

HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE

9th February 2024



Dear Parents,

Half term is here and incredibly we are already half way through the school year!

It has been lovely to see many of our pupils take part in sporting events since Christmas, and to see them work so well together in teams. We are really fortunate to have children who are incredibly enthusiastic about taking part and as a staff we feel extremely proud of them all.

This week our year R children entertained the whole school with their amazing Chinese Dragon parade. The corridors were filled with the sounds of jangling bells and a sea of colour as the dragon made its way around the school. Photos of this event along with many others are available on our Facebook page.

Sponsored Spell – We will be holding our annual sponsored spell event straight after half term, during the week beginning **Monday 19 February**. Every child in the school has been given words to learn (posted on Seesaw today), all of which are of an appropriate standard for their level. There is a sponsor form attached to this email and a hard copy should have come home with your child today. Further hard-copies will be available from the school office after the half term break if you need them.

World Book Day - **Thursday 7th March** is coming up very soon, and every year we love to celebrate this.

We would like the children to come to school on that day **dressed as any character from their favourite book**.

There will also be a Book Fair on Wednesday 6th March - further details will follow. We can't wait to see all the amazing, creative costumes!

Open Evening – On **Tuesday 12 March** between 3.30pm and 5.00pm we would like to invite parents in with their children to look at their children's books. This is not a formal parents' evening but teachers will be in the classrooms throughout the session. We hope you will be able to come along so that the children can share all of their hard work with you.

Reports and Online Parent Evenings - Annual reports will be coming home on **Friday 15 March** for years 1-6 and then **online** parents Evenings will take place on **Monday 18 and Tuesday 19 March** for all year groups. We will be using the SchoolCloud online booking system for **video appointments** and information regarding these will be sent home after half term.

Easter Services – Easter Services will take place later this term in St Marys Church. As usual, we would like to invite you to join us at these special events. The dates and times are:

Infants	Monday 25 March	9.30am - All Infant Classes	
Juniors	Wednesday 27 March	9.30am - 3S, 4L, Y5, Y6,	10.45am 3HJ, 4G, Y5, Y6

Collaborative Concert – Brookfield have once again made a change to the dates of the Collaborative Concert and it has now reverted to the original dates of **Tuesday 26 March and Wednesday 27 March**. If your child will no longer be able to perform on the original dates or if any of the pick-up details have changed please email Mrs Huddleston via the school office admin@warsash.hants.sch.uk

PTFA REMINDERS

- We only have **2 tables left** for our Quiz night on Friday the 1st of March, don't miss this awesome evening out and book your table asap!! If you have already booked your table please make sure everyone in your team has placed their food order by the **23rd of Feb**. <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hwvschoolptfa/index.cfm>
- After half term we will be launching our new World Book Day quiz! Complete the quiz to be entered into the prize draw to win a £10 Waterstones voucher! (one prize per infants and juniors) More details will come after half term.
- Our **Mother's Day sale** will be held on **Friday the 8th of March**, we will send more information out regarding this after half term but if you already know you can help then please drop Melissa a message or email the PTFA on ptfa.hwwa@gmail.com.
- The circus is coming to town on **Wednesday the 24th of April** so save the date. More information to come after half term.

Hampshire Music Service – HMS are putting on Music Production enrichment days over the Easter Holidays.

Workshops will be across two days, showing students how to create songs from scratch! They will learn how to record, mix and edit music, using iPads. They will also be shown how to perform live music with DJ and keyboard controllers. All equipment provided. Please see the flyer attached for further information.

Hampshire County Youth Orchestra is holding an **Open Day** on **Saturday 23 March 2024** at Thornden School Concert Hall in Chandler's Ford, the Orchestra's rehearsal base. Players will have the opportunity to play alongside current members of one of our two main ensembles:

String Orchestra = for string players grades 4 +

County Youth Orchestra = for orchestral players grades 6 + (strings / woodwind / brass / percussion and harp)

The Open Day is not a part of an audition process, but rather a chance for players to get a taste of the Youth Orchestra ensembles and what it might be like to be part of them.

