

Dear Parents and Carers

Education is all about partnerships and we are really pleased to be working with St. Swithun's School. We will be visiting their school on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Tuesdays will involve an art project working with their specialist teachers, initially for Year 5 and Thursdays we will be using their swimming facilities including swimming coaches, this will be for Year 3. St. Swithun's are not only providing the facilities, they are also providing the transport. On Friday afternoons a group of pupils will visit our school and listen to readers in Year 1 and 2. We are really excited about this opportunity and know that this will add to the rich curriculum that we already offer here at school.

What a start for our Year 5s, the heavens opened for their first session of Bikeability. They were undeterred and really enjoyed the experience.

Buildings:

We are expecting the two classrooms to be ready by Monday 29 January, which will be great, I will confirm nearer the time and let you know regarding the next phase.

Using the outdoor colour scheme chosen by the children as a guide, the indoor colour palette has been chosen – thank you to Mrs Jensen and Mrs King for their help.



We have chosen the blue for the door frames and the grey for the window frames. The teaching areas will have green carpet and the office areas blue carpet.



The floors will be a mixture of granite vinyl, topaz vinyl and sapphire vinyl.

Mrs Jensen and Mrs King looking at the Colour Palette.



School Crossing Patrol

We now have a school crossing patrol on the Badger Farm Road. This is a very busy road and this will benefit the children in terms of their safety. It would be nice if the children could say hello and make her feel welcome.

Bikeability

This week Year 5 were very lucky as we had opportunity to do Bikeability. First we learnt how to perform a bike check so we knew our bikes were safe to ride. Then we learnt about different hand signals and how to indicate so we can cycle on the road safely. Finally we got to try all our new skills out as we got to cycle around Oliver's Battery with our instructors. We really enjoyed the sessions and we hope we can do it again in Year 6!

By Oscar B Year 5

Thank you

A group of us met on Sunday morning for a few hours to clear the bottom pond. This had become very overgrown with willow which was draining the pond too early in the summer.

We worked really hard around the pond sawing down (coppicing) thick willow, pulling off ivy, cutting back brambles and raking up the grass. We left the pond itself as there wasn't too much vegetation and it looks nice and clear. We also made sure we didn't disturb the mature ant-nest.

This will open up the pond to the sunlight allowing the wildlife to flourish and will create some great pond-dipping opportunities.



Summer 2016



Sunday before coppicing



Summer view 2016



If you would like to join us at the next event it would be lovely to see you. You do not need to be a gardening or wildlife expert, just keen to join in.

Come for just an hour if you fancy trying it out and bring your children (get them off the tech!). All the work we do makes the grounds more accessible for the children and benefits our wildlife.

Thanks go to Adam, Tyler, Jack, Zack, Paul, Archie, Elliot, Graham and Johnny.



**The next grounds group will be:
Sunday 25 February
10:00am till 2:00pm.**

Bring some tools and wear long sleeves.
Why not come and try it out?
We look forward to seeing you.

St. Swithun's

We had a wonderful afternoon of Art at St. Swithun's; all of Year 5 were very excited, especially when we saw the beautiful building! We also liked the fact that the minibus had to go over lots of speed humps and this made us all giggle.

We had a very warm welcome from the St. Swithun's team and we were quickly cutting and making a model of ourselves under the supervision of the very artistic teachers and their lovely sixth form students, who kindly came to help.

We are really looking forward to going back next week!

By Year 5

On Tuesdays Year 5 have been going to St Swithun's School to learn about different types of art. This week we were learning about collage. We were making paper models of ourselves and we stuck pieces of buildings on the models to form clothes. We thought the session was very interesting and it was great to see another school. We are looking forward to the other sessions for the rest of this half term!

By Kayleigh G Year 5

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully



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Headteacher

Dates for your diary (new dates in red)

Inset Day	26 January 2018
Cinema	30 January 2018
Hampshire CAMHS event 11am – 7pm	30 January 2018
KS2 SAT's Information Evening – 7pm	7 February 2018
KS1 SAT's Information Evening – 7pm	7 February 2018
School Grounds Day 10am – 2pm	25 February 2018
Mothers' Day Shop	9 March 2018
Inset Day	16 March 2018
Year 6 Transition Coffee Morning/Afternoon Tea	22 March 2018
School Grounds Day 10am – 2pm	25 March 2018
Year 6 Transition Coffee Morning/Afternoon Tea	26 March 2018
Easter Egg Hunt	27 March 2018
School Grounds Day 10am – 2pm	29 April 2018
School Grounds Day 10am – 2pm	10 June 2018
Year 6 Transition Coffee Morning/Afternoon Tea	11 June 2018
Father's Day Shop	15 June 2018
Summer Fayre	23 June 2018
Uniform Evening	27 June 2018
Year 6 Parents Information Evening at Kings'	4 July 2018
Inset Day	6 July 2018
Inset Day	9 July 2018