

HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE
Friday 14 February 2025



Dear Parents,

Half term is here and incredibly we are already half way through the school year! Many of you will have seen the construction of a cabin near the environmental area during this academic year. We are so pleased to say that this is now completed and will be opening after the half term holiday. While this is being used for our wraparound care provision, we are also planning to make use of it for many other activities during the school day.

Staffing Update – We are pleased to say that we will have a new Senior Site Manager joining the school after the half term holidays. His name is Brian Clifford and he will be responsible for locking the junior gates in the mornings. Please say hello if you see him out on the playground.

Larks & Owls – A reminder to Larks and Owls parents that drop off on Monday 24 February will be to the school hall as normal. Collection at the end of the day will be from the new cabin.

Sponsored Spell – Reminder that we will be holding our annual sponsored spell event straight after half term, during the week beginning **Monday 24 February**. Every child in the school has been given words to learn (or phonics for YR), also posted on Seesaw, all of which will be of an appropriate standard for their level. Sponsor forms and spellings will have come home with your child today.

World Book Day - Dress up Thursday 6 March 2025 Children are invited to come dressed up as their favourite character from a book on Thursday 6 March. We look forward to seeing their costumes and spending time enjoying fun reading activities during the week.

P&G Wells Bookfair - On **Monday 17 March**, Winchester's independent bookshop P&G Wells will be bringing a bookfair to our school, with a range of new and popular titles for all year groups across fiction and non-fiction. The children will have the chance to browse and buy books during the day, and the bookfair will also be open after school, with both cash and card payments accepted. Parents are invited to send in cash with their child on the day (books will range in price from around £7-10) and/or visit at pick-up time to buy books from the bookstall in the hall.

Book Look – On **Tuesday 18 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 Parent Evenings - Annual reports will be coming home on **Friday 21 March** for years 1-6 and then **online** video parents Evenings will take place on **Monday 24 and Tuesday 25 March** for ALL year groups. We will be using the SchoolCloud online booking system for **video appointments** and information regarding this will be sent home after half term. We will then have one further parent evening this year which will be a face to face one in July.

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

Infants	Monday 31 March	9.30am - All Infant Classes	
Juniors	Wednesday 02 April	9.30am – 3B, 4L, Y5, Y6,	10.45am 3H, 4S, Y5, Y6

Gate Access – Please may I remind you that nobody should be accessing the site through the vehicle exit gates between the hours of 7:30am to 3:10pm. We have recently had a near miss when a parent drove in through this gate during the morning drop off.

SEND Referrals - We are currently facing a large number of families seeking diagnoses for their children for a range of conditions. While we are always keen to work with families and support them through these processes, we felt it would be useful to let you know **the pathway you should follow in order for us to have the capacity to do the school submissions in a timely manner.**

Initially you should contact the school SENDCo – Zoe Hine by email and ask for a meeting to discuss your child's needs and what provision they are being supported with in school. If following this, you still feel you would like to seek an external assessment, Mrs Hine will be able to advise you about the best way to do this; the level of referral requests currently in the school system; and the time scales in which we can realistically respond to agencies asking for the school's perceptions and further information.

School Uniform – Reminder that MyClothing have provided us with a discount code which entitles everyone a 10% discount until 31/03/2025. Enter the code **UNIFORM10%** on their website <https://myclothing.com/>

Cricket Opportunities - With the Spring quickly approaching a number of our local cricket clubs will soon be recruiting juniors for the new cricket season. There are number opportunities available for both boys and girls and more information can be found on the attached flyer.

UPCOMING PTFA EVENTS

Junior Film Night - Thursday 27 Feb - 3:30pm to 5:40pm - FILM: IF (Rated U) - Tickets are £5 per child and this includes popcorn on entry, a choice of hot dog or cheese roll and a biscuit break. Ticket sales end Tuesday 25 February, tickets are limited so make sure you book early to avoid disappointment. Please follow this link to book your child's ticket: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hwvschoolptfa/index.cfm?event=shop>. Please make sure when booking your ticket that you include the full name and that any medical issues or allergies are specified clearly in the relevant box even if your child will be bringing their own food.

We still need help to run this evening! We need at least 2 adults per class in order to run the event so if you can help from 2:30pm until 6:00pm please join the relevant WhatsApp group below or get in touch with Melissa on 07802748139 or email the PTFA inbox on PTFA.HWWA@gmail.com.