Resources Request – Please can we ask for donations of empty, clean yoghurt pots which the children use when gluing.

Fareham Artisan & Gift Markets - Fareham Borough Council welcomes back Funyard Event's Artisan & Gift Markets to the pedestrianised area of West Street, Fareham this year. There will be craft, gift and food stalls full of local and seasonal goods including pottery, jewellery, wooden products, glassware, homemade fudge and cakes. They will take place between 10am-4pm on the following dates. **Saturday 2nd March / Saturday 25th May / Saturday 28th September / Saturday 26th October**. More information can be found at www.funyardevents.com or from the attached flyer.

Peer Support for Parents and Carers - Solent Mind are offering free online peer support groups for parents or carers who are supporting a child or young person experiencing self-harm. The parent or carers' wellbeing is just as important, and it can be a difficult subject to talk about. These groups are running fortnightly on Tuesdays at 12:30pm-1:30pm, or Wednesdays fortnightly 6pm-7pm until the end of March 2024, along with bespoke individual 1:1 sessions for advice, guidance and support. Groups, 1:1s, or both can be accessed by completing a self-referral via the Support Hub at www.selfharmsupporthubhants.org.uk. Solent Mind will also be running self-harm awareness sessions looking at how parents/carers can support their child or young person. The sessions available are:

Tuesday 13 February 6-7pm

Tuesday 27 February 6-7pm

Tuesday 12 March 1-2pm

Tuesday 26 March 6-7pm

Yours sincerely

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Attachments:-

HMS Production Workshops / Artisan & Gift Markets / Peer Support

Next Week

Day	Date	Events	Clubs
12 - 16 Feb		HALF TERM	
Mon	19 Feb	Sponsored Spell HMS Music – Woodwind	Art Club Y1/3 3:30/4:30pm IDPE Y3/6 Dodgeball 3:30pm
Tue	20 Feb	HMS Music – Drums	Spanish Lunchtime IDPE Dodgeball Y1/2 3:20pm IDPE Dance Y3/6 5:00pm
Wed	21 Feb	Y4 Stubbington Residential HMS Music – Guitar/Brass	Y5 Boys Football Lunchtime Judo 3:30pm & 4:30pm Art Club Y4/6 3:30/5:00pm Scratch Club 3:30/4:30pm
Thurs	22 Feb	Y4 Stubbington Residential	French Lunchtime Choir 3:30/4:15pm Y6 Boys Football 3:30/4:15pm
Fri	23 Feb	Y4 Stubbington Residential HMS Music Lessons – Piano Cross Country Portsdown Hill 4:15pm? PTFA Quiz Night	Y5/6 Girls Football Lunchtime

Future Dates

Day	Date	Events
Wed	28 Feb	Dorset Residential Trip Parents Talk (in 4G) 3:30pm
Fri	01 Mar	PTFA Quiz Night
Wed	06 Mar	Book Fair P & G Wells
Thurs	07 Mar	World Book Day – Dress Up as favourite character
Fri	08 Mar	PTFA Mother's Day Sale
Tue	12 Mar	Open Evening Book Look 3:30pm/5:00pm
Fri	15 Mar	Report Home
Mon	18 Mar	Parents Evening
Tue	19 Mar	Parents Evening
Thurs	21 Mar	Y5 Bikeability Listen 2 Me Concert
Fri	22 Mar	Y5 Bikeability
Mon	25 Mar	Infant Easter Service 9:30am Y5 Bikeability
Tue	26 Mar	Collaborative Choir Rehearsal & Concert
Wed	27 Mar	Junior Easter Service 9:30am & 10:45pm Collaborative Choir Concert
Thurs	28 Mar	Rock2theBeat Concert
29 Mar - 14 Apr		Easter Holiday
Mon	15 Apr	Inset Day