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MENGHAM INFANT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Finally, the sunshine has arrived and we are in our last half term of the year! Yet again the year seems to have gone by in a flash and I can't believe we're already talking about new classes and end of year reports!

As always there has been a lot going on. Year R and Year 1 parents have been in to share assemblies with their children and Year 2 are busy rehearsing their end of year performance of Jim and the Beanstalk ready to perform to parents as part of their Graduation Celebrations on the 11th July.

All our assessments are now complete and we are incredibly proud of how brilliantly the children in Year Two got on with their SATs and the Year One children took part in their phonics test. It is fair to say every child did the best they could and our school value of resilience has never been better demonstrated. The Local Authority came in to moderate our Year Two results, as they do every 3 years, and were incredibly impressed with the strength of the teacher's judgements and the clear evidence of how well they knew the children and what they were capable of.

New Classes

Teachers have been busy writing their end of year reports and thinking about classes for next year. If your child is currently in Year R or Year One you will be receiving information about your child's class for next year very soon. As Mrs Topazio-Collis is leaving at the end of this term to have her baby and we need three Year 2 teachers next year we have moved some teaching staff around. Our new Year Teams will look like this;

Year R - Mrs Pinnell and Mrs Simms

Year 1 - Mrs Foye until Mrs Topazio Collis returns and Mrs Hemsley/Mrs Hoare

Year 2 - Miss Bradley, Mr Lunnemann and Mrs Moth/Mr Young

Mr Matthews will continue to cover teacher's non contact time in all classes where there is no job share. Job share classes cover each other's non contact time.

Year R to One

The current Year R cohort has been reorganised into 2 new classes for their move to Year One. The class teachers have spoken to all children and ensured they have a friend in their new class but a lot of thought has gone into the new groupings to ensure all children are best placed to continue their learning journeys successfully. You will be informed of your child's new class in the next few weeks.

Year One to Two

As there was quite a lot of changes to classes at the start of this year due to the growing year group, we have taken the decision **not** to totally mix the children up into new classes but instead have just moved a few children where we feel it is in their best interest, ie a need to split up a combination of children that hasn't worked particularly well this year, or to support a child better with specific needs, or where we have needed to put some strong role models into a class that might need them. If your child is moving class then their current class teacher will be in touch with you so that they can explain the reasons behind their move. I'd like to take this opportunity to reassure you that a lot of time and thought goes into this process and that all the teachers ultimately want the best for your children. If they are being moved this will have been thought through very carefully.

We have increased the number of transition sessions we do in our new classes this year so that children will get more time with their new teacher/teachers before the summer break and you will get the opportunity to pop in

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and see your child's new teacher and classroom after school on our first transition day which is on **Weds 5th July**.

Course Opportunity

As some of you are aware school continues to work closely with a range of agencies to best support your children. As part of our work with the Primary Behaviour Support Course we have been offered 8 free parent places on a 10 week course called "From Timid to Tiger". The course will be run by Victoria Wakeford, a specialist teacher from Behaviour Support, and will take place here at school in the Autumn Term on Tuesday afternoons from 12.45pm - 2.45pm. It will start on the 12th September and run for 10 weeks (not including half term). This is quite an extensive course and it is very important that parents interested are able to commit for the full 10 weeks as the sessions build on each other weekly. The course is aimed at supporting parents with children who may struggle with anxiety and helping them to build positive relationships. It has been delivered very successfully in other areas of the county. If you would be interested or require any further information then pop into school and speak to us.

We have our joint picnic lunch with the Junior School coming up at the end of the week and then lots of sporty activities and our whole school trip planned for our health and fitness week later on in July so watch out for more information coming home.

Best Wishes

Lindsay Rebbitt
Headteacher

Half term attendance

We had a fantastic 122 children who had 100% attendance for the first half of the summer term. Thank you to you all for supporting the school with attendance in this way. The winner of a £20 Pepperelli's Ice Cream Parlour voucher was Erin from Dolphins - well done Erin.

Whilst on the subject of attendance, time keeping comes under this heading for Ofsted. It is very important to remember that the children should be in class ready to start their learning at 8.55am. Each time a child is late into school it not only disturbs their education, but that of their peers while the teacher has to either start the morning routines again, or take time away from the rest of the class to deal with late comers. We have been advised to mark children who are persistently late with an 'O' code which mean an unauthorised absence. Over a period of time, the number of unauthorised absences a child has will trigger the point where a penalty notice is issued. I am sure you will appreciate, that we do not want to get to this point with any of our parents and would therefore like parents to make the extra effort to ensure their children are arriving at school on time each day.

Uniform

Please check the name labels in your child's clothing. We have several children who have not got their jumpers or cardigans and these do have names in them. If you find you have a wrong piece of uniform, please return it to the school office. Thank you.

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HAYLING TENNIS COURTS OPEN DAY - SAT 1ST JULY 10am - 2pm

An opportunity for you to come and see the new Tennis Courts at Hayling Park for yourself!

On offer will be:

- Free taster lessons run by Ace Tennis Academy
- Free entry into a prize draw for £50 for anyone who signs up for Annual Membership at the Open Day
- Free Refreshments
- An excellent chance to play tennis on a newly resurfaced tennis court.

Free entry and EVERYONE is welcome. A member of staff from the Community Centre will be on hand to help with memberships and to give advice on the new booking system.

To book onto coaching sessions on the open day visit; <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/HaylingPark/openday>

Year R

On Monday 19th June Year R had an exciting visit from Mill Cottage Farm. Farmer Sarah and Farmer Hollie brought in lots of friendly animals. It was a very hot day and the animals were very happy under the shade of the trees.



