

Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to say a huge well done to all of our children and the staff for a wonderful half term. We have been really busy and I know that everyone has worked really hard. Thank you also to all of the parents who have been so positive and supported our school in so many ways. It has been fantastic to start welcoming our potential new intake for year R in 2024. Everyone who has looked round has commented on what a friendly school we are!

Good news from the staff

Mrs McDowall has passed her apprenticeship with a distinction and Mrs Stack has been selected as a County Moderator for Year 6 SATs which will give our school additional expertise in the teaching and assessment of writing.

For any parents/carers/grandparents with a child aged two or under, we are starting a stay and play on some Thursday Mornings at 9- 9.45, with a view to having this as a weekly slot after Christmas. It is a time to get together, have some coffee and biscuits and perhaps have some rhymes and stories with the little ones. Please contact the Admin Team if you would like to join us for our first sessions on Thursday 2 and 23 November.

Inset Day

A reminder that tomorrow is an Inset Day when the school and nursery will be closed for staff training.

Chickens!

The chickens have arrived at the Hen Hotel and have settled in well. We will keep everyone updated on their progress.



Parking

Please can we ask parents and carers to be considerate when parking on the roads around our school. Please don't park on grass verges or obstruct driveways. Thank you.

Shop Closure

Our Uniform supplier, Direct 4 Logos, Romsey shop will be closed on Saturday 21 October. They apologise for any inconvenience.



Scarecrow Competition

The annual Oliver's Battery Scarecrow Competition will be held 27 October – 6 November. You are invited to enter either the family, adult or groups categories. All entries to be received by 27 October and displayed between 27 October and 6 November. We have some entry forms in the school office or email: oliversbatteryevents@gmail.com.

360 Sports Coaching

360 Degree Sports Coaching are running an half term holiday camp at Weeke Primary School from 23 – 27 October – 8.30am – 5.30pm at a cost of £25.00 per day. This is open to children age 5 – 12 years and will involve sports, art and craft and team games. For more information go to; info@360degreesportscoaching.com.

Christ Church Winchester

Get your goggles on and join Christ Church for their Whizz-bang science themed holiday club for school years 1 – 6.

They will be running from Tuesday 24 – Friday 27 October 9.30 – 12.30pm.

The cost is just £5.00 for the week. To book go to their website: www.ccwinch.org.uk/wonderzone.

School Photographer

Date for your diary – the school photographer will be in school on **Thursday 16 November** to take individual and sibling pictures. The orders will be ready in time for Christmas.



Height and Weight Checks

The school nurses will be in school on **Monday 20 November** to carry out Height and Weight checks on Year R and Year 6. A separate letter has been sent to parents.

Flu Immunisations

The school nursing team will be in school on **Tuesday 5 December** to deliver the flu vaccinations to all children in Year R through to Year 6.

A separate Parentmail has been sent out this week to enable you to sign up if you would like your child to receive the vaccination (this is a nasal spray).

Year R School Applications

If your child is four, or will turn four before 1 September 2024, they can start school in September 2024. For more information go to www.hants.gov.uk/admissions Applications are open from 1 November 2023 and will close on Monday 15 January 2024.

Secondary School Applications

Secondary School place applications for September 2024 are now open and will close on Tuesday 31 October 2023. Parents and Carers with children due to move to secondary school next year can now apply for their child's school place. Applications can be submitted online or paper forms can be requested by emailing admissions.team@hants.gov.uk.

HC3s Vacancy

HC3s our Catering company have a vacancy for a mobile catering assistant. For more information go to: [Mobile Catering Assistant - Winchester area - HC3S 611717 \(E\) \(newjob.org.uk\)](https://www.newjob.org.uk/job/Mobile-Catering-Assistant-Winchester-area-HC3S-611717-E)

The Gregg Open Morning

The Gregg School is an independent day school in Southampton for pupils aged 11 – 16. They have an Open Morning coming up on Wednesday 8 November from 9.30am – 11.30am. Academic, Sport, Music and Art Scholarships and Bursaries are available. For more information visit their website www.thegreggschool.org

Learning Behaviours

We have held this week's Learning Behaviours assembly. This is where each teacher chooses a child/children that has demonstrated the chosen learning behaviour of the week. The teacher shares with everyone what the child has done and then we all celebrate their achievement. This term we are looking at **respect**. The children who were chosen this week were:

Year One	Darcie H
Year Two	Annabelle McC
Year Three	Alice W
Year Four	Keira F
Year Five	Jacob A
Year Six	Louis C

School Lunches

Thank you to everyone for settling their lunch accounts, however **the lunch debts are still high** - please could you ensure that your account is kept up to date. For your information the money owed per class is as follows:-

Hares	£ 162.73
Foxes	£ 68.95
Hérons	£ 197.30
Kingfishers	£ 168.20
Nursery	£ 67.40

From **Monday 18 September** your child will not be able to order a school lunch if the debt is above £10.00 – if the debt is over £10.00 they will need to bring in a packed lunch. **Please can you arrange to clear your Lunch accounts as soon as possible.**

If you would like an up to date statement of your child's account please contact the Admin Team. **If you have not yet registered to pay online via Scopay and would like a copy of your login details please email us and we will be happy to help.** We would appreciate it if all accounts, including any outstanding Breakfast Club and After School Club accounts, could be settled as soon as possible. **Please ensure that your After School Club Account is up to date as we employ extra staff for this club. If you would like an up to date statement please contact the school office.**

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Bordoli
Interim Headteacher

Dates for your diary (new dates in red)

Halloween Disco	19 October 2023
School breaks up for half term	19 October 2023
Inset Day	20 October 2023
School returns	30 October 2023
Secondary School Applications close	31 October 2023
School Photographer	16 November 2023
Open Morning (9.30am)	29 November 2023
Flu Vaccinations	5 December 2023
Whole School Trip to Cinderella	14 December 2023
School breaks up for Christmas	15 December 2023
School returns for Spring term	2 January 2024
Open Morning (9.30am)	5 January 2024
Year R school applications close	15 January 2024
Inset Day	19 February 2024
Inset Day	28 June 2024
Inset Day	1 July 2024