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Dear Parents and carers,

As we enter our second month of the new academic year, the children have already experienced some superb talks and workshops led by inspirational speakers.

Water Aid Speaker

On Wednesday 25th September 2024, we were lucky enough to have a volunteer from Water Aid (Bob) come in to join our collective worship. We learnt a lot about the injustice of water use worldwide.

Water aid help many people across 22 countries. Bob told us three things to remember: clean water, a decent toilet and good hygiene. This is something we as a school would like to ensure everyone has. Bob shared with us a variety of ways that we could fundraise to support Fairtrade and Mrs Otway met with the school council to discuss how we can do this best. More information to follow in the future and please ask your children about what they learnt from the Water Aid collective worship.

By Poppy, Annie and Freddie W



Winchester Beacon Harvest Collection

We would like to extend a big thank you to all who donated to this year's Harvest Collection.



On 26th September 2024 we had the opportunity to listen to a speaker tell us about the Winchester Beacon. It was very interesting to learn about how the Winchester Beacon helps homeless people and we learnt how we could help them further as a school. We learnt how we could volunteer to help the residents at the Winchester Beacon have a brighter future.

We also found out that the Winchester Beacon has support houses that the residents can move onto after their stay. In the Winchester Beacon they have Mental Health support officers and cooking lessons to ensure they can move on with their lives in a positive way. Geoff was very grateful for all our donations that filled up the boot of his car!



By Jonty, Fergus and Evah, Year 6 pupils

Love Hope Justice



pleasure at home. Books open minds, offering joy, learning and growth.

World's Tallest Basketball Player

On Thursday 3rd October we held a "Wow Basketball Day" with Paul Sturgess who at 7ft 8in is recognised as Britain's Tallest Man, as well as the Guinness World Record Holder for being "The Tallest Professional Basketball Player in the World" and since 2022

"The Tallest Actor In The World".

Paul held an assembly for the whole school who listened absolutely spellbound as he talked about how he overcame challenges in his life and harnessed them in a positive way to take on some incredible opportunities - like playing for the world-famous Harlem

Globetrotters with the nickname of "Tiny!"



Following the assembly Paul ran a fun, high-tempo basketball workshop with every class, focussing on basketball skills which the children were really excited about. He taught children to spin balls on their fingers as well as work in teams to practice dribbling the ball.

Everyone involved experienced a day they will never forget and Paul inspired us all to be proud of who we are and that anything is possible no matter our differences.



Reading

We hope our new Year R parents found the reading and phonics meeting helpful this week. We encourage you to foster a love of reading for

Reminders from the Office...

Parent/Teacher Communications

Important information and messages for teachers should be written in your child's Home School Communication book, including any end of day collection information you wish to share. Also, kindly inform your child and remind them to show their teacher the note, as this method is more effective than emails which are not monitored in real time.

Flu Immunisations

A reminder that we are being visited by the school nurses on 25th October to administer Nasal Flu Immunisations to all years. A link for the electronic form to submit your decision has been sent to all parents via email - access to the form will close two working days prior to the session at 9 am on Wednesday 23 October.

Attendance

A reminder for parents that children should be in their classes ready for registration by 8:45. For any illnesses please leave a message on our absence line. We ask that you allow at least 7 days prior to absence requests for the Headteacher to review. Any unauthorised absence may be subject to a penalty notice.

Naming of clothes and other items

Please can parents make sure that every item of clothing that children wear in to school is named. We have already got a collection of lost property that cannot be returned to its owner because it is unnamed. Thank you for your cooperation.

Nut Free School

An important reminder that we are a **nut free school**. Children who suffer from nut allergies can develop a severe, potentially life-threatening allergic reaction, therefore we cannot have nuts in school. Please check that you have no nut products in lunch boxes or snacks brought into school. This includes dips and pesto. Thank you for your cooperation as the safety of our children is paramount.

'The Nest', our after-school club

We are excited to see the club start up this month! The children have taken part in some wonderful, imaginative activities and were busy problem solving and den building earlier this week. We currently have some places available so please use the facility, which we have set up to support

parents balance work and childcare needs. To make booking more convenient we are hoping to introduce an online booking system, making it easier to secure your child's spot efficiently. Please contact the school office if you are interested or have any questions. We look forward to welcoming more children to the club.

Leader In Me (7 Habits)

Leadership Awards

Annie R	Olivia W	Alfie H
Walter F	Finn CW	Isla H
Freddie W	Sara S	Leo N
Elodie SB	Eloise P	Jack W
Max 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.

Freddy F Archie G



Voluntary contributions

A big thank you to everyone who has already contributed. If you haven't yet had the chance to donate, please consider doing so. This year, a portion of the funds will go towards funding new *Leader in Me* portfolios for our pupils across the school along with other enriching resources beyond the National Curriculum.

Parent Consultation Evenings Tuesday 15th & Wednesday 16th October

Parent-Teacher consultations are an important opportunity to speak with your child's class teacher and understand how your child is settling into the learning environment and their academic and social strengths and progress. The appointments are for ten minutes and we kindly ask that everyone respects the allotted time slots. Please remember that if you have further questions or concerns, you are always welcome to arrange an additional meeting outside of the consultation time.

We look forward to seeing you all next week.

With best wishes

Mrs Simrit Otway
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

15th & 22nd October - Prospective Parents Open Morning

15 & 16th October - Parent Consultation Evenings

18th October – World Singing Day

25th October – Flu Immunisations

7th November – Year 6 Height and Weight Check

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 2024-25 Hampshire school dates, including holidays can be found on the school website.