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Our Christian Value this half term is Truthfulness

Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth." 1 John 3:18

We are truly delighted to have all our wonderful children back in school again. Although things have to be very different in comparison to a year ago, it feels as though we have some sense of normality, than we have had for a long while. The children have been absolutely fantastic and are settling down quickly and smoothly back into routines and expectations. Thank you for sending them back looking so smart, it is much appreciated.

Whilst things are different in school, we are trying to keep them as normal as possible for our children and we have a few treats arranged in the lead up to Christmas. One of those things will be a pantomime which will be shown to each Year group in turn, with cleaning between each showing. We do however miss the whole school coming together in assembly and to sing all together.

Yellow hatched lines – If you are driving your child to school, please do **NOT stop on the yellow hatched lines, even if only for a few seconds, to let your child out of the car. This endangers all other children and their parents walking to school. Please also be considerate to local residents and avoid blocking drives or parking in disabled spaces.**

Staffing – We welcome Mrs Hayden as a Year 2 teacher, Miss Horsfield as a Year 1 teacher and Miss Newton as a Year 5 teacher. We are also pleased to have Miss Stoner, Mrs Nicholson, Miss Kerr and Miss Martin joining our team as Learning Support Assistants.

PTA – I am delighted to say work has already started on the building of our outdoor classroom, which the PTA have kindly helped fund, in addition to grants obtained by Ms Nicola Brewerton and Mrs Sharon Stewart from various charities and advice on these processes from Mrs Lauren Lloyd. Thank you to all parties concerned who have supported us in this project, particularly Nicola, who has spent a lot of time and effort on this project. As I write this, the groundworks are already in place. We are also grateful to another parent Mr Phil Merchant, whose company is building the classroom and who has been very supportive in filling out building regulations forms and liaising with surveyors etc!



We are very excited that the structural building will be taking place very shortly and with electricity in the outdoor classroom, we know that it will be well used by our classes and will enrich the children's teaching and learning. We can't wait to see the finished result! We would also like to thank parents who have donated so generously to this project, especially over the last two weeks. We now nearly have enough money to furnish the classrooms, being only £1,000 short! If you are able to support this total, please

donate, following this link. <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/charity-web/charity/displayCharityCampaignPage.action?charityCampaignUrl=Outdooreducation>

Thank you also to the Grounds team, who removed the old yurt flooring and dismantled the ship in our Key stage 1 playground, which had become too unsafe for the children to use. We would like to start saving for a replacement for the ship in the Key Stage 1 playground, as the children had so much fun playing in it over the many years it was in place. Numerous seas have been sailed and battles of pirates have been fought in and around that old ship!

Our PTA will also be running a Winter Wonderland day and a Christmas Shopping Day in the run up to Christmas, so that our children will benefit from these enjoyable experiences.

Staff would also like to thank the PTA for sending in such a lovely hamper for us all this week. The goodies were very much appreciated by all staff. It has been such a positive half term, but like staff in all schools currently, we seem to all be utterly exhausted, which is not like us at all! The half term week will be very welcome in order to recharge our batteries ready for the busy half second half of the term!

Harvest - Thank you so much for all your generous donations of tins, packets, bottles etc. This year we are splitting the donations between the Haywards Heath food bank and Father Michael's Family Support charity, who donate to local families in need. Both are very worthwhile causes for us to support.



Oak Class practising their computing skills



Maple children consolidating 4 digit column addition



Hawthorn class enjoying outside PE



Elder class are learning about Christianity in RE



Lime learning to build conversations into their writing



Juniper are practising their French



Rowan are applying maths knowledge to problem solving



Pine are playing invasion games in PE



Year 1 phonics sessions

Year 6

We are delighted to see our Year 6 children back in school! It has been a very difficult time for the children, their families and the Year 6 staff team. They were all very excited upon their return to school on Tuesday morning. Well done to children and parents for trying so hard to master long division!



Willow children grappling with long division!

The effort put in at home is supporting that skill was invaluable to your children and they have further consolidated that knowledge in two maths lessons this week. Many Year 6 children did a wonderful presentation to aim to become Ambassadors and staff were impressed by the thought that had clearly gone into them.

Year 6 Ambassadors



Silver Birch



Isabelle, Daisy, Ellie, Cara ,Eloise, Liam, Joseph, Raffi, Felix, Ava, Imogen, Oliver, Zeph, George, William

I am sure they will do an excellent job and demonstrate the expected high standards of behaviour, attitudes to learning and effort in all areas of their school life. We will also be offering Year 6 children other opportunities to take up roles of responsibility in school.

Reception at work and play!



Apple Class



Beech Class

Our new Reception children have settled into school so incredibly well and are a happy and confident bunch! They are working so hard at phonics, writing, building construction, riding scooters and all the other many learning opportunities offered to them.





Diary dates

22.10.20	Eucharist (potentially online)
23.10.20	Break up for half term
02.11.20	Return to school
06.11.20	PTA Non-school uniform day
9.11.20 and 11.11.20	Parent consultations
12.11.20	Individual and sibling photos
W/C 16.11.20	Anti-bullying week
17.11.20	Flu vaccinations – all year groups – in school. Consent forms to be sent home in the next few weeks once received from the NHS trust
24.11.20	Christmas craft making day
04.12.20	PTA Winter Wonderland – During school time – pupils only
7.12.20	KS1 nativity 9.30 and 2pm
8.12.20	Reception nativity 9.30 and 2pm
9.12.20	KS1 nativity 9.30 and 2pm
11.12.20	Christmas shopping day - outside
14.12.20	House Treat - Forest schools
15.12.20	Party day
16.12.20	Make Christingles Panto in school – year groups bubbles
18.12.20	Christingle services TBC Christmas lunch Break up
4.1.21	Back to school
06.1.21	Year 6 SATs meeting for Parents after school
13.1.21	Year 2 SATs meeting for parents after school
22.1.21	Governor day
W/b 25.01.20	PTA school discos – during school, pupils only – year group bubbles
12.2.21	Break up
22.2.21	INSET
29.3.21 and 31.3.21	Parent consultations
29.3.21	House Treat

30.3.21	Easter Service 9.30 KS1, 10.30 KS2
1.4.21	Chocolate tombola and break up.
19.4.21	Back to school
May 2021	KS1 test period
Wb 10.5.21	KS2 SATs week
28.5.21	Break up
7.6.21	Phonics check week Multiplication tables check Y4 – three week period
9.6.21	INSET
23.6.21	Reception new parents meeting
24.6.21	Sports Day
25.6.21 – 28.6.21	Liddington Year 6 residential
1.7.21	Reserve sports day
05.7.21 and 06.7.21	Year 6 production
9.7.21	INSET
12.7.21	House Treat
15.7.21	Year 6 leavers party
Wb 19.7.21	Bikeability year 6
22.7.21	Leavers' service (tbc)
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