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Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have settled back well after the Easter holidays and have already begun their new topics. This term there is plenty planned for the children including the Key Stage 2 end of Year play, sports day and various trips visits and visitors. Please see the Key Dates section for updates on this.

INSET Day/Polling Day 3rd May

After feedback from parents, we have combined one of the INSET days with the regular elections in May. Our focus for this day is assessment for learning and in the afternoon curriculum development (see curriculum update below).

SSA Quiz Night Today - Friday 27th April

There are still tickets available for the Quiz Night this week. Mr Crofton has kindly arranged this and it looks like it's going to be a fun evening.

Summer Fair

Just a reminder our Summer Fair is on Saturday 14th July. If you are able to help in anyway, either large or small, please drop a note into the SSA Box in reception.

Tennis Visit and Workshop Thursday 26th April.

Martin Terrill, a professional tennis coach, visited the school on Thursday 26th April. Children across every year group enjoyed a fun packed tennis taster session.

Well done to

Erin for attending Hampshire in the Hall – Junior Proms at the Royal Albert Hall. What an amazing experience.

Year 5 Residential

Well done to the Year 5's who attended the Residential at Swanage last month. I was hugely impressed with their team work and attitude, as well as their resilience.



Curriculum Updates

This term we are working on a number of curriculum projects in school as part of our School Development Plan.

On our INSET day teachers will be working in small teams to develop an aspect of the curriculum. This term we are looking at the development of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) and also Personal Development in the form of Religious Education and PHSCE.

So far with RE and PHSCE we have updated our schemes of work to ensure that we provide the children with lots of opportunities for discussion and to develop their enquiry skills. The next step for PHSCE is to ensure that every child has regular opportunities to engage in Circle Time, a strategy to provide children to opportunities to talk about everyday problems that children encounter and develop strategies to solve them. Mrs Czapp, our PHSCE coordinator, will be leading a staff meeting on this.

Technology is constantly evolving and we are in the process of revising the Computing Curriculum so that the children have an opportunity to learn a programme called 'Crumble' in upper Key Stage 2. We are also improving our hardware which is a little dated and in need of renewal. This will involve turning the area in between Year 3/4 into a computing area for large groups of pupils, replacing our laptops and also looking at how we can provide better equipment to teach robotics. This is going to take a couple of months to put into place and involve taking out some of the existing IT. Whilst we are doing this, we are going to be providing IT through the bank of tablets, as well as complete projects using robotic devices such as Probots. Year 5/6 will continue to work with our computer teacher on a Wednesday on the various projects she is completing with them. Once the hardware has been updated we will be introducing the new Technology and Computing units of work. I am sure you can appreciate that this is quite a large piece of work for a small school. However, I am excited to see how this evolves.

Premises – What's New!

We had another busy time during the spring term with regard the school grounds. We have completed the resurfacing work of the internal courtyard. It is looking very smart indeed. The next stage is that I will be working with a group of children to plan the contents of the area. This area is being part funded by the school, the SSA, donations from parents and also by donations from staff.

You may have noticed that we have also finished the security fencing work, giving the school a much securer perimeter. Thank you to Miss Blaker for her work on this.

Year 5's class has been refurbished with new flooring, lighting, a new ceiling as well as a new computer area with new tables and chairs throughout the classroom. We are now awaiting a grant from County to improve the ventilation in this classroom as it has a limited number of windows. Work should be completed over the next half term.

Sun Hats & Reminders

Please make sure your child has a sunhat in school. The SSA have kindly donated their remaining stock to the children in Year R to use when in the outside areas but I would remind parents how important it is that your child brings one into school. The best ones for sunny days are the legionnaire type hats which protect the back of the neck. I would also suggest that as we head into the summer months that you apply sunscreen before your child comes into school.

I would also remind you that the children do need to bring a water bottle into school each day. We do provide regular opportunities to drink during the day. Some children do need a little more prompting to drink. If you are finding this is the case then please do speak with the class teacher. It is sometimes difficult for the teachers to monitor how much they do drink as some children refill their water bottles a couple of times at break and lunchtimes.

I would also ask parents do not send in sweet food and drinks where possible as schools do find themselves invaded by ants and wasps from time to time.

Parents Questionnaire, Head Teacher's Parent Surgery and Parents' Forum

Thank you to everyone who returned the annual parents questionnaire. I am arranging to meet with one of the governors & the School Leadership Team to collate and discuss the information gathered in depth and then report to the Full Governing Body.

Your views and ideas really do make a difference - for instance last year as a result of feedback we changed timescales of homework to ensure that teachers had checked homework from the previous week before sending out the next weeks; we introduced the termly Show and Shares to provide you with additional information on your child's progress.

My next Head Teachers surgery is 2pm to 5pm on 14th June. If you would like to book a one-to-one appointment to discuss any ideas or questions you have then please let Miss Blaker in the office know. Of course, if you need to speak to me any other time then please drop into the office or email them.

Our last Parents' Forum was cancelled as we had no agenda items. For those of you who have not had a chance to attend, these are opportunities to talk about ideas they may have for improving the school with the School Leadership Team and other parents. A few days before, we send out a form to gather suggested agenda items. My next one is on the 27th June from 5pm till 6pm to allow working parents to attend. I am intending to vary the times of the Forum to give parents with different work patterns a chance to attend if they wish.

