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Dear Parents/Carers,

The children have settled well into this half term. All the classes have some really wonderful learning taking place including visits and events.

This week, I have met with members of the SSA to discuss ideas for developing the play facilities in the school, including the development of the traversing wall funded by the Aviva Grant.

Our Ofsted Report has now been published. I would like to say a very special thank you to the staff who, as always, work so hard for the children. They are a wonderful team. Thank you also to Governors, parents, the SSA and of course our children for your endless support. I am very much looking forward to working on our development points which dovetail well with our existing school improvement plan. On our INSET day we looked at strategies to further higher order thinking within Literacy and then spent the afternoon continuing our curriculum development. One focus was revision of our curriculum for French. To enable us to do this, the SSA have kindly purchased new resources for the school.

Well done!

Well done to our Year 5-6 footballers for a strong performance at the Primary Stars Football Tournament on Friday the 15th February.

Well done also to the children who took part in a Year 3/4 gymnastics event last week. They practiced and presented a floor routine to their classes and parents. They were a real credit to themselves. Thank you to Charlotte our gymnastics coach from Mountbatten School for the work she did with the children.

Mobile Phones/Devices – important message

I have become aware, that a small number of children in the school are bringing in mobile phones and devices. I would like to remind parents that we do not permit mobile phones etc in school with the exception of **Year 6** children who walk home from school by themselves. In those circumstances, parents must obtain permission from a member of the leadership team. The mobile device must then be kept in the office during the school day. In all other cases, phones must be left at home. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Chance to Shine Cricket

Last year we began a link with the Ageas Bowl, through the Chance to Shine Cricket Programme. This has continued this year, with Year 2 attending The Cricket World Cup Challenge. The children had a marvellous afternoon and even featured in a BBC news report!

Chance to Shine will be returning to the school again on the 27th March, when they will be running cricket workshops for children in Year 1-3.

Parental Voice – Parents’ Forum – 3rd April (after the KS1 Assembly)

Thank you to the various parents who came into see me at Head Teacher’s Surgery during Parents’ Evening. On Wednesday 3rd April, just after the KS1 Spring Assembly, I will be holding Parents’ Forum. For those of you who have not attended before, this is an opportunity to share ideas. If you would like to attend or have an item as an agenda item, then please complete the slip that will come out from the office in the next couple of weeks.

If you do have any worries about your child, then please speak to your child’s class teacher or a member of the leadership team.

Show and Share Thursday 21st March

One of the initiatives we introduced last year was to provide parents with greater opportunities to see how their child is progressing were regular Show and Share events after school. Our next Show and Share is on Thursday 21st March. This will run from 3.20- 3.45pm and then 5pm to 5.30 pm. Please come to your child’s class via their classroom door.

World Book Day and Comic Relief

Just a reminder that World Book Day is this Friday 8th March. Comic Relief is Friday the 15th March; the children can dress down in exchange for a small donation to Comic Relief.

Spring Performances

Our Spring Assembly for the children in Year R-2 will be on Wednesday 3rd April at 9.15 am.

Our KS2 Spring Assembly will be at 9.15am on Friday 5th April.

Year 3 Listen to Me Performance is at 2.45 p.m on Tuesday 2nd April.

The Rock Steady musicians will be performing at 2.30 p.m on Friday 29th March

Parents are warmly invited. I would like to remind parents that you are welcome to film or take photographs, but **images must not be shared electronically** including on social media, class What’s App groups, Facebook, Instagram or other Apps. A copy of our policy regarding this is on our website.

Top Trumps and other games

Thank you to everyone who donated games for wet play time.

Messages from the SSA

SSA of Film Night - Wednesday 13th March

We are pleased to announce that we will be showing a screening of Hotel Transylvania 3 for the children. We are running this event straight from school: 3.20pm – 5.20pm.

Therefore, the children attending will be escorted straight from their Classrooms to the hall by SSA volunteers. Yes that’s right pickup will be 2hrs later than usual. We therefore need you to book and pay for your child’s attendance prior to the event in the following way:

1. Please place the £2 entrance fee in the black SSA postbox in the Entrance (opposite reception desk). This should be in an envelope with your child’s name and class on please. All monies by Tuesday 12th March . You can also use the SCO pay system.

2. Please collect your child at 5.20pm via the main entrance and exit via the library to have your child's name checked off.

We will be supplying a bag of ready salted crisps for each child along with a no added sugar squash drink. Water will also be available. Please contact the school prior to the event with regard any concerns with food allergies or send your child with a suitable snack if you desire. Please do not give your child sweets to bring as it causes conflicts! All mobile phones will be given to a teacher.

SSA Quiz Night – Friday 22nd March 7.30 p.m

Please find attached a poster from the SSA advertising the forthcoming Quiz Night.

Usborne Book Sponsored Read

A massive thank you to those who participated with the sponsored read over the half term. The incredible total of £647 was raised just in sponsorship. As Usborne will donate an additional 60% we have a grand total of £1,035 to spend on non-fiction throughout the school. Thank you again to those who took part.

Eastleigh Fun Run – 24th March

Please find attached a link to the Eastleigh Fun Run on the 24th March. This event is popular this year so please enter quickly if your child would like to take part.

<https://www.fullonsport.com/event/hendy-eastleigh-fun-run-2019/profile>

Dates for Diaries

Please find attached as a separate attachment, the rolling dates for your diaries.

With kind regards,

Tina Thomas