JUNIOR VOLUNTEER GROUP - <https://chat.whatsapp.com/FYQRjC5xQEsl4K7qNXo8y>

Mother's Day Sale - Friday 28 March - Our Mother's Day sale will be back again this year with some lovely gifting options for all those amazing women in our children's lives. If you would like your child to be able to purchase something from our sale then please send your child in with a clearly labelled envelope of cash on the morning of Friday the 28th. If you can help on Friday the 28th even just for an hour please either join our WhatsApp group here - <https://chat.whatsapp.com/LfvFnsW4QSI3hfwCJICFMU> - or get in touch with Melissa on 07802748139 or email our PTA inbox on PTFA.HWWA@gmail.com.

School Disco's - Friday 25 April - Save the date - More information will be sent at the beginning of March regarding this event.

Styling Event with Jennifer Jones - Friday 16 May - Save the date - Join us for a fabulous evening with styling expert Jennifer Jones, cocktails and stylish stallholders! More information will be sent in March regarding ticket sales. If you sell related items such as clothing, jewellery or accessories and are interested in having a stall at this event please contact Melissa on 07802748139.

Match Funding - Don't forget to get in touch with us if you can help with match funding, our big project we are currently looking to raise funds for is a revamp of the environmental area starting with the pond. If you would like more information or think you can help with match funding then please email us on PTFA.HWWA@gmail.com.

We hope you all have a very happy half term holiday and we look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 24 February.

Yours sincerely

Sara Willoughby

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Attachments/Flyers: Southampton Rocks / Cricket / Spanish Club / Half Term Art Club / Fareham Pop up Beach

Next Week

17- 21 Feb		Half Term	
Mon	24 Feb	Sponsored Spell	KS1 Art Club 3:30/4:30pm
Tue	25 Feb	HMS Music – Guitar	Spanish Lunchtime Y1-2 Dodgeball starts 3:30/4:30pm
Wed	26 Feb	HMS Music – Brass / Keyboard / Woodwind School Council visit Mayor's Parlour	Y3 Football Lunchtime KS2 Art Club 3:30/5:00pm Scratch Club 3:30-4:30 Judo 3:30pm & 5:30pm
Thurs	27 Feb	Rock 2 the Beat Junior Film Night 3:30-5:40pm Girls Netball A v Sarisbury Jnr	French Lunchtime Y5/6 Football (Girls) Lunchtime Y1/2 Art Club 3:30/4:30pm Collaborative Choir 3:30/4:15pm Y5/6 Football (Boys) 3:30/4:30pm
Fri	28 Feb	HMS Music Lessons – Drums Y4 Swimming	Y5/6 Netball 8:05am Y5/6 Football Lunchtime Y3-6 Dodgeball starts 3:30/4:30pm

Diary Dates

Mon	03 Mar	Y7 School Place Notification Day
Tue	04 Mar	Hampshire Cross Country Event 9:30-1:30pm
Thurs	06 Mar	Girls Netball H v Locks Heath World Book Day – Dress Up
Fri	07 Mar	Cross Country Championship @ Crookhorn 4:15pm PTFA Quiz Night
10 - 12 Mar		Y4 Residential – Stubbington
Tue	11 Mar	Netball Hants Cup @ Cornerstone
Thurs	13 Mar	Collaborative Choir Rehearsal 1:30pm & Concert 6:00pm
Mon	17 Mar	P & G Wells Bookfair
Tue	18 Mar	Book Look Evening
Wed	19 Mar	School Council Mayor's Parlour Visit
Fri	21 Mar	Red Nose Day – Wear Red for £1 donation Reports Home (Y1-Y6) No Swimming
Mon	24 Mar	Parents Evening – Early Finishes
Tue	25 Mar	Parents Evening – Early Finishes
Wed	26 Mar	Listen2me Concert 2:40pm-3:10pm
Fri	28 Mar	Mother's Day Sale
Mon	31 Mar	Infant Easter Church Service 9:30am
Wed	02 Apr	Junior Easter Church Service 9:30am & 10:45am
Thurs	03 Apr	Easter Hat Parade Rock2theBeat Concert 2:50-3:10pm
Fri	04 Apr	Inset Day – School Closed
07 – 21 Apr		Easter Holiday
Tue	22 Apr	School Restarts