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MENGHAM INFANT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the Summer Term! Hopefully the sunshine will remember it's Summer soon and come back and join us but in the meantime your children are brightening up our days as always.

The end of our Spring Term is always one of my favourite times in the school year as I get the chance to work with all the children in our annual Egg rolling competition. Despite the rainy weather this year's event was still a great success with the children all entering the contest with great sportsmanship and enthusiasm.

It was fantastic to see so many Year Two parents at our recent SATs information evening. We really appreciate the support and interest from parents at these type of events and hope it gave you an insight into how the end of Key Stage assessments are carried out.

Last weeks History week was the chance for the children to learn more about the history of our island community and it gave me great pleasure to see the fantastic work produced by the children in their end of week exhibitions. It was lovely to see such a range of skills being used and some great art and design activities being carried out by the children.

All the children have launched themselves into their new topics now and this week alone the school has been filled with pirates, fairies, princesses and dragons.

I am also really pleased to announce that we have a new parent Governor. Teresa Burton, one of our Puffin's parents, has agreed to take on the role and we look forward to welcoming her to our next meeting. We are still on the look out for Governors to add to our school board so if you know of any local businesses or groups that might be interested in volunteering someone to take an active part in our school community then please do let us know.

You are probably all aware of the upcoming changes around data protection and will probably have already received various texts or e mails from companies letting you know about how they store your information. As part of these nationwide changes in legislation school is required to look carefully at the way we receive, store and pass on data so over the next few months we will be starting to send home a range of documents that we require you to sign and get back to us to ensure we are in line with the new requirements. We appreciate your support as we go through this process.

I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming Summer events.

Best Wishes

Lindsay Rebbitt

Headteacher

TEXT MESSAGES

Due to changes with our provider, our text messages are now limited to 132 characters. Please make sure you look for further information on our Facebook page and updated website if you require further clarification.

JUMPERS/CARDIGANS

We are getting lost cardigans and jumpers, with no names in them, brought to the office on a daily basis - 20 last week!!! If you make sure your child's name is in their uniform we can return lost items to them.

Year R

Welcome back Year R, or should we say, dragons, princesses and knights! We thoroughly enjoyed coming in dressed as characters from the story of St George on Monday 23rd April. We have learned the story of the knight and will be acting out the story this week. We have also enjoyed decorating our Year R classroom as an

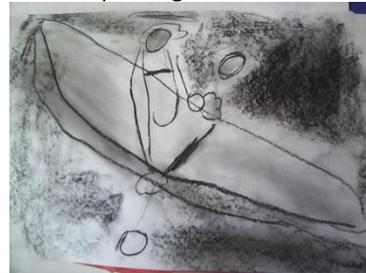
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enchanted forest to launch our new topic of 'Dragons and Princesses'. This week we will be reading a variety of fairy tales, beginning to use the language of traditional tales in our role-play and writing. We also had a great first week back - we really enjoyed History week, looking at our photos to see how we have changed during our 5 years, and thinking about what we might do when we grow up.



Year 1

Welcome back Year 1. We have thrown ourselves into History week, starting with looking at local history such as The Hayling Billy Line and the Cockleshell Heroes. We have talked about how things are similar and different on Hayling Island over the last 100 years. We went to the Hayling Billy Line and looked at where the train used to run and saw how steam trains ran. We have also recreated pictures of the Cockleshell Heroes using different art techniques. In year 1 we have started to get green fingers by planting seeds for our science topic. This week we have begun to read and learn about the story - Night Pirates.



Year 2

It has been a very exciting time in Year 2 as part of History week. During this week we learnt about the history of Hayling Island and how the first windsurf boards were invented on the beaches in Hayling. We built our own model of a windsurf board and created our own designs.



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We also visited the Hayling Billy trail and saw where the trains used to travel. We found out about what trains looked like then and what they look like now. We also wrote a postcard and drew a picture of a reason people used to travel to Hayling!



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