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Dear Parents and carers,

Great Athlete Workshop

On Wednesday, 1st October, the whole school had the privilege of welcoming inspirational GB Invictus athlete Luke Delahunty for an afternoon of sporting enrichment and fundraising. Each class took part in a high-energy fitness circuit led by Luke, with pupils enthusiastically supporting one another as they tackled a variety of physical challenges.

Following the activities, the whole school gathered to hear Luke's powerful and moving story. He spoke about the life-changing motorbike accident that left him paralysed from the chest down and how, through resilience and determination, he discovered a new purpose in adaptive sports—ultimately representing Great Britain in the 2016 Invictus Games. The event was a truly inspiring experience, giving us all a first-hand look at the strength of perseverance, the value of hard work, and the impact of a positive mindset. Luke Delahunty left a lasting impression as a remarkable role model on us all.



Parent Consultations

Thank you for attending the recent parent consultations. We had 100% attendance.

Tea Talk

On Thursday 2nd October

Kingfisher Class had the

wonderful opportunity to welcome a visitor from Clipper Tea who talked to the children about Clipper's environmental and fairtrade work. The children learnt that Clipper's tea bags are not only Fairtrade, but also sustainable and organic, and how the company prioritizes environmental care and actively considers its impact on climate change.



The children found out about Fairtrade farmers and their families in tea plantations in India and Mozambique, and heard inspiring stories about how the villages chose to use their Fairtrade premium and how Fairtrade has helped promote equality between men and women. It was lovely to hear Kingfisher Class be so passionate about Fairtrade and ask so many thought-provoking questions.

'I had a fun time learning how the Fairtrade farmers made their tea but also how they spent the Fairtrade premium. It surprised me that they spend their money on street lights so everyone benefitted and some people got their first ever bed!' - Verity



Love Hope Justice



Tag Rugby

On Wednesday 8th October 22 children from Years 3 to 6 came along to an after school Tag Rugby festival which was held at Perins. The event was open to all schools across East Hampshire with 4 schools in total taking part. For many of the children this was their first time playing rugby and during the event, the children learnt some new skills before putting them 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. Following this some children have now been inspired to join a weekend rugby club which is lovely to hear.



Doves Class Toys from Childhood

Doves had a wonderful classroom event where parents and grandparents visited to bring in and share stories about the toys they played with when they were children. The children listened carefully and asked lots of exciting questions as part of our "Collecting the Knowledge" stage of our history enquiry. It was fascinating to see and hear how toys have changed over time, and the children were amazed by the differences between past and present playthings. A huge thank you to all the parents and grandparents who came to support this activity — the children gained so much from your memories, and it truly enriched their learning experience.

Playleader Training Kingfisher Class

On 15th November all Year 5 and 6 children took part in playleader training run by our SGO Sara Galliers. Throughout the session the children focussed on the skills and knowledge to be able to assist them in leading games and activities during break and lunchtimes. They all came away excited to put what they had learnt into practice when they are playleading.

Sparrows Phonics Reading Meeting

Thank you to those parents who attended the reading meeting on the 24th September. For those who were unable to attend, a summary of key points discussed was sent out on 9th October.

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. The children are to give their money to their class teacher during morning registration.



Parent Governor Vacancy

Please look out for the letter regarding a parent governor vacancy. Any parent looking to volunteer their services to support the school is welcomed to apply.

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.

Illness Reporting

When reporting an illness related absence to the school office, parents must let the school know the nature of the illness including any obvious symptoms.

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. Long trousers and tights under skirts are recommended.



Attendance Rules

Please see attached a leaflet that was shared to parents regarding attendance rules.

Leader in Me (7 Habits)

Leadership Awards

James DeW	Fredie McL	Ella H
Alfie H	Finn H	Cressida G
George W	Orla B	Nathan P
Huxley H	Wilkie C	Billy M
Alfred F	Anna L	Max W
Eloise P	Isla H	Jocelyn R
Joseph W	Penelope M	Tabby L
Malachy J	Sara S	James P
Matilda M	Sophie L	Hermione A-S
Alice R	Elsie B	Henry P
Phoebe S	Ayda H	Beau G
Feranmi E		



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.

Rocco R	Sophie R	Poppy D
Esme T	Verity A	Charlotte H
Kit G	Molly D	Anna L
Esme T	Hestia G	Florence L
Harry V	Savanna C	Ayan R



Best wishes,

Mrs Simrit Otway
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

w/c 27th October – Half Term

31st October – Deadline for secondary school application

1st November – Year R 2026 Applications open

3rd November – INSET

4th November – Open Morning for prospective parents, 10:45-11:45am

5th November – Swimming lessons start (Kingfisher class, 4 weeks)

15th January 2026 – Deadline for Year R 2026 applications

2025/26 Inset Days

Monday 3rd November 2025

Monday 5th January 2026

Wednesday 22nd July 2026

A list of 2025-26 Hampshire and school dates, including holidays can be found on the school website.