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Dear Parents and carers,

It has been a superb half term and wonderful to see all of our pupils making the most of their learning. Our new Reception pupils are settling in well and more confident in the school environment day by day.

Black History Month

On Tuesday 15th October, we joined over 1,100 other schools to participate in the Sanctuary Foundation's 'Big Live Assembly' which was centred around the theme of 'Black History Month'. It was an inspirational virtual assembly featuring a host of different speakers and celebrities discussing their 'black hero'. It was a great opportunity to reflect on the contributions of a range of people of different skin colours and nationalities.



Tag Rugby

On Wednesday 8th October 13 Year 5 and 6 children came along to an after school Tag Rugby festival which was held at Perins. The event was open to all schools across East Hampshire and 5 schools in total took part. During the event, the children learnt some new skills as well as consolidated those they have been learning during their PE sessions in school.

These were then put into practice by playing a round robin of matches. The children demonstrated great sportsmanship throughout the event and really enjoyed a great evening of rugby.

Parents Evenings

We have once again had a successful evenings of parent and teacher consultations with near 100% attendance. Thank you for your support.

Bikeability

Kingfishers have been signing up for this years Bikeability training which will be taking place on 25th and 26th November and run by Hampshire Outdoors. Bikeability builds confidence with cycling and helps with independent thinking and decision making. All our Bikeability training is delivered by qualified, professional, DBS checked, National Standard Instructors.

World Singing Day

On Friday 18th October 2024, the children all celebrated World Singing Day. This event enabled the children to collaboratively sing as a whole school during collective worship, through the lessons in class and even in their breaktimes and lunchtimes with our school choir supporting.

The children sang beautifully and used this event to support their chosen charity of Water Aid.

Thanks to your amazing generosity, we have raised a grand total of £170.71!

Poppy Appeal

After half term we will have poppies for sale in class during the first week of November. If your child would like to purchase a poppy we suggest a donation of 50p-£1 for a poppy.

There are also assorted wrist bands and keyrings which we suggest are £1 or above. Please



Love Hope Justice



LeaderinMe



can children give their money to their class teacher.

Christmas Trees and Cards

Just a reminder that the deadline for Christmas Trees and Christmas cards is tomorrow (Friday 25th October). Please return any forms and payment by the deadline to ensure that the PCSA has them in time.

Applying for a Year R School Place

If you have a child who was born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021 they will be eligible to start school in September 2025. Please be aware of the following key dates:

Applications open	Deadline for applications	Notification date for on-time applicants
1 November 2024	15 January 2025	16 April 2025

Please see attached flyer with details of our upcoming open morning for prospective parents.

Applying for a Secondary School Place

If your child is currently in Year 6, you will need to apply for a Year 7 place in a secondary school for September 2025. Please be aware of the following key dates:

Applications open	Deadline for applications	Notification date for on-time applicants
9 September 2024	31 October 2024	3 March 2025

Flu Immunisations

Flu Immunisations are taking place in school on Friday 25th October for those children whose parents requested it. Please can you fill in the below feedback form to assist the Immunisation Team after the event.

Link to Parent Feedback:

<https://forms.office.com/pages/parentfeedback>

If you have missed the flu immunisation and would like your child to receive one, please submit a form and you will be emailed by the team to book in to a community clinic.

Link to website: [Nasal Flu Vaccination Programme : Hampshire Healthy Families](#)

Wraparound Care

We are pleased with how 'The Nest' has begun and to announce that parents can book and pay for spaces

via their Scopay account. Please see the separate communication sent out to parents regarding Early Birds and The Nest.

Registration form for Early Birds:

<https://forms.office.com/e/U4PBsp7LLJ>

Registration form for The Nest:

<https://forms.office.com/e/6CnCjH0WZ7>

Reminders from the Office...

Dinner menus and accounts

Dinner menus will be changing after half term. Please see the menus that were sent out previously.

Please may we ask that if your child is having a school dinner, you continue to top-up their account on Scopay in advance. We have a significant number of accounts in arrears which takes up valuable admin time in order to remind parents. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Healthy Lunch Boxes and snacks

Please can you make sure that you are sending your Key Stage Two child to school with a piece of fruit or vegetable for their morning break (**No** crisps, chocolate, sweets, or nuts).

Absence Reporting

It is vital that the office are made aware of any illness or absence. Make sure that any absence is clearly accounted for by phone on the first and subsequent days of absence, or by letter if a phone is unavailable.

Leader In Me (7 Habits)

Leadership Awards

Hestia G Thalia J Tabby L
Rae H Sara S Caitlin R
Violet S Harrison



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.



Evah P Ivy G Charlotte C

I hope you all have an enjoyable half term.

With best wishes

Mrs Simrit Otway
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

25th October – Flu Immunisations

28th October – 1st November – Half term

13th November – Prospective Parents Open Morning

13th November – Year 6 Basketball at Perins

15th November – Kingfisher's Celebration of Learning

18th November – Year 6 Height and Weight Check

25th-26th November – Bikeability Year 6

2024/25 Inset Days

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.