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Dear Parents and carers,

Harvest Collection

We are pleased to be welcoming a volunteer from the Winchester Beacon to school on Thursday 26th September who will be talking to the children about the work they do in supporting people experiencing homelessness. The charity helps residents rebuild their lives through practical and emotional support.

It is a charity that we have supported for many years. Please have a look at their website for more information. <https://winchesterbeacon.org.uk/who-we-are/>

Fairtrade Fortnight

Over the last two weeks our pupils have been researching and celebrating Fairtrade Fortnight, with each class learning about farming, food production, climate change and geography.

This week the children decorated the playground with some fantastic Fairtrade themed chalk drawings; 'Chalk for Change'. The children learned to make an impact following our 'Be the Change' campaign and have written to various organisations and their local MP.



Our most-needed items

To help you decide what to donate, we have put together a list of the items we need most. We have limited storage which means we try to focus on the things we really need.

Instant coffee	Canned meats (spam, curries, stewed meats, chilli, corned beef)
Cereals	Tinned custard
Granulated sugar	Toilet rolls
Squash	Hot chocolate
Pot noodles	Biscuits
Table sauces (ketchup, brown sauce, mayo and salad cream)	

We already have plenty of pulses, soups, tinned fruit, rice and tinned fish so these items are lower on our list of priorities at the moment.

We are also happy to accept **vouchers** for Tesco or other Winchester supermarkets. These enable us to purchase ingredients after harvest supplies have run out. They can also be given to residents when they move on to help them with their first shop.

As part of our Fairtrade and Harvest celebrations in school, we would like to invite parents and children to donate some much-needed items for the charity.

Please can any donations be brought to school next week by Thursday when they will be gratefully collected.

Love Hope Justice



Leader in Me



After School Care Provision Survey Results

Thank you to everyone who completed the survey regarding interest in after school care. It has been very useful for us to see what need there is within our school community for extended provision.

Here is an overview of the responses.

- 66% responded with Yes or Interested
- The majority selected times from 3:10-5:00
- The most popular days selected were Tuesday and Wednesday
- Most popular activity choices: Art, Sports, Games

We hope to update you with some news soon regarding after school provision.

In the meantime, please contact the school admin team if you would like to use Early birds club for the mornings between 8am and 8.35am.

Attendance

There is a direct correlation between good attendance at school and academic achievement. Please support your child to be punctual for the start of the school day.

Attending school every day, unless unwell, is best for children to ensure that solid foundations for their future education and employment can be laid. It is also one of the best ways of protecting a child's mental and physical health.

Please use the forms on our school website and in our school entrance for requesting any planned absences in advance. Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Starting School in 2025

Please see attached a leaflet from Hampshire County Council regarding the closing date for school applications and a link to more information on admissions.

Scopay

All Year R parents have been sent a letter via their child today with instructions and logins for Scopay. Scopay is our online payment system where we take payment for trips, clubs and lunches. We also use this system for booking parents evening so please ensure that you have access. Please contact the school office if you have any difficulty setting yourself up on this system.

Mobile dental service for people experiencing health inequalities

This service is for people who:

Live in Hampshire or the Isle of Wight

and

Don't already have a dentist either NHS or private

and

Are exempt from paying NHS dental charges

or

Are facing health inequalities that make it difficult to access treatment

What do you mean by health inequalities?

This includes families experiencing poverty and social deprivation, people experiencing or at risk of homelessness, looked after children, people who are supported by our partner charities and people who are referred to us by our partner organisations.



Starting Mobile Dental Service

Please see the below information for mobile dental services. This service is for people living in Hampshire and Isle of Wight who don't already have a dentist and are experiencing health inequalities.

Voluntary Donations

Please see the attached letter regarding voluntary contributions. Your support in this matter is greatly appreciated and will benefit the children.

Leader In Me (7 Habits) Leadership Awards

Minnie G	Molly D	Max W
Henry P	Max B	
Rupert R	Poppy D	Apryl



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.



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It has been great to see the children settling in so well now they are back at school.

With best wishes

Mrs Simrit Otway
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

24th September – Individual School photographs

25th September – Water Aid speaker

**26th September – Winchester Beacon talk and
Harvest collection**

3rd October – Basketball workshop

**15th & 22nd October - Prospective Parents Open
Morning**

15 & 16th October - Parent Consultation Evenings

18th October – World Singing Day

25th October – Flu Immunisations

28th October – 1st November – Half term

2024/25 Inset Days

Monday 14th October 2024

Monday 6th January 2025

Tuesday 22nd July 2025

+1 day TBC

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