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## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – July 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

So here we are at the end of another school year!

It has been a very busy 12 months in which we have had the great pleasure of watching your children grow and learn, resulting in some fantastic end of year results.

This year our school has performed above the national average in Reading, Writing and Maths at the end of Key Stage One and in our phonics results. As you know, we strongly believe that children's education is much more than a set of results but it is brilliant to see that the hard work of your children and their teachers has led to such success for them.

This week sees the start of our Health and Fitness week so there will be lots of opportunities for the children to take part in activities which encourage keeping their bodies and minds healthy. We look forward to seeing you at our whole school sports day tomorrow (Tuesday).

We will be ending the school year with our whole school visit to Queen Elizabeth Country Park on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July. Anyone who has been involved with helping our school, from reading volunteers, Governors, dinner ladies and office staff is invited on this trip and it is always one of the highlights of our school year.

We are already thinking about our school improvement priorities for next year and have identified the following 3 areas;

1. Improving Emotional Health and Wellbeing for all members of our school community.
2. Developing Leadership at all levels – including leadership roles for children, subject leadership, school leadership and governance.
3. Curriculum – ensuring all subjects provide exciting opportunities for children which build as they move through our school.

From the start of next school year I will be including a short update on each of these priorities in each newsletter so that parents can be kept up to date with all that's been going on.

We are also hoping to start sending all letters via email as well as in book bags in the hope this stops any missed letters due to absence or not quite making it into the book bags, so keep an eye on your inbox and let the office know if you have changed your email from the one you gave us as your contact originally.

Finally, I would like to say a huge thank you to all of you for your many lovely words and comments over the last month. My son is now out of hospital and over the last few days I can finally see signs of my over excitable, energetic little man reappearing so I am very hopeful we have finally turned a corner. As a Headteacher, I am very lucky to be part of such a strong school community but as a Mum I have really appreciated having your support.



Wishing you all a very happy, healthy and hopefully sun filled summer holiday.

**Lindsay Rebbitt (Headteacher)**

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**YEAR R:** Penguins and Puffins have been having a busy last half term in Year R. We started off the half term by welcoming Mill Cottage Farm Experience into school. They brought donkeys, pigs, goats, sheep, turkeys, ducks, chickens, ducklings, chicks, guinea pigs and rabbits into our playground. The children had a great day learning lots of information about each of the animals for example what food they provide us with, what we can use their wool for and how to look after them. We were also allowed into the pens to stroke and brush the animals.



We have also been getting ready for Year 1; visiting our new classrooms, meeting our new teachers and creating 'all about us' booklets to pass onto our teachers. Lots of children are very excited about the move to year 1, and lots are understandably a little bit worried. Please share your child's new class booklet with your child over the summer holidays and try to answer as many questions they may have.

Just a couple of reminders for parents - you can now download your child's tapestry learning journey. If you have not received an email about downloading it, please make sure you share your email address with Mrs

Topazio-Collis so that you can download it. You can also pay £2.50 for a copy saved onto a USB stick.

23<sup>rd</sup> July - Last day of term celebrations. We are planning to have a water fight (if it is warm enough). If you would like your child to take part please make sure you return the permission form and also send in a set of clothes and shoes to wear for the water fight, and a towel.

Parents and younger siblings are invited to bring in a picnic lunch and join us at lunch time in the Year R garden.

We hope you all have a lovely summer holidays and enjoy starting back in September as Sharks and Stingrays.

**YEAR 1:** What a busy summer term we have had! We thoroughly enjoyed our topic of health and fitness this summer term.



Our first day back after half term was Science Day, we had so much fun! We made bubbles with socks and bottles, and we watched soap completely change in the microwave!

We have learned all about Florence Nightingale and the changes she made in the hospitals.

We especially enjoyed going to Fort Nelson and meeting Florence herself! We sorted artefacts and acted out what it would have been like for soldiers in the war.



We have learned songs about our

bodies, learning about our bones and parts of our bodies. Next week in PSHE we will learn about keeping ourselves healthy. This will include our mental health too!

We have cooked healthy food - we made pasta and vegetables! Then we made fruit kebabs and learned about why calcium is very good for our bones. We have also been exploring our senses - we did not like smelling the onion!

We have made the most of this beautiful weather and been outside. In geography we have been exploring our local area and learning to use an atlas. We can now name the countries that make up the United Kingdom.



We hope you enjoyed our super assembly and the picnic at Mengham Junior School.

**YEAR 2:** What a busy half term we've had in Year 2! We practised so hard for our end of year performance of *The Bee Musical* and all agree that it paid off! Not only did we all learn our lines to say but we learnt all of the songs and actions, and remembered to smile at the same time!



We had our graduation and were all very grown up about it. It has been an amazing end to our school year and our teachers are all so proud of us for working so hard.

We have been doing lots of learning about keeping ourselves healthy. We did an experiment with egg shells and put them in different liquids to see what they would do to our teeth if we never brushed or looked after them. It was gross!! So we all know to brush our teeth twice a day and make sure they are fully clean. We also learnt about keeping our mind healthy by doing some relaxing and mindfulness activities. This is so important to us and we are going to make sure we find time to relax every day! We learnt about all of the different food groups and how we need to have a mix of them all in different quantities to keep ourselves healthy on the inside. We also need to exercise for short amounts of time each day to keep ourselves healthy too!

We visited our new teachers and classes at the Mengham Junior School which we are very excited about. The teachers at the junior school couldn't wait to tell our teachers here how well behaved we all were. We have also been practising hard for sports day and are very excited to compete in all of the races.

## Hi-5 Friends & Family



Don't forget the Hayling Summer Festival is on 20<sup>th</sup> July at Hayling College organised by Hi-5 in collaboration with Portsmouth Guildhall. Tickets available from the school office.

**End of term reminders: Please remind your children to take all their belongings home on the last day of term (including P.E. kits) as often we have lunchboxes left in school with food inside, water bottles and large amounts of clothing!**

### Dates for your diaries

23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Last day of term
4 <sup>th</sup> September	INSET Day – school only open for staff
5 <sup>th</sup> September	Start of the new term
28 <sup>th</sup> Oct – 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Half term
9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	INSET Day – school only open for staff

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