



Parents' Evenings

Thank you to the many parents who let us know about their preference for the Spring term parents' meetings. We received 114 requests for a 1:1 meeting with the teacher and 18 requests for a pupil-led learning review.

For that reason, we will be holding our next meetings in the same format as the Autumn term. However, your children's books will be available to look at outside the classrooms before your appointment. If your child would like to accompany you to school, they could then talk you through their favourite pieces of work prior to your appointment with the teacher.

Last term, some teachers found it very hard to keep to timings because of the number of parents requesting appointments on one evening and some meetings running over the allotted time frame. To try and alleviate this problem, we will be offering three dates rather than two this term. Once final arrangements have been made, a letter will be sent home to book an appointment.

Year 6 trip to the Natural History Museum

Our Year 6 children came back 'buzzing' with excitement after their trip to London. Highlights appeared to be seeing the dinosaurs and learning more about evolution.



DIARY DATES

Thur 2 nd Feb	Fire Service visiting Year 5
Tues 7 th Feb 3:30	Year 6 SRE meeting for parents
Thur 9 th Feb 5:00	Year 6 SATs meeting for parents
Thur 9 th Feb 3:00-6:00	Year 5 & 6 Athletics tournament at Samuel Cody – children will be notified if they have been selected
Wed 15 th Feb 1:30-3:00	Parents' workshop 'Helping your child to manage their emotions'
Thur 16 th Feb	Individual school photos taken
Thur 16 th Feb	Meetings for parents and children – France Trip 2017
Fri 17 th Feb	Finish for half term holiday
Mon 27 th Feb	INSET DAY
Tues 28 th Feb	Children return to school
Tues 28 th Feb	Science trip – 'The Big Bang Fair'. Details to follow for selected children
Wed 1 st March 3:45 – 5:30	Parents' Evening
Thur 2 nd March 5:00 – 7:00	Parents' Evening
Thur 2 nd Mar	WORLD BOOK DAY Dress up as your favourite book character!
Tues 7 th Mar 3:45 – 5:30	Parents' Evening (excluding Eagle class)
Wed 8 th Mar 8:30-9:30	Avon Tyrell parents' meeting – including breakfast snacks!
Wed 8 th Mar 1:30-3:00	Parents' workshop 'Helping your child to manage their emotions'
Tues 21 st Mar 6:00-8:15	Prom Praise for Schools – details to follow
Fri 24 th Mar	Comic Relief Day & Talent Show

Music News

The children really enjoyed the recent concert provided by Hampshire Music Service. Two of the county's strings teachers performed a wide range of music for the children who were captivated by their talents! Hopefully some of the children will have been inspired to develop their own musical skills as a result.



Young Voices at the O2

Our choir had such a special experience when they performed at the O2 as part of an enormous choir. Thank you very much to the staff and parents who gave their time to accompany the children and demonstrate their enthusiastic dancing!



Mobile Phones

We are having an increasing number of children bringing mobile phones into school - not all of which are making their way to the office. Please could we remind you that only Year 5 and 6 children are allowed to bring phones into school and that they should be taken to the office as soon as the children arrive in school.

Bananagrams Club

There has been lots of excitement on Thursday and Friday lunchtimes since the arrival of the Bananagrams Club. Do encourage your child to pop along and join the fun! Thursday lunchtimes for lower school and Friday for upper school.



Childcare Vouchers

School is now able to accept childcare vouchers as payment towards Breakfast Club. Please speak to a member of the office team for more information.

Words of the Fortnight!

To encourage our children to use a wider range of vocabulary, we are introducing a challenge to the children which we thought you might like to join in with at home. Every two weeks, a new word will be introduced in each class and the children will get rewards for using them in their writing or in conversation. Our new words are:

Lower School

'Eerie'

Adjective meaning strange and frightening.

Year 5

'Ominous'

Adjective suggesting that trouble is coming

Year 6

'Extinct'

Adjective describing a species having no living members

How often can you use these words at home?

World Book Day – 2nd March

To celebrate World Book day, we are going to be holding a dress-up day where we would like to invite the children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character.

Who will you choose?



France Trip 2017

Parents and children are invited to attend one of two meetings being held on Thursday 16th February. The purpose of the meetings is to provide detailed information about the trip and to share paperwork which needs to be completed. Please choose one of the following times to attend:

8:00-8:30am or 5:30-6:00pm. We look forward to seeing you.

Lower School Roman Days

It has been lovely to welcome all of our Roman children into school over the past two days. What amazing costumes - thank you for your efforts! The workshops were a huge success and provided the children with a really rich learning experience. We now have lots of experts about life during Roman times.



PE News – January 2017

Futsal Tournament



The football team took part in a tournament at Samuel Cody on Wednesday 18th January. Futsal is an exciting, fast-paced, small-sided football game played indoors. They played 6 games and were joint winners but unfortunately lost on a goal difference of 2. The team were complimented on their competitiveness and sportsmanship. Well done team!

This gave us another opportunity to wear the new Cove football kit, thanks go to Mr McGowan for helping to organise this.

Congratulations

Lewis Hillary (Year 5) has been selected to play in a tournament in the Netherlands as part of his development with Chelsea Football Academy. He will be playing in the International Youth Tournament with European opposition. Good luck Lewis.

Sainsbury vouchers

It's that time of year again! We had a wonderful response last year and were able to 'buy' lots of new equipment. A new parachute, skipping ropes, bounce jump mat, High 5 netball bibs, bean bags and much more. Please collect vouchers in-store and online and drop into the collection box (in the corridor outside the hall). Vouchers are now available until the end of June.



Reminder

PE is taught indoors and outdoors. Please ensure that your child has kits for both areas; indoor kit - white t-shirt and shorts; outdoor kit - track suit bottoms, t-shirt and a jumper that is not their school jumper and trainers. Children will also need to remove (or tape up) earrings.