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Newsletter

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What a musical week. The children have been taking part in Pop UK workshops. Curly Claire spent four days inspiring the children with her passion and enthusiasm teaching them songs for the Pop UK concert next week. A letter was sent out about the concert last week. It will be an amazing event and we are hoping as many of the children can attend as possible. We have had to limit the tickets to one per family as there is a maximum of 180 seats in the Lantern Theatre at Mountbatten where the concert is being held at 6.30pm – children to arrive by 6.10pm at the latest. And after all that, Hampshire Music Services visited us today and treated the children to a live woodwind performance.

All week I have been so impressed with how well the children have managed their excitement and approached their learning. I know you will be impressed when you come and see them in concert.

Today we took part in the Macmillan Coffee morning. The Class Ambassadors and Fundraising Young Governors welcomed parents and members of staff for coffee and cake and organised some fun activities raising funds, approximately £300 for a charity very close to my heart.



DIARY DATES

**** 3rd Oct—Harvest Assembly in School**

21st Oct—School Photos

**14th Nov—Fairthorne Residential
Years 5/6**

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

**2st 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

I Thessalonians 3:23 (NEW TESTAMENT: LETTERS)

Always be joyful, pray continually, and give thanks whatever happens.

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.

ATTENDANCE – leave of absence will only be granted in exceptional circumstances / avoiding taking children out for appointments during school time where ever possible and we will ask for evidence of appointments if children are being taken out of school / Good attendance is 95% and above. Attendance below 90% research shows that this seriously affects progress.

HARVEST Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, we are no longer able to use the Church for our Harvest Festival on Monday. This will now take place in the school hall so please bring your children to school as normal. Year 2 parents are still invited to attend the celebrations starting at 9.10am

COFFEE MORNINGS Thank you to the parents, of our new Reception children, who came to the tea and coffee mornings at the beginning of term. It was lovely to meet you.

We are hoping to organise tea and coffee drop-ins through the year.

Shirley Jonas
Child and Family Support Worker

LUNCH CLUB Thank you from Lunch Club for the donation of toy cars.

The children have really enjoyed using them.

We would still appreciate being thought of if parents are having a clear out of outgrown toys or dressing-up clothes.

Shirley Jonas
Child and Family Support Worker

The Unusual Suspects' competition details:

This year, Recycle Week is encouraging people to think about all those items that often get forgotten about when recycling at home. To raise awareness of these items, Southampton City Council is launching a competition for Schools to help us do this. The winning 'unusual suspect' creations will be used by the Council to promote recycling

- Infant (pupils aged 4 – 7 years)
- Junior (pupils aged 8 – 10 years)
- Secondary (pupils aged 11 – 16 years)
- Age as at 1st September 2016

Closing date for all entries: 14 October 2016

Full details at: <http://www.southampton.gov.uk/bins-recycling/recycling/creative-recycling-competition-details.aspx>

LETTERS SENT OUT THIS WEEK

Whole School— School Disco
Whole School—McMillan Cancer Coffee Morning
Whole School— SCRATCH Harvest Celebrations

DOJO CHAMPION OF THE WEEK

Mrs Withers — Abigail H
Mrs Phelps/Miss Adams— Liam H
Mrs White— Ethan G and Sophie N
Mrs Hogbin/Mrs Garrod — Layla P
Mr Warner – Amelia C
Mrs Phillips – Sean O
Mrs Alldred— Dylan M
Mrs Mountney— Joseph S
Miss Robus— Ellen H
Miss Hill— Gabriella HK
Mrs Johnson— Maisie H

FOCUS:

POP UK WORKSHOPS—COMMITMENT ENTUSIASM AND PASSION

Mrs Withers — Abigail H
Mrs Phelps/Miss Adams— Courtney E
Mrs White— Lauren B
Miss Hogbin/Mrs Garrod —Ruth H
Mr Warner – Rio BS
Mrs Phillips – Caitlyn H
Mrs Alldred— Owen M
Mrs Mountney— Chloe B
Miss Robus— Lorenzo W
Miss Hill—Tristan B
Mrs Johnson— Isabelle Y

STAR WRITER

Mrs Withers — Harvey R
Mrs Phelps/Miss Adams— Archie C
Mrs White— Isabelle M
Miss Hogbin/Mrs Garrod —Torrance S
Mr Warner – Alex D
Mrs Phillips – Keanu B
Mrs Alldred— Ben G
Mrs Mountney— Antonio D
Miss Robus— Shania M
Miss Hill—Rowan E
Mrs Johnson— Sophia W

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

Mrs Withers — Megan R
Mrs Phelps/Miss Adams— Frazer M
Mrs White— Gracie D
Miss Hogbin/Mrs Garrod — Mason D
Mr Warner – Ruby W
Mrs Phillips – Nicole W
Mrs Alldred— Poppie P
Mrs Mountney— Henry S
Miss Robus— Evie E
Miss Hill— Alessia L
Mrs Johnson— Florence S

NAMING UNIFORM AND LOST PROPERTY

Please can we ask that all uniform and belongings are clearly named with year child's name and class. We have accumulated many unnamed items which sadly, don't always make it back to their owners. Can we also ask that children do not bring to school any expensive toys or items of great sentimental value as we cannot guarantee that we can keep them safe.