



19th May, 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Hockey After School Club



This term some of our Key Stage 2 children have benefitted from Mr Lucas' Hockey After School Club. Mr Lucas, who plays in the England over 60s Team, has been running the club for 6 weeks now. The children practiced the push pass over a distance of 10-15m ensuring that their foot work and hand positions were right, mastered the skill of controlling the ball with their sticks while running and perfected the skill of receiving a ball from their partner in a controlled way – to name but a few. The children had their final session on the AstroTurf at Kings' School.

Sycamore Class Trip to Weald and Downland Living Museum

Ariana's recount:

On Tuesday 16th May Sycamore class went on an Anglo-Saxon trip to Weald and Downland Living Museum. When we got there, we went to put our coats and bags away. Then we went to see a house called Tindall's Cottage. Then we went to see another house called Pendean and at Pendean we learned that the Churner was used for making cheese. We also learned how the tiles in the dairy keep it cold. After that we went to the Winkhurst kitchen and talked about what the Anglo-Saxons would have eaten. Then we went to Bayleaf Tudor house and learned that people say sleep tight because the rich used to get someone to tighten the ropes under their bed so that it is comfortable in the night. After lunch, we went to a poor Anglo-Saxon house and also learned that dirt poor meant that only the poor have dirt as floors. We also saw the blacksmiths and went to a mill and made some flour. We fed the ducks. The trick is to sit down calmly and just throw the food. Then we got our stuff and went back to school. I thought the trip was really good. I wish I could go there again.



Walk to School Week

This week we joined thousands of children across the country celebrating the benefits that walking brings. We know that walking to school makes children feel healthier and happier, while reducing congestion and pollution in our village. I know that the children have enjoyed the challenge, even if it has meant parking a little further away from school.

Mini Medics

This week, Willow class took part in some very special training. We had two visitors from 'Mini Medics' who came to teach us all about first aid and its importance. We started off by learning DR ABC which is all about how to approach and look after someone who is injured. We then went on to learn about CPR and how to administer it. The children practiced on dummies and were also taught how to put someone into the recovery position if needed. Lastly, we were given some advice and shown what to do if someone is bleeding or if they start choking. It was a valuable and interesting morning which will be followed up by the children creating their own first aid manual, informing others of what they should do if an incident occurs.



Summer Music Concert

Rehearsals will be held on Tuesday morning in the hall. If your child is involved in the concert please ensure that they bring their instrument to school with them on Tuesday and take it home after school ready for the concert in the evening. Children will need to arrive at the church for 6:45pm.



Parents' invitation to lunch

Ash parents were invited to join their child for lunch this week. Unfortunately the weather was far from ideal but they didn't let that dampen their spirits. I know that the children and parents thoroughly enjoyed spending this time together and seeing how a 'wet lunch' is run. Thank you to all of you for coming.



"I'd been looking forward to enjoying the beef curry all day and it didn't disappoint. Well done – it's fab!"

"Loved the experience, enjoying sitting with the children. Food was delicious, WONDERFUL!!!"

Please do look out for a parentmail asking for your food choices. Beech class should all have now given in food orders if you are coming next week. The letter for Oak Class went out last week, and the letter for Willow class will be going out shortly. We'd be grateful if you could reply as soon as possible in order to help our kitchen staff to prepare for the day.



Fidget Spinners

If the fidget spinner craze hasn't already hit your house then I'm sure it will soon. It is a small toy that comes in a vast range of colours and styles. Well practiced users can perform various tricks and stunts such as balancing it on top of fingers, toes, and if you're really daring, your nose or forehead while spinning.

They have found their way onto our playgrounds and are now causing some distraction so we wanted to make parents aware that we would now like them kept at home. Unless they are part of a planned lunchtime club, we would like toys to remain at home please.

Budding Poets in Sycamore Class!

In Literacy, Sycamore class have been writing Anglo-Saxon riddle poems called Kennings. Can you figure out what they have described in their poems?

George's poem

Colour changer
Fly eater
Tree climber
Lion hater
Eye rotator
Rainforest lover
Camouflage master
Bug cruncher
Who am I?

Megan's poem

Back scratcher
Person scarer
Marmalade lover
Fish eater
Clever climber
Who am I?

Ollie's poem

Smooth swimmer
Deer eater
Teeth loser
Life taker
Bone crusher
Who am I?

Brooke's poem

Bone chewer
Postman scarer
Hole digger
Sight saver
Lead puller
Tail wagger
Cat chaser
Friend maker
Walk lover
Who am I?

