



Newsletter

15th June, 2022

Dear Parents,

JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS UPDATE



All the children enjoyed a Fun Day on 27th May to celebrate to Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We were entertained here by Aled Price who did singing and dancing with the children. We visited Meon Junior School to watch a Magician and Moorings Way to see a Juggler. We all had a picnic lunch in the playground and in the afternoon children from Year 6 in the Juniors came over and played games with the children. I hope that the crowns survived the journey home!

As part of the celebrations we planted a rose called Queen Elizabeth in the environmental garden and a plaque has been made to commemorate the occasion.

Each child has been given a copy of Queen Elizabeth – A Platinum Jubilee Book to keep. They will be bringing them home soon.

ARTS WEEK



Last week the children enjoyed taking part in activities linked to Arts week including singing, dancing, photography and model making. Year R enjoyed coming to school dressed as Pirates for a day.

ENVIRONMENTAL GARDEN:



We are hoping to have our Environmental Garden area re-vamped (again) during the summer. This is to allow for a larger pond that the children can access for their Science activities. We are very thankful to Councillor Barrett who has secured some funding from Portsmouth City Council "Green Scheme".

HEALTHY SCHOOLS WEEK:



This week the children are looking at the importance of a Healthy Body and Mind and focusing on healthy eating and exercise. There are lots of food and vegetable tasting sessions including fruit skewers, and smoothies. On Thursday we will be having our Sponsored Bounce and Obstacle Course. Please ensure your child brings in their completed sponsor form on Thursday. All children should come to school dressed in suitable sports wear – teeshirts/shorts/ leggings which they will stay in all day.

INSET DAYS:



Our final Inset day for this year is FRIDAY 1st July

The following Inset Days have been arranged for the next Academic Year. This will also be for Meon Juniors and Moorings Way Infants:

1 September 2022

21 October 2022

3 January 2023

10 February 2023

7 July 2023

Children to come in on Friday 2 September 2022 - Welcome Back Day

LOST PROPERTY:

Any lost items of clothing are now kept in the classrooms so please ask there first.

We are hoping to set up a 2nd hand uniform stall at the Summer Fayre so if you have any items not longer required at are in a good clean condition please send them in – thank you.

MISS YOUNG (Yellow Class Teacher)



As you are aware Miss Young is expecting a baby early July. I am writing to let you know what the plans are for her cover.

Miss Young has now started her maternity leave - I am pleased to inform you that Mrs. Collette Goode will be teaching in Yellow Class until the end of term.

I am sure you will join me in wishing Miss Young all the best for the new addition to her family! and I know she will be in to visit before the end of term.

ONLINE SAFETY:

Please find below a link to a new website - which highlights online safety for children aged between 4-7 years.



[our new website for 4-7 year olds and accompanying guide for parents and carers.](#)

PERFORMANCES:



On 24th June the children will be watching a performance from Theatre Arts – Unicorn School Show. This fits in with our PSHE programme.

On 6th July we will be having the long-awaited Goldilocks Performance. This was cancelled as the main actor broke his leg!! Thank you to everyone who have paid the contribution to this. There is still time if you have not done so yet!

PHOTOGRAPHS:



As you are aware the children recently had Class Photos taken. You should have received a slip of paper with instructions on how to access the 'proof' and purchase if you wish. Please may I remind you that no photographs should be placed on any social media.

READING AT HOME:



As you are aware we value your support when reading with your child at home. Hearing your child read for 10 minutes a night is invaluable and I cannot stress strongly enough how this will help them moving forward. Thank you for your continued support.

REPORTS:



Reports will be coming out at the end of Term and would ask that you please fill out and response form and return it to school. If you have any questions about the report please contact your child's Class Teacher.

SCHOOL STREETS:



This scheme has proved to be very successful. However, we are in need of some volunteers to 'man' the entrance to roads. Mrs. Paine is offering free Breakfast Club places to any children whose parents are willing to take part in this.

The Stomp To School Challenge has also had a good uptake. Last week 92 children were awarded with a key ring.

SCHOOL UNIFORM:



Whilst we still have some stock of school uniform we will, in the future, be using Hargreaves as our supplier and you can order direct from them. Leaflets available in the school office. We are still selling the P.E. kits, bookbags and P.E. bags in school.

SPORTS DAY:

We can now confirm that the school's sports afternoon will be held on **THE CRICKET GROUND AT ST. JAMES HOSPITAL** on **TUESDAY 28th JUNE at 1.30 p.m.**

The children will sit in their classes until the event is over. To enable the smooth running of the afternoon please do not come to your child until all the races are completed so the teachers can organise their children effectively. Each teacher will have a supply of water/squash and sweets for their class which will be given out at intervals during the afternoon.

Please send your child to school on this day in their P.E. kit (shorts, tee-shirt, trainers) and a cap/hat to shade them from the sun if it is hot. Sun cream should be applied at home in the morning. Unfortunately we are not able to undertake this during the day. This will mean them not having to change at lunchtime and therefore less for them to carry to the field to look after. It would be helpful if packed lunches are sent in plastic/carrier bags and all contents disposable on this day. The children do not then need to carry anything to the field.

In previous years there has been litter left after the event - especially cigarette ends. Therefore, this year I ask that there is **no smoking** during the event and all rubbish is taken home with you. It is important that we leave the field as we find it.

Toilets are available for our use – there is, however, no seating available but you may bring your own chairs/blankets.

At the end of the afternoon you will be able to take your child home from the field but please ensure that you inform his/her teacher at the time. If you are unable to attend your child will be taken back to school to be ready for home time at 3.20 p.m. If your child goes home for lunch please could you ensure they are back at school by 1 p.m. on this day as the classes will be leaving to walk down to the field. We hope that you will be able to join us and enjoy the afternoon.

Obviously if it is wet/raining on the day the event will be cancelled but the final decision will be made at 12.00 p.m.

SUMMER FAYRE:

You should all have received a letter from FOMS giving information about the Summer Fayre which will be held on FRIDAY 8th July at 3.30 p.m.

TERM DATES:

Please find below a link for a list of Term dates for 2022/23. (Double click to open)

Please be mindful that Year 2 SATS and Year 1 Phonics testing takes place in May so we ask that you avoid these dates if booking holidays.

**END OF TERM**

The school finishes at **3.20 p.m.** on **Friday 22nd JULY** for the summer holiday. The school re-opens at 8.50 a.m. on **Friday 2nd SEPTEMBER.**

WEATHER WARNING:

The Met office has issued a **level 3 heatwave weather warning** for the period **between 0000 on Friday and 0000 on Sunday** in parts of England.

1. What does this heatwave warning mean?

This is issued when the weather described in Level 2 actually happens. This means that the average threshold temperature is 30°C during the day and 15°C overnight. You should refer to the Public Health England Heatwave Plan for further information.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/heatwave-plan-for-england>

2. What is the risk?

The risk specifically for South East England is **90%**

The weather forecast for Portsmouth during this period can be viewed using the following link

<https://www.metoffice.gov.uk/weather/forecast/gcp0zn6wn#> and <http://news.bbc.co.uk/weather/forecast/348>

Please ensure your child has plenty of sun cream on and a hat/cap to shield them.

AND:

If you have any concerns please feel free to email the school and there will always be someone to answer the phone during the school day.



Take care
Karen Morey
Acting Head of School

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Term Dates
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