



Dear Parents and Carers

This has been an exceptionally busy time over the past fortnight with many exciting events and opportunities for children. Thank you to all of our staff who have been working so hard this term and supporting our children in and out of school.

It was an absolute delight to be able to attend the Wyvern cluster of schools vocal festival on Tuesday in Thornden Hall. We took 15 of our year 5 and 6 pupils who joined over 200 children from the Upham, Stoke Park, Fair Oak and Wyvern Schools for a magical evening of singing led by professional vocal coach Charles MacDougall. The theme for the evening was 'Here comes the sun' spreading the feelings of joy and positivity coming out of lockdown and being able to meet together for an evening of music. Well done to all of the children who took part.



Continuing on our musical theme, it was wonderful to have our own school music concert from our pupils at Key Stage 2 who have peripatetic music lessons in school. The children shook off their nerves and performed to an audience of their peers in Key Stage 2 and their parents. Thank you to all of their teachers and particularly to Mr Smith who accompanied them all on the piano.

Well done to our children in Purple and Green classes who sang so beautifully to the Durley Luncheon Club this week in the Memorial hall. The invitation followed the cancellation of our usual Christmas Carol singing.



Last week was our final week of sporting competitions against local schools. We took 3 teams to the Cross Country competition in Fair Oak. All three teams were incredible finishing in the top

half of the field. We also took a Year 3/4 team to the tri-golf competition at Wildern School, which was great fun – showing improved scores as we moved around to each event.

Parent Volunteers in school

Over the past couple of years we have been unable to have parent volunteers helping in school to generally help out and hear children read due to the pandemic. We know how invaluable this help is to our class teachers and the progress that our children make as a result of this support. If you think you may be able to help out for an hour or two a week in school, please could you speak to your child's class teacher. We would need to undertake a full DBS check on any volunteer in school.

Vaccine for 5-11 Year olds

We are hearing that some of you have already booked for your child to have the new vaccine which is now available for all children age 5-11. The vaccine is a specially developed paediatric version for children. Parents are able to access the vaccine through vaccination centres, local pharmacies and GPs.

There has been an overwhelming response from parents who would like to vaccinate their children and teams across Hampshire and Isle of Wight are working hard to provide additional capacity. Parents are able to find their nearest vaccination site via the NHS website, by calling 119 or by calling the Hampshire and Isle of Wight COVID-19 helpline on 0300 561 0018 which can help find and book slots or direct you to your nearest walk-in.

New sites and vaccination slots are uploaded all the time so please check regularly.

Ice Cream Friday

A reminder to you all that in the first week back after the Easter break, we have the very popular ice-cream Friday returning at **3:30pm on Friday 29 April**, regardless of the weather. Please complete the form and return it to the school office to order your ice cream/lolly by Tuesday 26 April but **pay at the ice cream stall on the day**.

School Lunches

From Monday 25 April, the price of a school lunch will be increasing to **£2.60**. Please click on the link below for full details of the new menus starting in April.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/hc3s/education-catering/menu-primary>

Uniform

This term we have seen an increase in the amount of unnamed uniform being left in classes and around school. In order that we can return cardigans and sweatshirts etc at the end of each day, please ensure that **all** uniform is clearly named.

School website

We constantly update our school website which has a wealth of information for parents and visitors including all of our school policies, current school improvement plan, newsletters and curriculum we are delivering to the children. Please take time to browse through at your leisure.

Please note any additions or necessary changes to the diary dates.

Diary Dates for the Summer Term 2022

Monday 25 April	8:45am return to school after the Easter Break
Friday 29 April	3:30pm return of Ice Cream Friday on the school playground!
Monday 2 May	Bank Holiday
Monday 9 May	Y6 SAT's National Testing week
9 - 11 May	Year 3/4 residential trip to Beaulieu
Thursday 12 May	4:30-6:00pm DSA Family Bingo/Quiz evening with Pizza
16-20 May	Year 5/6 residential visit to Isle of Wight
16-20 May	Walk to School Week
Tuesday 24 May	Photographer in school – class and whole school photo.
Friday 27 May	3:30pm Ice Cream Friday on the school playground

30 May – 3 June	Half Term Break
Saturday 4 June	School display in the Memorial Hall in celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee- Please come along.
Monday 6 June	School In-service training day for staff.
Tuesday 7 June	School re-opens after half term break
Tuesday 7 June	Blue and Yellow Class visit to Manor Farm, Botley
Thursday 16 June	7:30-8:30pm September 2022 new intake meeting for parents
Saturday 18 June	Church Fete at Wintershill Hall
Wednesday 22 June	1:30pm Sports Day
Thursday 23 June	Year 6 leavers service Portsmouth Cathedral. Children only.
Thursday 30 June	5:00-6:00pm Family Reading Night
Saturday 2 July	School Summer Fayre
Tuesday 5 July	Wyvern College transition day – parents to transport children
Tuesday 5 July	9:15-10:30am Whole School transition to September classes
Thursday 7 July	2:15pm Music concert
Tuesday 12 July	1:15pm and 6:30pm KS2 Production
Wednesday 13 July	6:30pm KS2 Production
Thursday 14 July	Annual Report to Parents
Wednesday 20 July	1:30pm Leavers service. Holy Cross Church. Whole School.

School in-service training days for 2022-2023

Thursday 1 September 2022
Friday 2 September 2022
Friday 2 December 2022
Monday 5 June 2023
Friday 21 July 2023

Finally, after a bit of hectic term, we wish you all a restful break and Happy Easter. Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you all back in school on **Monday 25 April at 8:45am.**

Kind regards

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