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Newsletter

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I hope that you found the parent information sessions useful this week. Please do not hesitate to approach your child's teacher for further clarification or information. The powerpoints and curriculum outlines will be made available on the new website.

This morning we held an assembly to find out which children have been chosen to hold different roles in school that will ensure the pupils have a real voice in school. The different roles were as follows:

Young Governors – these children have responsibilities to work with different members of staff to lead different areas of improvement within school.

The Behaviour Young Governors work with Mrs Smith to discuss ways to improve behaviour further, write anti-bullying statements and lead anti-bullying week and events across school. The Behaviour Young Governors are: Connor S, Tilly G, Sean, Sullivan and Charlotte W.

The Learning and Teaching Young Governors work with me to develop an understanding of what makes good teaching and learning and then they will think about what is working well and what might be developed. The Learning and Teaching Young Governors are: Farren, Morgan, Heath, Lois, Rhea and Louis M.

The Spirituality Young Governors work with Mrs Phelps to discuss ways to improve worship, lead worship, think about how well the school promotes our Christian ethos and promotes British Values. The Spirituality Young Governors are: Beau, Olivia, Jorja, Rio, Keegan, Lauren and Tegan.

The Fundraising Young Governors work with Mrs Alldred and Mr Warner to decide which charities we should support and events we should hold to raise funds. They then organise these events. The Fundraising team are Gracie K, Emily P, Erin B, Nevin and Ben P.

The Grounds and Eco Young Governors work with Miss White to help lead improvements with the way we use the school grounds and help secure Eco Schools accreditation by improving our understanding of sustainability. The Grounds and Eco team are George M-C, Oskar W, Maddison, Josh T and Freddie.

INSET DAYS

27th Sept—Fairthorne Manor Meeting 5pm

29th Sept—Year 6 Open Morning Mountbatten School

3rd Oct—Harvest Assembly

21st Oct—School Photos

14th Nov—Fairthorne Residential Years 5/6

25th Nov—Yr 1/2 New Age Kurling 1.30-4pm Mountbatten School

2nd Dec—Tag Rugby Festival Mountbatten School 1.30-4pm

9th Dec—Indoor Athletics Festival: Yr 3/4/5/6 1.30-4pm

PRAYERS AND MESSAGES

Psalm 119:105 (OLD TESTAMENT)

Your word is a lamp for my feet and a light for my path

Peer Mentors – these children support other children with their emotional well-being and relationships. They will support them to sort out play and friendship issues that might arise seeking adult support where appropriate. The Peer Mentors are Grace M, Semra, Freddie and Isabel W

House Team Leaders – these children lead the four teams – Nutshalling, Lakeside, Balmoral and Fernyhurst. Their responsibility is leading their teams during whole school activities and sports day. They encourage their teams to work hard and behave well. They are responsible for showing visitors around school. The House team leaders are Liam and Cadance for Nutshalling; Louis M and Katie for Fernyhurst; Erin W and Lilly for Balmoral and Ethan G and Jessie M for Lakeside.

We still have to finalise the appointment of Playleaders, Bronze Ambassadors and Librarians.

Class Ambassadors- these children are responsible for welcoming visitors into their classrooms and explaining what their class are currently doing and what life is like in their room.

Class Ambassadors		
Roly-Poly Birds YR/I KJ	Nevaeh Hingston	
Enormous Crocodiles YR/I KH	Matthew Stephenson	
Trunkies YR/I JR	Jesse Lineker	
Snozzcumpers Y2 NA	James Crozier	
Chiddlers Y2 HM	Joseph Shiers	
Glow-worms Y3/4 LP	Caitlyn Hughes	Stevie Bowles
Minpins Y3/4 SW	Ruby Bland	Rhea Mukherjee
Muggle-wumps Y3/4 AH/MG	Thomas Webb	Hollie Blyth
BFGs Y5/6 HW	Maisie Cobb	Connor Young
Phizz-wizards Y5/6 MW	Emma Spooner	Isabel Webb
Oompa Loompas Y5/6 SP/HA	Grace Moody	Liam Holdsworth

In our afternoon celebration worship, the rabbits received their names, Snowdrop and Twinkletoes. . . . as voted by the children.

School external decoration

Hampshire County Council begin a number of days of work next week – cleaning, prepping, repairing and painting external paintwork, soffits and guttering. My apologies but this will mean some disruption for a couple of weeks. The areas being worked upon will be fenced off and the children kept safe from the work being carried out. The paint being used is oil-based so please be aware that some children/adults may be prone to breathing difficulties because of this type of paint - we shall keep a careful eye out for anyone having breathing difficulties; please do so too.

Mobile phone use

During the summer, a mobile phone policy was written. This can be found on the website. If you are sending your child into school with a mobile phone, please make sure you read this policy and complete the attached slip and return it to the office. In summary, the school cannot take any responsibility for any phone brought into school and mobile phones brought into school must be left in the office. We ask you not to phone/message your child during the day. Any messages you need to pass on to your child should be communicated through the school systems – phone number or email.