"We loved the donkeys because they had long tails and fluffy backs. They had big tummies with babies in." Charlie Matthews and Toby Seymour.

"I loved the sheep because it was soft and furry and under the fur it was all pink." Kiera Lamont and Grace Diggins.

"Some of the rabbits were hiding .I think they were scared of the birds." Riley Harrop

"I loved the baby chicks, they were cute and fluffy. The turkey was making such a loud noise but the animals weren't scared." Ava Skelton.

The children enjoyed a carousel of activities on Farm day. They made animal hats, worked together on a group collage and created their own farm songs. These were all shared with parents and carers in our Year R assembly on Tuesday. Further work has been happening in the classroom, including writing acrostic poems, listening to stories, role play and sharing and counting in 2s, 5s and 10s with farm animals in maths.

Year R Quadkids Festival

On Wednesday 21ST June ten Year R children went to Sharps Copse Primary school for a fun but competitive athletics festival. It was very hot but the children were amazing ambassadors for the school and showed great skill and sportsmanship. The children got points for a 300m run, 50m sprint, throwing a howler and a standing long jump. We finished 2nd overall , out of 12 schools so a great big well done to Molly Tidbury, Lucy Askew, Maddie Davis-Ferre, Charlie Matthews, Finlet Wells, Toby Symmonds, Max Davies, Ethan Breeze, Grace Owen, Maddison Adhock -Hart.

Max also came 2nd place overall out of all the boys there! Well done.

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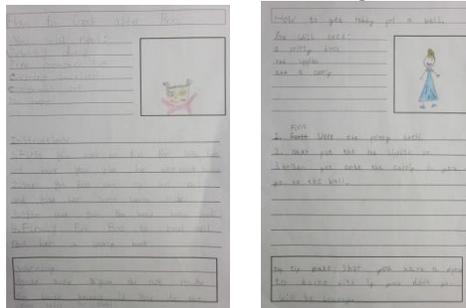
Year 1

As part of Geography week, Year 1 went on an exciting trip to the beach! It was very windy but all the children had a great time thinking about Human and Physical geography. We also made booklets to tell people all about the countries in the United Kingdom.



Year 1 have been learning about the human body and how to keep ourselves healthy! We have learnt how to take care of our teeth as well as learning the names of all of the main bones in our body. We have even learnt some songs to help us remember them.

In English, we have been learning to write instructions. We really enjoyed learning the 'imperative verb' song which helps us to be bossy in our instructions. We wrote instructions on how to fix a skeleton animal back together. We then wrote a set of instructions of our own choosing which we really loved doing.



Thank you so much to all the adults who were able to come to our assembly. The children loved getting the opportunity to share all the things that they have learnt this term.

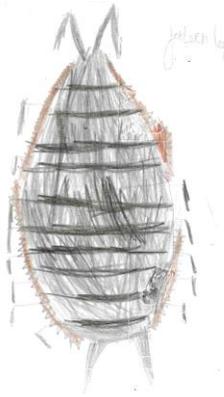
Year 2

Many thanks to the adult helpers who came and supported the children on the Year 2 Beach trip on Thursday 8th June. Although it was very windy and chilly the children very much enjoyed looking at the physical and human geography. Plus the children (and some adults) loved making their own stone/sand castles. During Geography week the children were able to travel around the different classrooms to see all the fantastic work about the British Isles.

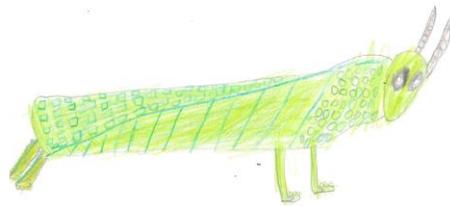
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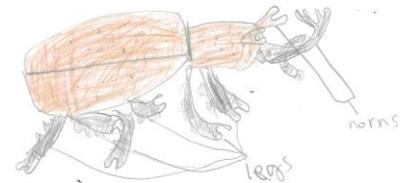
The children have been very busy searching the school grounds for different micro habitats. It is amazing how much life a little log can support. We looked at who was living in the micro habitats and drew observational drawings. The children also designed a bug hotel that could encourage more minibeasts into the school grounds.



Dylan



Abigail



Harry

Hayling Island Horticultural Society School Garden Competition 2017

Year 1 pupils were involved in this competition and the Horticultural Society felt their garden showed the exuberance that young people can bring to gardening. They said the record book was attractively presented, with a lot of the children's written work and photographs showing stages of growth and planting. Our prize was a £10 voucher.

Health and Safety reminders:-

- ✚ Please remind all children that the play equipment is not for use before or after school. It is designed for use by children aged 4 - 7 years. It is supervised between the hours of 9am - 3pm. Outside these hours the equipment is unsupervised and should not be used. Neither the school nor Hampshire County Council can accept any liability for any damage and/or injuries sustained as a result of the use of this equipment.
- ✚ Please remind all children to walk their scooters and bicycles when on the school grounds.
- ✚ Please remember to send children to school with sport's style water bottles to maintain hydration during the school day, particularly in this weather.

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- ✚ Please put sun cream onto your child in the morning before school. We are not able to do this during the day. Children must not share any sun cream they bring into school with their friends - in case of allergies.
- ✚ Please remember we have a NO NUT policy for packed lunches. This extends to chocolate spread - again this is due to allergies.

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