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## Newsletter 20

Dear Parents

Welcome back to a new term, I hope that you all enjoyed the Easter break.

### Big Pictures

Class 1 and 2 – Global Grub

Class 3 – It's Not Fair

Class 4 – What have the Romans ever done for us?

### Collective Worship

The theme for our worship this half term is Truth and the theme bible verse is John 14:6 "Jesus answered, "I am the way. And I am the truth and the life. The only way to the Father is through me."

### School Values

The staff and some Governors have recently been working with Richard Wharton, Schools' Advisor for the Portsmouth Diocese, to re-examine the importance of our Christian Values and how these shape the character of our church school. Following on from this we have been working with the children to further develop their understanding and the older children have worked together to compose our new school prayer (see below), which was read as part of the School Easter Service in church at the end of last term. Further information about the values and a copy of the School Prayer will be added to our website soon along with a copy of the Church Schools' Leaflet which is attached to this newsletter.

### Our School Prayer

Loving, heavenly Father,  
Thank you for our amazing school.  
Help us to be truthful, trusting and forgiving.  
Thank you for all that we learn each day.  
When we learn, help us to have a growth mindset.  
We only have seven years at our great school,  
so let those years be full of kindness and joy.  
Please help us to trust you in everything we do.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
Amen.



## Attendance and punctuality updates

After monitoring the attendance and punctuality for last term I am pleased to inform you that our overall attendance remains high at 96.53% which is slightly lower than the same term last year, however we had a significant number of children with illnesses last term. However, it is disappointing to see that the number of late marks has increased to 112 compared with 64 for the same period last year. Please could I ask you to ensure that your child is in class and ready to start learning by 8.45am. I also need to remind a few parents once again that it is important that you are here to collect your children at the end of the school day, as we still have several children who are regularly not collected late. I will be continuing to monitor this and will be asking to meet with you if your child is not collected on time. Of course I do appreciate that there are occasions when something happens and you are unable to be on time, and if you ring the school office we can ask your child to wait in the library.

The end of term was very busy with lots going on, here is a summary of the events.

## Easter Parade

Unfortunately, the weather meant that the parade had to take place in the hall, but the children still managed to show off their creative range of Easter Hats. Quite a few went with the theme of pirates which fitted in well with the Pirate Day. Every one enjoyed the eggciting event and it was a challenge to pick winners in each category when the standard of entries was so high.



I would like to thank Mongers for providing the Easter egg prizes and the School Association for the mini chocolate eggs for all of the children.

## Pirates Day

It was wonderful to see the whole of KS1 turn into a motley crew of pirates when they dressed up at the end of term. They were all required to walk the plank before entering their classrooms! They enjoyed some pirate activities including designing and making treasure maps.

## Listen 2 Me Concerts

We were lucky enough to have two ukulele concerts at the end of term, which the children had been learning to play through the Listen 2 Me scheme which we buy in through Hampshire Music Services. Class 1 and 2 performed to their parents and the rest of the school first and later in the morning Class 4 also performed. Both groups of children were amazing and the standard reached in one term was excellent, I am sure if you were able to come along and watch one or both of the concerts you will agree!



### **Golden Mile update**

The children have all been working hard at running during this half term to build up their golden mile target. We have lots of children who have passed the 5 mile marker. Lots of the children are seeing an improvement in the number of laps they can run in their given time. Well done everyone.

### **Sport Relief**

Well done to all the children who ran a mile for Sport Relief. So far we have raised an amazing £1137 which will be used to support worthwhile causes in the UK and abroad. Massive congratulations to everyone for raising so much money and thank you to Miss Biles and her Sports Crew for organising the event.

### **Tag rugby league matches**

The Year 5/6 tag rugby team had their final league matches on Tuesday 27th March. Once again they showed excellent ball handling and tagging skills. They won all three of their matches, scoring 6 tries in each match. We look forward to the winner of the league being announced at the Sparkling Rugby Festival later on in the term.

### **Squash**

Year 5 and 6 sent two teams to participate in a squash competition on Wednesday 28th March. The children had to play three different sports against two other schools. They all played brilliantly and came 1st and 2nd! Huge congratulations to them and thank you to Miss Grand and Mrs Harding who took them and supported the running of the games.

### **Girls Tag Rugby Festival**

The girls tag rugby team took part in a festival against eleven other schools. They played really well as a team and showed great resilience. Well done to the team and thank you to Miss Biles for training them.

### **Able Writers Group to Southview Junior School**

A group of children went to the Able Writers' Day with Mrs Scannelli. They met the author Stephen Davies, who taught them how to build up suspense and encouraged them to use adventurous vocabulary. The children wrote their own action stories and said that they really enjoyed the day.

### **Football Festival**

A group of Year 1 and 2 children took part in the football festival at the Brighton Hill Powerleague. They all enjoyed having a go at playing 6 aside football and tried their best. As the event was a festival no scores or places were given to the attending schools.

### **Class 3 group to The Vyne**

A group of children went to Chitty Farm at The Vyne with Mrs Rogers. They met Farmer Ben who told them all about sheep, they learned about sheep including how they eat, types of hooves and what we get from sheep. They were also really lucky to see some lambs being born which they were able to hold, they all enjoyed the visit.



## Staffing Update

After working happily at our school for many years, both Miss Lovett and Mrs Hall have decided to retire this summer. They will both be missed as they have played a huge part in the school. However we wish them well and hope they thoroughly enjoy having more time to spend on leisure activities. We are in the process of trying to recruit replacements for them both.

## Parish Council Update

The Parish Council has been contacted many times by parents saying how dangerous the bus shelter is for the children crossing. They have informed me that they cannot remove it as it supports the bank but have removed the Perspex windows both sides and hope this has improved visibility for any children crossing the road.

## Hot School Meals Update

We have been informed that the price of school lunches will increase in September to £2.30 per meal.

## Bag2School

We had an excellent amount of clothing bags which were collected this morning and the overall weight was 358kg, thank you to those of who contributed.

## Forthcoming events:

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April – Class 3 to Gilbert White for sleepover and rivers visit

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April – Year 6 afterschool SAT's boosters until 4.30pm

W/c 23<sup>rd</sup> April – before and afterschool clubs re-start.

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April – Group of Class 3 to The Vyne

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April – Year 3 and 4 Sparkling Rugby Tournament

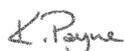
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April – Year 5 and 6 Sparkling Rugby Festival

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April – Group of KS1 to Football Competition

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May – Year 5 and 6 Tag Rugby Team to Hampshire Games

**Term dates:** A list of dates will be issued shortly, but please note the inset day on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June, when school will be closed to pupils.

Yours sincerely



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