia.



French Breakfast – Kingfisher Class

In Kingfishers class, we were given the opportunity to make our classroom into a French café. We enjoyed breakfast foods such as crepes, pain au chocolate, raisin rolls and juice. We then used our French knowledge and vocabulary to order our food from a menu in French. Thank you to Mrs Roberts for this spectacular topic and we really enjoyed putting our skills to the test! From Maddie and Joe

Care and Courtesy Award

Congratulations to Octavia in Year 6 who has been awarded this year's award for kindness, care and courtesy to others.





Tesco Blue Token Scheme

A reminder for when you next do your food shop – please collect a token and support our school project.

Tesco stores taking part are:-

Basingstoke Okridge Road RG21 5SG

Basingstoke RG21 7LG

Kempshott Basingstoke Express RG22 5NZ

Basingstoke RG24 8BE

Lychpit Basingstoke Express RG24 8TF

Popley Basingstoke Express RG24 9DR

Safe4Me Website

Please have a look at the Safe4ME website, which provides educators, service providers and parents with information and resources to help educate, guide and support children and young people to keeping safe.

<https://www.safe4me.co.uk/>

Supporting parents and children with transition

We know that change is inevitable and is part of growing older. Young Minds have released a number of videos to help parents support their child through this. The first video introduces the idea of parents being an 'anchor' through the change. To watch it click here: <https://youtu.be/cjGjUW9rtJk> The second video recognizes the importance of looking after yourself as a parent so that you are able to be the anchor for your child. To view it, please click here: <https://youtu.be/8ZpMS4czrLU>

Bikeability Summer Courses

Please find details below of the Summer Bikeability courses which are happening at Vyne Community College, Basingstoke. Parents can book online for this course direct through the Hampshire Shop using the link below.

[Hampshire Outdoors - Bikeability – Hampshire County Council Shop \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://hants.gov.uk/council-shop/hampshire-outdoors-bikeability)

End of year pupil report comments

Thank you for your comments about your child's end of year report. They are overwhelmingly positive. We do read your comments and you are encouraged to speak to the class teachers or myself if you have any questions or concerns next term.

School dinner menus

In September, we will continue with the same set menus we currently use and all children will be having meals in the school hall, across two sittings. Please make sure you check your child's dinner money account on sco-pay frequently and add funds where necessary. The cost of a daily school meal is now £3.00 per head and please note we will be starting back on Week 3.

Farewell

At the end of term, we are saying farewell to Mrs Akindele and Mrs Fowlds who have shared Kestrels class. Thank you to them and also to Mrs Monckton who has been covering Miss Chandler's maternity leave. We hope to see Mrs Roberts, who has been covering planning and leadership cover, return to do supply work at the school. We wish you all the very best for the future.

We are looking forward to welcoming Miss Wells as teacher who gained experience in the school a few years ago after graduating from University and Miss Chestney-Stagg who will be joining our KS2 team.

Good luck to all our Year 6 children – we wish you all the very best at secondary school.



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

George A	Talia F	Frankie G
Archie G	Azalea N	Charlie E
Alice R	Elodie SB	Neave G
Theo M	Jamie B	Max H
Mia K	Violet S	Ronnie B
Fife E	Alex M	Teddy P



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.



Octavia C	Cenk H	Hatty N
Carter G	Lily J	Scarlett S
Nikita N	Milo LB	Feranmi E
James DW	Freddie T	Lara AS
Florence LB	Olive M	Leo N
Gabriel R	Anhelina D	Rocco R
Zahra B	Poppy D	Minnie G
Fergus Ro	Joe V	Tabby L
Fergus Re	Rafferty AS	Ayan R
Jocelyn R	Imo R	Sofia SS
Jack W	Marnie AS	

Dates for your Diary

2022/2023 Inset Day

Friday 21st July 2023

2023/2024 Inset Days

Friday 1st September 2023

Friday 20th October

A list of 2023-24 Hampshire school dates, including holidays can be found on the school website.

It has been a super busy year with lots of great learning as well as all the exhibitions, music, celebrations and sporting achievements. I hope that families enjoy some special time together over the summer holidays.

We look forward to seeing you all in September.

With my best wishes

Mrs Simrit Otway
Headteacher