

Inset Day – We would like to remind you that **Friday, 13 February** is an Inset Day and school will be closed.

Staffing Update – Sadly, for personal reasons, Mr Ponsford will be leaving us at the end of this half term. He has been a valued member of our team for the past 12 years and we will miss him as a member of our school staff. We would appreciate it if you could respect his privacy surrounding his personal circumstances. Following interviews earlier this week Mr Hutchinson has been successful in securing the position and he will take up this post with class 5PE from **Monday 23 February**.

Sponsored Spell – We will be holding our annual sponsored spell event straight after half term, during the week beginning **Monday 23 February**. Every child in the school will be given words to learn, also posted on Seesaw, all of which will be of an appropriate standard for their level. Sponsor forms and spellings will come home with your child on Thursday 12 February.

Book Look – On **Tuesday 17 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 20 March** for years 1-6 only and then **online video** parents Evenings will take place on **Monday 23 and Tuesday 24 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 parents evening this year which will be in a face to face format in July.

Online Safety Newsletter – Please find attached the February edition of the Online Safety Newsletter.

Cluster Schools: Smartphone Free - We wanted to take this opportunity to remind you that we will be moving to a smartphone free school from September 2026. This was first announced in November 2025 and will see all schools in the local cluster adopting this approach for the benefit of the children.

Vacancy Cleaner – Our cleaning provider, Atlas, currently have a vacancy to start as soon as possible. Hours of work are 4pm-6pm. For further details please contact Lisa on 07387 016927.

School Uniform – MyClothing have provided us with a discount code which entitles everyone to Free Delivery on all orders between **28 January and 01 February** as well as the 10% discount which runs until the end of March. Enter the code **FREESHIP &/or MYCQ110** on their website <https://myclothing.com/>

Water Bottles – Please can we remind parents that all children are required to bring a water bottle into school every day. There have been an increasing number of children in the last week that have forgotten theirs.

Regards

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Attachments: Online Safety Newsletter / MyClothing Flyer / St Mary's Church Flyers

Next Week

Mon	02 Feb		Fun-nastix 3:30-4:30pm
Tue	03 Feb	HMS Music – Guitar Cross Country Qualifier	Y5 Netball 8:00-8:45am Spanish Lunchtime Y4 Football Lunchtime IDPE Dodgeball Y1/2 3:30-4:30pm KS2 Hockey 3:30/4:30pm (2/3) Y4/5 Art of Jesus 3:30-5:00pm (5/11)
Wed	04 Feb	HMS Music – Brass/Woodwind/Keyboard 4Square Tournament (KS2 Playground) Quarter Final Hampshire Cup Football Y5/6	Y3/4 Netball/Dodgeball 8:00-8:45am French Lunchtime Y5/6 GIRLS Football Lunchtime Judo 3:30-5:30pm
Thurs	05 Feb	HMS Music Lessons – Drums R2tB GIRLS Football Away v Herne Jnr	Y6 Netball 8:00-8:45am Showstoppers 3:30-5:00pm Collaborative Choir 3:30-4:15pm

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Fri	06 Feb	Y4 Swimming (2/8) Cross Country Portsdown Hill (PO6 1BB) 4:15pm	Y3 Football Lunchtime IDPE Dodgeball Y3/6 3:30-4:30pm