Mid-Morning Snacks

Mid-Morning Snacks are available for children in Years 1 – 6 to buy during their morning break time. This is optional and down to the discretion of parents if they would like their children to buy something or bring in their own healthy snack. The School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme provides all Key Stage 1 children (typically four to six years old) in fully state funded infant, primary or special schools in England with a free piece of fruit or veg each school day which of course our children enjoy too. Hampshire County Council Catering Services prices are as follows:

Selection of fruit	30p
Freshly baked bread roll	30p
Apple juice	35p
Orange juice cuplet	25p
Chocolate milk carton	50p
Raisins	25p

Farewells and Welcomes

Miss Hutchins, Sycamore Learning Support Assistant, will be leaving us at half term to travel before she starts her teacher training. We will see her again in September as we are her host school. Miss Godfroy and Mrs Aitkin will continue to teach and support learning in Sycamore Class. Mrs Pike-McGran will be joining Sycamore Class to support with additional learning interventions.

Mr Rait joined Oak Class this week to gain some Key Stage 1 teaching experience. I know he is thoroughly enjoying working with the younger children but also missing the children from Yew Class.

Spaces in Year R

We have spaces in our Year R class for September 2017 so if you are aware of any families that are local and looking to join our community please do advise them to contact our School Office and arrange to speak to Mrs Beckett.

On Thursday evening we will be hosting our introduction evening for our new Year R parents. We are looking forward to welcoming new families and of course those that are with us already.

Recycled Planters

Many thanks to Dr Crawford and Mr Rigg for their troughs. We're looking forward to planting in them and are sure they'll add to our ongoing improvements to our school grounds.

P.A System for Sports Day

We are looking to borrow a P.A system for use on Sports Day on Friday 30th June. If anyone can help, please contact the office.



Star of the Week

Ash	Tilly	For being a Curious Cat with minibeasts and for being able to sort and record them, describing her thinking.
Beech	Isabel	For her beautifully written and entertaining fairy fantasy story!
Oak	William	For making superb progress in his spelling!
Sycamore	Heidi	For her achievement In Maths multiplying two digit numbers by one digit numbers using the column method.
Willow	Emma Williams	For her inquisitive and thoughtful questions during our 'Mini-Medics' training.
Yew	Eddie	Super writing in character, including thinking about what vocabulary they would use; and fantastic use of diagrams in maths.



Roll of Honour

Ash	Lauren	For showing joy in her learning when singing a rhyme to the group following a steady beat.
	Thaleia	For clever thinking with number patterns and trying to record the 2's pattern with her numbers the right way around. A great Persevering Pig!
Beech	Lola	For super Incy Independent story writing. Well done Lola!
	Luke	For super Incy Independent counting in 2's and 5's. Well done Luke!
Oak	Violet B-L	For showing perseverance and creativity when creating her William Morris inspired printing tile.
	Pippa	For showing super inference skills in guided reading this week.
Sycamore	Ariana	For being a great reading detective and using her prediction skills to predict what might happen in a legend.
	Inigo	For his excellent batting during 'Chance to Shine' cricket.
Willow	Jim	For great teamwork and his helpful demeanour when creating his healthy snack.
	Joe	For making great strides in his writing, incorporating expanded noun phrases and fronted adverbials.
Yew	Alice	Super writing about the Lost Thing – great use of skills we have been learning.
	Jess	Super writing about the Lost Thing – great use of skills we have been learning.

Dates for your diary

Summer Term	
22nd May	KS2 Maths Workshop for Parents (in Yew Class) – 3.45 – 4.45pm
23rd May	Music Concert at St Mary's Church 7-8pm
25th May	Beech Class Parents invite for lunch
25th May	Ash, Beech and Oak Drama Workshop
25th May	Hampshire Fire and Rescue Visit for Years 5 and 6
26th May	INSET Day
29th May – 2nd June	Half Term

5th June	INSET Day
6th June	Oak Class Parents invite for lunch
8th June	Ash Class to Longdown Activity Farm
8th June	Willow Class to Cadbury's World
12th June	A Day in the Countryside – Whole School visit Manor Farm, Twyford
13th June	Yew Class trip to Hengistbury Head
14th June	Willow Class Parents invite for lunch
15th June	Year R Bible Presentation Assembly – Parents welcome
15th June	Winchester Cathedral Year 6 Leavers' Service
16th June	Penguins Swimming Gala
20th June	Sycamore Class Parents invite for lunch
22nd June	Science Day
27th June	Final Swimming lesson for Years 4 and 5 Class
28th June	Yew Class Parents invite for lunch
30th June	Sports Day
1st July	Summer Fayre
5th July	Year 6 Performance - afternoon
6th July	Year 6 Performance - morning
11th July	Parents' Evening
13th July	Parents' Evening
14th July	Final Yew Class Tennis session
25th July	Year 6 Leavers' Service
25th July	Last Day of Term!

Warm Wishes



Mrs Hannah Beckett
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