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Dear Parents and Carers,

This term is always eventful in school and we look forward to all the wonderful learning experiences that we have planned.

Weather and reminders

As the weather is still very changeable can we please ask parents to make sure that children come to school with an appropriate coat to wear outside.



We also hope that the sun might make an appearance soon! As the weather turns warmer, please make sure sun cream is added before your child comes to school. Likewise, please ensure all cardigans and jumpers are named so we can return them to their owners if they are removed during the school day.



Please also make sure your child has a named water bottle with them every day – these should contain water, not squash or juice. Many thanks for your support with this.

PCSA Colour Run and Festival of Colour – 15th June

All children were sent home with their Colour Run packs recently. Our fantastic PCSA have worked very hard to organize this exciting event.

Please return your ticket requests to the school office. All of the money raised goes straight to supporting the children's learning. Please support a fun and colourful day for all the family!



Mental Health Awareness Week

13th – 19th May

Being aware of and taking steps to look after our mental health is important for all of us. This year the focus of Mental Health Week is Movement, highlighting how important movement and exercise is for supporting our mental wellbeing. Children are invited to wear a green accessory on Friday 17th May, should they wish. Please see the link below for more information and ideas:

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/our-work/public-engagement/mental-health-awareness-week>

Assessments

13th – 16th May is SATs week for our Year 6s. We are very proud of all of our children and know that they will approach this week with their usual enthusiasm.

KS2 SATs timetable	
Monday 13 th May	English Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling Paper 1
	English Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling Paper 2
Tuesday 14 th May	English Reading
Wednesday 15 th May	Mathematics Paper 1: Arithmetic
	Mathematics Paper 2: Reasoning
Thursday 16 th May	Mathematics Paper 3: Reasoning

Children in other year groups and Key Stage 1 will also have assessments which will be for internal school use only.

Year 4 will be taking part in Times tables checks during the window of Monday 3rd to 14th June.

Year 1 will take part in the Phonics check during 10th to 14th June.

Love Hope Justice



Walk to School Week

Monday 20th – Friday 24th May

Walk to School Week encourages our children to learn about road safety and also start the day being outside and in the fresh air. We appreciate that many families need to drive to school but if you can park a little further away and walk the last little bit children will also be able to claim their certificate!

Leader in Me

We are proud to be a school that develops leadership in all pupils. I thought it would be helpful in the next few newsletters to focus on the different habits that we teach through the Leader In Me programme.

A bit of background...

Pupil leadership helps to build academic improvement and strengthens executive function.

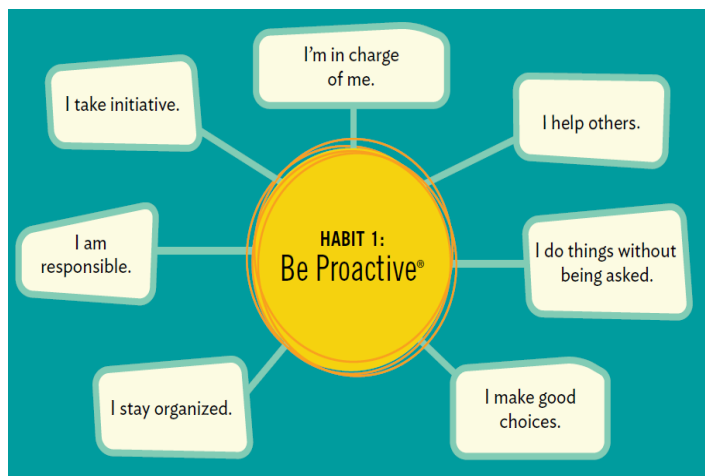
What is executive function?

Executive function is a set of abilities that help people control their thoughts and actions so they can reach their goals. We know from research that stronger executive functioning skills predict better life outcomes. No matter where a pupil starts, executive function can be grown and improved.

In our school, we actively teach these skills through the 7 Habits Programme. By learning and applying the habits, pupils develop their executive function skills such as planning, time management, self-regulation and self-awareness.

Habit 1: Be proactive

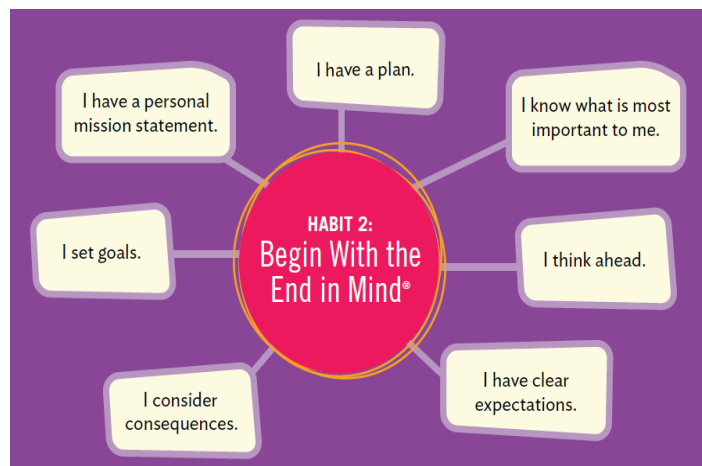
This encourages pupils to take initiative and responsibility for their actions. It builds their ability to plan.



Habit 2

Begin with the end in mind

This habit teaches pupils to set clear and specific goals and steps to achieve them. It helps to develop organisational skills and focus.



Leader in Me (7 Habits) Leadership Awards

Ayan R	Emma W	
Jack W	Max B	Thalia J
James	Nickoy F	
Jocelyn R	Freddie T	Daisy G
Maddie	Joe G	
Elodie	Wilf 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.



Cenk	Maddie	Olivia
Ivy	Charlotte	

As the last term of the year, the summer term is when we see the children applying their learning more independently. We also have various statutory and teacher assessments. Therefore, we ask that families do not take time away for term time holidays. Thank you for your support.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Best wishes

Mrs Simrit Otway
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

13th – 16th May – KS2 SATS WEEK

24th May – Kingfisher’s Synagogue Trip

27th May – 31st May – HALF TERM

**27th June – Sparrows and Doves Sir Harold
Hillier Gardens Trip**

22nd July – LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

23rd July – INSET DAY

2023/2024 Inset Days

Friday 1st September 2023

Friday 20th October 2023

Tuesday 2 January 2024

Monday 19th February 2024

Tuesday 23rd July 2024

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