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November 2022 Newsletter

Dear Parents

Welcome to our November newsletter.

Many thanks for your continued support it is very much appreciated. We are very excited to be offering some lovely Christmas celebrations and we hope to see you at one of our Christmas performances (details attached). As we speed through Autumn and into winter, please remember to wrap up warm as we will still be outside at playtime. Please remember that it is school policy that only children wearing a helmet are allowed to cycle to school... With the darker mornings and evenings please check that lights are working too. Thank you.

Lest we forget



They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.

Robert Laurence Binyon

A two-minute silence was observed at 11 o'clock on Friday, 11th November. We offered our prayers for all who serve, or have served, in the forces and their families.

Curriculum and Enrichment

Gardening Club

Gardening club have been very busy weeding and making colourful pebbles to decorate our garden area. We have been preparing the garden and look forward to planting in the spring!



Music

Years 3 – 6 have been working with Showcase Music to put together a festive Christmas performance to share with parents later this half term. We look forward to welcoming as many parents as possible. (See diary dates below for further details)

Year R Pip and Pap Phonics

Year R have nearly completed the 'Orange Phase' of their phonics, having learned 23 different phoneme-grapheme correspondences already (matching sounds to letters.)

Year R parents have very much enjoyed attending our 'Pip and Pap Phonics' workshops with their children.



Year 1 Pip and Pap Phonics

Year 1 have been enjoying learning the 'Green Phase' phoneme-grapheme correspondences in their phonics sessions and we loved sharing 'The Stray Dog' with parents during the workshop.



Attendance Prize

Well done to Yousef who won a £25 cinema voucher as part of our Attendance Raffle!

For each full week a child completes in school, they are rewarded with a raffle ticket that goes into the raffle drum! The more your child is in school - the more raffle tickets they receive - therefore the more entries into the draw! Our next draw will be at the end of the Autumn term.

In Class

Year R

In Year R this term, we have been thinking about Diwali. We have immersed ourselves in the festival of light! We have a brand new home corner that allows us to dress up and celebrate! During writing, we have been using our new phonics knowledge to write words and phrases about Diwali including Rama and Sita. In expressive Arts and Design, we have created salt dough to make our very own Diva Lamp. To mirror this, we have learnt to mix our primary colours to create secondary colours. We made beautiful firework pictures. In maths, we are focusing on our numbers to 10 while developing our formation, counting and ordering skills.

Year 1

During Autumn 2, Year 1 have been learning about...

Writing: We were asked to help Norman, the slug with a silly shell, find a new shell as the shell he previously had caused him many problems! We have worked together on forming adjectives and

using them in sentences to help Norman consider why he should choose each specific shell. In maths, we have been learning about subtraction. We have been using a range of different resources to support our understanding. In geography, we have been learning about our local area. We have explored the world in which we live and discovered what our country, county and the city that we live in are. We have also been thinking about our local area and its features. In science, we received a message from the three little pigs! Their youngest brother Percy needed our help building a house. To help him, we have been learning all about different objects and their materials. This has helped us to consider what material would be best for different parts of the house and why.

Year 2

In Year 2, we have done some excellent writing about the Rainbow Fish. We have really been working on adding conjunctions into our writing to extend our fabulous ideas! We have done lots of exploring in the Rainforest looking into animals and the different layers of the Rainforest! We are very passionate about protecting the Rainforest and Year 2 have learnt some super facts about why the Rainforest is so important!

Year 3

Year 3 have been enjoying writing their own devious trick chapter for The Twits. Here, they have thought up many mischievous plans in order to pay back one of the Twits. They have also enjoyed learning how to use and apply the column method in maths! In history, the children have been learning about Walter Tull, one of the first black officers and footballers who showed great resilience despite the hardships he encountered. The children have been able to link him to other significant figures they've met from the past and have been reflecting upon diversity, uniqueness and equality.

Year 4

This half term we have been busy. In English, we have continued to develop our recount skills to retell an event where a superhero prevents disaster from happening. We have carefully considered our adjectives, similes and descriptive language in order to engage and inform our reader. In History we have continued our Roman learning. The children have been enjoying making and investigating circuits and electricity in science.

Year 5

In English, the children have been creating speeches on the magic, mystery and importance of our ocean and the devastating effects that plastic and pollution is currently having on it. In maths, Year 5 have been learning multiplication and the different formal methods within this topic. They are currently focusing on learning the long multiplication method with increased speed and accuracy.

In guided reading, we have focused on improving our retrieval skills and using power to improve our reading fluency.

Year 6

In Year 6, we are coming to the end of our topic on motivational texts. We have discussed and planned our own texts to motivate a reader towards success in a variety of areas. Some have written

about growth mindset and others have chosen a particular sport like football or swimming. As we are coming to the end of our work, we are thinking carefully about layout and presentation for maximum effect on the reader. In maths, we have learned more about fractions, equivalent fractions and how the four operations can be applied to fractions. This knowledge is useful when solving mathematical problems where fractions are used. In addition, we are working on some amazing art focussing on iconic items representing our history topic of WW2. In science, we have been studying electrical circuits.

Rotary Shoe Box Appeal

A very big thank you to all families who filled a Rotary Club shoe box full of gifts to share with children in need this Christmas. We collected 52 shoe boxes this year! They were collected by the Rotary Club who will ensure they reach children in Eastern Europe in time for Christmas. Many thanks for your continued support and generosity.

Book Fair

We thoroughly enjoyed welcoming our parents in for our recent book fair. It was lovely to see so many children enjoying reading and talking about the new books on offer.

Allergies

We have a number of children with severe nut allergies. With this in mind, I ask that families do not have any snacks and ensure that all packed lunches are 'nut free'. This includes peanut butter or Nutella which can be a major cause of anaphylactic shock in some children. Your care and support in this is greatly appreciated



Tours of the School

We have already welcomed a number of families into our school to have a tour for our new Year R (September 2023) entrants. Year R (infant/primary school) application deadline: **15 January 2022 at 23:59**

Please ensure you have submitted your applications on time and used all 3 preferences. Late applications can result in your child missing a place at your preferred school.



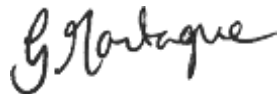
Dates for your Diary

- Monday 5th December – Y3 & 4 Showcase Music Performance 3pm
- Tuesday 6th December – Beaulieu Christmas Performance 3pm
- Wednesday 7th December – Hamble Christmas Performance 3pm
- Friday 9th December – Itchen Christmas Performance 3pm
- Monday 12th December – Christmas Lunch
- Monday 12th December – Christmas Jumper Day – £2 for Save the Children
- Tuesday 13th December – Test Christmas Performance 3pm

- Wednesday 14th December –Year R Christmas Performance 3pm
- Thursday 15th December – Y3 & 4 Trip to the Mayflower Theatre. Returning to school at approximately 4:30pm
- Friday 16th December – Y5 & 6 Trip to the Mayflower Theatre. Returning to school at approximately 5pm
- Tuesday 3rd January 2023 – Back to School

I wish you all a safe and happy Autumn 2!

Kind Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mrs Montague', written in a cursive style.

Mrs Montague

Executive Headteacher