Photos and media

You will have completed a form in the past giving permission for us to use your child’s photo on the website or in any media photos without their names being linked to their faces. If you do not wish your child to have their photos on line or in the press please let the office know so that we can update our records. Year R children will be receiving a pack with a variety of forms to complete including this form.

Medical forms

Recently we sent a purple medical form out for completion – if you have not returned this form yet please do so as a matter of urgency.

Parking

Please, please be considerate to other parents, staff and neighbours when arriving and departing from school. Please do not block our neighbours' driveways or park on them. I am saddened when I get angry emails from neighbours expressing unhappiness about thoughtless parking which sometimes puts others at risk. Do not park in the school gates entrance or use it as a turning point. Parents (without prior permission) should **not** park in the school car park.

Parent Volunteers

By completing some simple paperwork, you could come into school and support our children. This is greatly appreciated by all of us. If you are able to come into school to support children please come in and talk to me, Jane Smith or Fiona Hoggarth.

Acceptable Use Policy

Please take time to read the Acceptable Use policy which can be found on the website. I saw this post on my Newsfeed this week and thought it was a perfect reminder of how not to use social media. Please celebrate things about school on social media but if there is anything you are unhappy about or unsure about please come in and talk about it. We are open to criticism and will listen.

TREEHOUSE THEATRE

On Friday 16th September, Year 5/6's topic was revealed to them with a bang as they performed a 'Play in a day' in Ancient Egypt. With the help of the Treehouse Theatre and the teachers the outcome was outstanding, kicking off the 'Tomb Raider' topic. Every child took part with each a different role. This was a great experience for the children as they learned about the Egyptians and had lots of fun. Ben from Treehouse Theatre helped each child engage in all the fantastic learning that was taught and was a great role model. All together this activity was a fantastic success for the children and teachers alike.

Winners of the Summer Challenge.

The following children had their Summer Challenge book chosen as one of the best in school:

Willow, Jesse, Sienna, Rebecca N, Connor S, Niamh, Finley, Ruby W, Caleb, Rhea, Brandon, Grace B, Daniel H, Harry N, Tegan, Megan, Charlotte W and Jess M.

Ashton was given a special prize as he had spent ages taking photos for his summer challenge but when it came to developing the pictures of his disposable camera none of the photos came



LETTERS SENT OUT THIS WEEK

Whole School— Pop UK
Year 5/6—Fairthorne Manor
Yr 5/6— Mobile Phone Policy

DOJO CHAMPION OF THE WEEK

Mrs Withers — Jessica M
Mrs Phelps/Miss Adams— Ben P
Mrs White— Siophie N
Mrs Hogbin/Mrs Garrod —Alfie G
Mr Warner – Fletcher R
Mrs Phillips – Alex E
Mrs Alldred— Loui P
Mrs Mountney— Adham E
Miss Robus— Jessica P
Miss Hill— Rebecca N
Mrs Johnson— Sienna A

FOCUS:

GREAT START TO THE YEAR

Mrs Withers — Thomas A and Daisy G
Mrs Phelps/Miss Adams— Cara O
Mrs White— Gracie D
Miss Hogbin/Mrs Garrod —Isaac C
Mr Warner – Ami Leigh W
Mrs Phillips – Keegan H
Mrs Alldred— James C
Mrs Mountney— Daniel W
Miss Robus— Elliot H
Miss Hill—Lucian W
Mrs Johnson— Preston W

The Mountbatten School - Open Morning for Yr 6 Parents

The Mountbatten School Open Morning for Rownhams Primary School is Thursday 29 September 2016.

The day will begin at 9.15am with a brief Introduction from Heather McLroy, Executive Headteacher, followed by a tour of the school with students. Parents will then have the opportunity to raise any questions with a senior member of staff over light refreshments. Expected finish time is 11:00am.

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

Mrs Withers — Finn J
Mrs Phelps/Miss Adams— Oliver
Mrs White— Millie P
Miss Hogbin/Mrs Garrod —Millie C
Mr Warner – Rhea M
Mrs Phillips – Oscar W
Mrs Alldred— Reuben W
Mrs Mountney— Farren P
Miss Robus— Kara P
Miss Hill— Ida C
Mrs Johnson— Advik B

STAR WRITER

Mrs Withers — Kian H
Mrs Phelps/Miss Adams— Oliver G
Mrs White— Tegan W
Miss Hogbin/Mrs Garrod —Marley Ann C
Mr Warner – William N
Mrs Phillips – Thomas M
Mrs Alldred— Isabel K
Mrs Mountney— Ella C
Miss Robus— Isla NW
Miss Hill—Matthew S
Mrs Johnson— Harriett R