Governors Update

Over recent weeks the governors have been really busy.

Amongst many visits, the Curriculum Governors have monitored the overall curriculum and discussed how we can continue to develop this. Governors have been in to carry out staff interviews on safeguarding. A Governor has also been in to monitor the revised Meeting Children with Medical Needs and Health & Safety Policies. The English and Maths Governors have been in to discuss progress and outcomes for children, review the school plan and also visit the classrooms. Our Early Years' Governor has also spent a morning with the Reception children.

Last week we met to complete the Governors Annual Self-Evaluation. One of the areas they have identified is ensuring that parents know more about how the Governing Body are supporting and challenging the school. To help with this, the governors will be writing to parents once a term with an update on what they have been doing to develop the school.



Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust - Friday 8th June

As part of their Make a Difference Project, The Trust will be visiting the school on Friday 8th June to talk with Years 5 and 6 about developing and maintaining a positive self-image.

Great Big Bunting Off!

During late May the children will have the opportunity to take part in Hampshire CAMHS Guinness World Record attempt for the longest string of bunting – approx. 11 miles. To promote individuality and celebrate difference and diversity, the project will involve children designing their own triangle of bunting which will be strung together to create a public display of art and hopefully a new world record.

Assembly Focus

This term we are focusing on Respect, Citizenship and Democracy. We are also exploring what it means to be a hero. Hearing about the lives of men, women and children who have performed amazing feats, whilst exploring the theme of equality.

Aspirations & the World Around Us

One of the things that I think is really important to the children is to have an understanding of different work, cultures and faiths. To help develop this it would be wonderful if the children could have regular visitors from our community. If you have an occupation, cultural experience or festival you would like to share with the children then please come and see me.

Parents of Children with Special Educational Needs

If your child is on our Special Needs Register, please make an appointment for after the 10th May with your class teacher to view their latest Personal Plan. Miss Lloyd is our SENCO and works closely with the teachers to support the children.

From the Office

We would be grateful of prompt payment of dinner monies please. If you are yet to sign up for the online SCO system please let the office know and we can assist accordingly.

Safeguarding Information

I am the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL), with Miss Lloyd acting as the Deputy DSL in my absence. If you have any child protection or safeguarding concerns about a child at the school or in the community please come and talk to one of us.

Our safeguarding governor is Dave Brown. Our governor in charge of investigating allegations against the Head Teacher is Darren Miller (Chair of Governors). If you have any concerns regarding child protection or safeguarding, please contact the Local Authority Designated Officer on 01329 225379.

Useful Websites

Parents have asked me for details of useful websites which can support their child. So I intend to publish these when I come across them.



Reading

<https://www.teachyourmonstertoread.com> This is set up by the Usborne Foundation and is fun reading website for Ks1 and younger Ks2 children.

We also have our own learning platform for Key Stage One: Bug Club

Spelling

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/5-7-years/words-and-spelling>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/english/>

For children in Year 5-6 we also have SPAG.com for the children to practice spelling and grammar. The children should have their own log on for this. If they don't or have lost it please see your child's class teacher.

Maths

<https://www.bbc.com/education/subjects/> Key Stage One and Two BBC Bitesize maths

The school also subscribes to **Mymaths**. This is a really good online learning platform to support all areas of maths. Your child (Years 1-6) should have their own password and user name. If they don't have this, then please see your class teacher.

<https://www.mymaths.co.uk/primary.html>

French

<https://www.bbc.com/education/subjects/zr8jmp3> KS1/2 French

E-safety

<https://www.kidsmart.org.uk/>

Best wishes,

Tina Thomas

Key Dates

27 th April	SSA Quiz Night
3 rd May	INSET day – school closed for polling – focus assessment and curriculum development
May	Key Stage 1 SATs test month
7 th May	Bank Holiday – school closed
12 th May	Odissi Dance launch at Eastleigh Museum
w/c 14 th May	Key Stage 2 SATs week see the website below for days of tests www.gov.uk/guidance/key-stage-1-and-key-stage-2-test-dates
18 th May	Year 2 Stubbington Trip
w/c 21 st May	Year 6 Residential week Isle of Wight
28 th May – 1 st June	Half Term Holiday

Key Dates Cont'd

4th June	INSET day – focus curriculum
8th June	Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust – Year 5 and 6
w/c 11th June	Year 1 Phonics Screen
11th June	NSPCC Online Safety Parents Workshop – 2pm
14th June	Show and Share – 3.30pm till 4pm and 5pm till 5.30pm
18th June	Drama day Year 6 – details to follow
18th June	Year 1 Trip – details to follow
19th June	Class Photos
29th June	Year 4 Adventure Day
6th July	Fire Engine Visit Key Stage 1
13th July	Sports day am
13th July	School reports to be issued
14th July	SSA Summer Fayre
19th July	Move up day for whole school
23rd July	Family Picnic 12 noon – cpme and join your child for lunch and early finish. END OF TERM