



25<sup>th</sup> May, 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Advice if children are upset or confused about the news**

Some parents may be finding it difficult to talk to their children about the recent events in Manchester. It is important that children understand that they are not alone in feeling sad, anxious and confused about what happened on Monday evening. If your child has been feeling this way, there is some useful advice from Newsround on how to address these difficult issues: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/13865002>

### **Congratulations**

Congratulations to Miss Godfroy and Mr Rait for securing their first teaching posts. Mr Rait will be teaching nearer to his home in Oxfordshire where he was once a Governor and Miss Godfroy will be teaching at Harefield Primary in Southampton. They will however be here to complete their training and enjoy the rest of the summer term with us.



### **Mock Elections**

The day before the General Election we shall be holding our own election. The event will be similar to our election at the beginning of the academic year, but with some notable changes. If they haven't already, the children will be learning about democracy and how the Elections give people a chance to have a say in how the country is run. Children will be learning about the different parties, what they stand for and their leaders. Year 4/5/6 children will be invited to be 'experts' for a particular party. These children will be given rosettes to indicate their expertise. They will also be given a table to sit at during lunchtimes to answer any questions that other pupils might have about their manifesto. In preparation over the half term, please do highlight news regarding the general election to your child so that they can begin to gain a good understanding of the events that take place in the run up.

We will be announcing the result of our election at the end of day on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June so that the voice of our children can be compared to the voice of the nation.

## Summer Music Concert

On Tuesday evening, parents were treated to musical solos, duets and ensembles at St Mary's Church. Mrs Parker and our peripatetic teachers have been rehearsing all term in preparation so thank you to them for all that they have done to prepare our children for such a successful and enjoyable event. Once again, we were all very impressed with our children's musical talent.



## KS2 Maths Workshop

On Monday, we had a great turn-out at our Maths workshop for parents and carers of Key Stage 2 children. Mrs Aitken explained the principles of the Mastery curriculum in Maths. The parents were shown how we develop the children's conceptual understanding in Maths through our concrete, pictorial, abstract approach to teaching and learning. The parents participated in a few tasks to show this approach. One task involved filling beakers with rice to different levels such as a half, a quarter and a third, which showed just one way we might help develop children's understanding of unit fractions. The parents also practised using concrete or pictorial methods to add and subtract whole numbers. The workshop was also an opportunity to share the KS2 updated progression of skills document which will be available on the website along with a copy of the presentation, a useful glossary of Maths terms and a guide to how parents can help their children at home.

## Hampshire Fire and Rescue Visit

Dave and Ron from Basingstoke Fire Service visited the Year 5 and 6 children at TSM today. They talked about fire safety in the home, the importance of fire alarms and regular checks of the alarms. They asked the children to think about a home safety plan in their own homes and how they would 'Get Out, Stay Out, Call 999' in the event of a fire.

The children were then split into two groups for activities on road safety and safety in the home, where they learned a variety of strategies from 'stop, drop and roll', to basic first aid. Although delivered in a light-hearted and fun way, the importance of wearing helmets, being aware of hazards and staying safe was all covered.



### **An Anglo-Saxon museum in Sycamore Class**

Sycamore's classroom became an Anglo Saxon Museum, today. The Year 4's visited the Museum and asked some really good questions about the exhibits. Our Museum will be open at the end of the day for parents and siblings to come and view. Well done, Sycamore. Each of you worked very hard on this home learning task and did yourselves proud.



### **Parents' invitation to lunch**

After two successful lunch events so far with Ash and Beech classes, we are looking forward to welcoming Oak Class parents on the Tuesday after half term. Looking ahead to Willow Class, a parentmail form went out yesterday regarding food orders. If you could please complete the form over half term we'd be very grateful. Forms for Sycamore Class and Yew Class will follow after half term in due course.

## Beech Class parents join us for lunch

It was the turn of Beech Class parents to come into school and join their child for lunch this week. With glorious sunshine, parents were able to spend the full hour with us, enjoying not only the food but also some time outside playing with the children. Thank you to all of you for coming and supporting this event.



## INSETS for 2017 - 2018

I am pleased to share our INSET days for the next academic year. Please note that, although it is unlikely, these are subject to change should there be the need.

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October**

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December**

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January**

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June**

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July**

## 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.

Tonight 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.

## P.A System for Sports Day

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

## Water Bottles!



We continue to have children coming into school without a water bottle. **Please can all parents ensure that their child has a named water bottle to bring into school daily after half term.** This is especially important now that the weather is hotting up. Many thanks for your co-operation.

## Dates for your diary

Summer Term	
26 <sup>th</sup> May	INSET Day
29 <sup>th</sup> May – 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Half Term
5 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET Day
6 <sup>th</sup> June	Oak Class Parents invite for lunch
7 <sup>th</sup> June	TSM Mock Election
8 <sup>th</sup> June	Ash Class to Longdown Activity Farm
8 <sup>th</sup> June	Willow Class to Cadbury's World
12 <sup>th</sup> June	A Day in the Countryside – Whole School visit Manor Farm, Twyford
13 <sup>th</sup> June	Yew Class trip to Hengistbury Head
14 <sup>th</sup> June	Willow Class Parents invite for lunch
15 <sup>th</sup> June	Year R Bible Presentation Assembly – Parents welcome
15 <sup>th</sup> June	Winchester Cathedral Year 6 Leavers' Service
16 <sup>th</sup> June	Penguins Swimming Gala
19 <sup>th</sup> June	Rabbi Zvi visit in school – Beech and Oak Classes – details to follow shortly
20 <sup>th</sup> June	Sycamore Class Parents invite for lunch

<b>22<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	Science Day
<b>27<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Final Swimming lesson for Years 4 and 5 Class
<b>27<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Beech and Oak trip to Portchester Castle – details to follow shortly
<b>28<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Yew Class Parents invite for lunch
<b>30<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Sports Day
<b>1<sup>st</sup> July</b>	Summer Fayre
<b>5<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Year 6 Performance - afternoon
<b>6<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Year 6 Performance - morning
<b>11<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Parents' Evening
<b>13<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Parents' Evening
<b>14<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Final Yew Class Tennis session
<b>25<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Year 6 Leavers' Service
<b>25<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Last Day of Term!

Warm Wishes



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