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Dear Parents and carers,

A warm welcome back to what promises to be an exciting and busy half-term ahead.

Remembrance

On Monday of this week, our Year 6 pupils attended a Remembrance service in the village. We were really impressed by the cornet player, who played the Last Post beautifully and the Italy Star Epitaph was read. We then spent time reflecting and remembering the people, who fought in the war through a 2 minutes silence. After this, Freddie placed the poppy wreath on the memorial as Mr Smith told us the story of H.W.J Hardy, who was a pilot in the war from Preston Candover. Charlotte and Jonty then read the remembrance poems that they had written.



In school, we held collective worships on the theme of remembrance. Pupils enjoyed creating prayer poppies for our prayer tree, writing some wonderful remembrance poems and creating a fantastic poppy which is now proudly on display.



Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

We would like to extend our thanks to you all for contributing to the Poppy Appeal by purchasing poppy merchandise. All proceeds raised go to this very worthwhile cause.



Anti-Bullying Week



The Anti-Bullying theme this year is 'Choose Respect' and on Monday, our Peer Mentors did a fantastic job of leading a special assembly, introducing and discussing this theme with the rest of the school.



On Tuesday, children enjoyed wearing odd socks to school in order to celebrate what makes us all unique.

Children In Need – Friday 15th November



Once again, we are proudly supporting Children in Need this year. Today, in exchange for a suggested donation of £1.00, children came into school with a whole range of accessories to their uniform including spotted hats,



Love Hope Justice



scarfs, ties, socks and Pudsey ear headbands! We raised **£83.50** for this great cause- well done to everybody involved!



Open Mornings

It has been wonderful to see so many prospective parents visit our school at our recent open mornings. The feedback from the parents was incredibly positive - they were really impressed with the school and the Year 5 and 6 pupils who led the tours confidently and competently, answering a range of questions.

Outdoor Learning Areas

This year we were able to use the Tesco Community Grant from last year to purchase supplies to create a herb sensory garden for the school. The children worked together to plant herbs across 4 planters which they thoroughly enjoyed working together on. We look forward to continuing to develop our outdoor learning across the school.

Primary Careers Fair

We are hoping to hold a Careers Fair here at the school on Friday 24th January 2024, 10.30-11.30am for Upper Key Stage 2 children. This will be a fantastic opportunity to support children's aspirations for the world of work and for the children to find out first-hand more information about a broad range of different jobs/careers. Please let the admin staff or Mrs Meier know if you are happy to volunteer your time, answer the children's questions and give them an insight into your career/job. We are looking for volunteers from a wide range of career paths and appreciate any support you can offer. Many thanks in advance, we are looking forward to this event.

The Roving Bookshop

We are very pleased to be welcoming The Roving bookshop into school on **Thursday 5th December**. Pupils will have the chance to browse a wide range of books on offer during the afternoon with an opportunity to come along and purchase books after school on the same date. Please see the separate letter from Mrs Cooke to find out more about this exciting event!

Wraparound Care

Just a reminder that we now have our superb wraparound care provision up and running, led by members of the school staff. It has been lovely to see more of our pupils attending and enjoying what is on offer.

Early Birds operates before school at 8am to the start of the school day on Monday, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Currently, we only have a small number of children attending Early Birds. Please make use of this provision should you need it so it can remain viable.

The Nest operates after school, 3.10pm- 5pm on the same days. Children can attend for the first half (3.10-4.10pm), the second half (4.10-5pm) or for the full session. We have had some lovely feedback from parents. The children who have attended so far have really enjoyed taking part in a range of activities such as creating artworks from recycled materials and paintings.



Parents can book and pay for spaces via their Scopay account. Please visit our school website for more information regarding costs and conditions of 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/6CnCjH0WZZ>

Reminders from the Office

Access to the School Grounds - Safeguarding

A reminder that if you are accessing the school during the day, that you do not let anyone else into the grounds at the school gate – all visitors should report to the school office immediately on arrival as this is part of our school safeguarding responsibilities.

Voluntary Contributions

If you are yet to contribute to the annual voluntary contribution, please consider doing so. The funding we are requesting helps towards many enrichment opportunities for the children. We have asked for this contribution as a simple and easy way to cover the expenses incurred for many extra curricula activities and items throughout the year; such as Story wings badges, reading journals, new leadership portfolios and cookery. If we are unable

to cover these costs we will have to ask parents each time and we feel that a one off contribution is an easier way for school and parents. We will be sending the letter again and really appreciate your support in this matter.

School Crossing Patrol

Please may we ask that all parents and children use the school crossing patrol at the beginning and end of the day to cross the busy road outside of the school.



Winter weather & coats

Please make sure that all children bring a named coat to school each day. The weather is very changeable and the children should be able to learn and play outside, whatever the weather.



Healthy snack and drinks

Please can we remind parents to provide a healthy snack for children for breaktime eg, fruit, a roll. Children should not be bringing in items such as chocolate bars or snacks that require cutlery, eg yoghurt pots, as this is difficult for the children when outside on the playground. Also, please only water in bottles please; no fruit shoots, squash or juice.

Checking children's bags

Please can we ask that you regularly check your child's bag – preferably daily. It is a very busy time of year and there will be regular information going home with your child so please look out for it in their bags.

Leader In Me (7 Habits)

Leadership Awards

Sophie R Harry V Jamie B



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.

Joe V Leila P Gabriel P
Alfie H Wilf W Cressida



With best wishes
Mrs Simrit Otway
Headteacher

A message from NHS & Director of Public Health, Hampshire

Pharmacy First

Please can we take this opportunity to introduce Pharmacy First. This service enables patients to be referred to, or walk into, a community pharmacy for a minor illness or an urgent medicine supply. The new service was launched in January 2024 and enables community pharmacies to provide treatment for common medical conditions. There are five conditions that commonly affect children that are included in the service.

NHS
Hampshire and Isle of Wight

Think Pharmacy First!

Did you know that you can take your child to your local pharmacy and get treatment for five medical conditions? These are:

- Ear ache (children aged 1-17)
- Sore throat (over 5s)
- Infected insect bites (over 1s)
- Impetigo (over 1s)
- Sinusitis (aged 12 and over)

If your child is poorly with any of the above conditions, by going straight to your local pharmacy you can have a consultation with a trained pharmacist and receive advice and even medication (if appropriate) and your child can get back to school sooner.

Visit our Pharmacy First website to find out more.

Dates for your Diary

- 25th – 26th November – Year 6 Bikeability
- 5th December- Roving Bookshop visit
- 11th December- Sparrows Class Nativity
- 12th December - Christmas Jumper Day- Save the Children
- 12th December - Christmas Lunch
- 16th- 18th December - Christmas Carols- Kingfishers, Robins, Woodpeckers (date tbc nearer the time)
- 20th December – Term Ends at lunchtime
- 7th January- Back to school- Spring Term starts

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.