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Happy New Year!

It was lovely to welcome all of the children, staff and parents back after the Christmas break. We spoke this week about New Year Resolutions and have encouraged the children to think about what they would like to achieve before the end of the academic year (by the end of July). Some lovely suggestions included thinking about giving more back to others in our local and wider communities. It is appropriate then, that we start this year with a few suggestions of what people could do to help others...

Australia Fires Help & Support

Australia is facing one of the most dangerous and catastrophic bushfire seasons it has ever seen. The fires are devastating, having burnt an area the size of Portugal already - and the crisis is still ongoing. Many of you might feel powerless but here are some ways you can help.

Stephen McDonald, a British-Australian who has been helping fight the wildfires as a volunteer firefighter, said he has been “stunned” by the compassion of Britons. He said donations from the UK and beyond show firefighters “the world is watching and the world cares”. Thousands of people have lost their homes. Check out this website to help:

www.savethechildren.org.au



Millions of animals have also been injured, displaced or have died as a result of the devastating fires in Australia. If you want to help the wildlife there look at the World Wildlife Fund website for ways you can help.

www.wwf.org.uk/updates/how-you-can-help-australia-fires



A firefighting crew battles a fire near Burrill Lake, Australia

Cancer Charities Support

We are conscious that many families are often affected by the effects of cancer or the side effects of some of the treatment to tackle the various forms of this disease. Three of our pupils in Year 6 are aiming to run a ‘Bake and Book Sale’ on Thursday, 6th February between 3.30 and 4.00 to raise money for Cancer Research UK. Please come along next month and support them.

We also have a recycling of crisp packets project and a couple of our children have teamed up to collect the packets, then pass them on to one of their grandmas to take to a charity to raise money for cancer support. Please get involved in both of these things by:

- 1) Bringing any old or unused books to sell
- 2) Bring in crisp packets from home to add to the ones we collect in school.

Running Track Update!

We were delighted to hear that at long last we have now been given permission to build an all-weather running track around our playing field. We are now trying to clarify the additional conditions and constraints that have been placed on this development, but have already been in talks with the contractor to make sure the scheme is implemented in the early part of the summer term. One challenge is that there has been an insistence of a greater depth of sub-strata to the track which could add an additional £20,000 to the costs; something the school just couldn't afford. So we are hopeful that this condition can be modified to only apply to the part of the field that is subject to a greater risk of flooding (near the Hoadlands gate). We'll keep you posted on this progress once we have met with the East Hants planning team. Fingers' crossed!



Toilets Refurbishment

The governors have had it on the school's future plans to upgrade all of the toilets for the children. We managed to do the Year 3 toilets several years ago before the cuts to education budgets began to bite, but we now have the promise of additional funds for improving the toilets. As well as a fresh lick of paint in the Year 3 Boys loos and some repainting of cloakroom spaces, we have now arranged for contractors to come in over the next month to completely refurbish the Year 4 girls and Year 5 boys' toilets.

CCTV Up and Running



We now have eight cameras throughout cloakrooms and with eyes on the main entrances into the school. This CCTV system records for up to 60 days and will make our site much more secure. There is an additional camera to be installed at the front door during January. Whilst it is not really our intention to become 'Big Brother', this does give us the chance to more thoroughly investigate matters when things 'go missing' from cloakrooms. If any parents want to talk to Mr Markham about this development, his door is always open or just sidle up to him on the playground during his daily playground duty from 8.30am.

Whistles to Come in from the Playgrounds First Thing

As of this week, the first whistle at 8.40am enables us to stagger the movement of children into the school and has only really applied to Year 3s (although other year groups still have a choice to go in on that first whistle). As of this term, we would also like to insist that Year 4 come in with the Year 3s on that whistle in order to help all of the younger children have a little more time to get organised before starting their learning at 8.50am



Extra Support in Maths and Reading

Many children, particularly in Years 5 and 6, are now coming into school from 8.10am or staying after school until 4.15pm in order to get extra support for their maths and reading. If your child is invited to these groups, we would really like to make sure they get that extra support because it can make such a big difference and set them up for an excellent start to their next year of learning. The children who are invited come along for a variety of reasons, but the main thing is to give them a confidence boost and to make these sessions fun and interesting for them. If parents ever have any questions about this support, please do get in touch with the people running the sessions, your child's Year Group Leader or one of the Senior Leadership Team. 😊

French Club at Herne Junior – Try something NEW!



Join in the fun, interactive sessions and learn through songs, games and role play using, flashcards, props and a visually engaging workbook and media app. Why start young? Children learn naturally – the younger the child, the better they are at mimicking sounds. Without any inhibitions they learn another language as easily as their own. The classes not only improve listening and memory skills but equip children with the tools for future language learning. The club is open to ALL children and it takes place on TUESDAY lunchtimes (30mins): £5.50 per session. There is a one off cost of £20 for the workbook/media app.

Maximum 12 children per group. Please visit www.ClubEnrolment.com/AlicesLanguageland to enrol your child. Classes begin on Tuesday 14th January. Try before you buy! For further information please contact Alice Dickens on 07958 918616 or alice@aliceslanguageland.uk or visit www.lajolieronde.co.uk

COMMUNITY MESSAGES

NEW from January 2020 – French Club for children in Petersfield

Classes will take place on MONDAYS at 35, Lavant Street (Rosemary Foundation building):- KS1 (school Yrs R-2): 3.45 - 4.15pm (30 minutes): Promotion cost: £6.50 per session KS2 (school Yrs 3-6): 4.25 – 5.10pm (45 minutes): Promotion cost: £7.50 per session. There is a one off cost of £20 for the workbook/media app. Maximum 12 children per group.

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SCOUTS

Sheet Scouts are Growing! Come along to our taster day

We are opening a new Scout Troop at 1st Sheet (St Mary's), it will be on Friday evenings 7-8.30pm at the Scout Hut. We are holding an open taster session for all young people aged 10 ½ to 13 and their parents on Saturday 25th January, 2-4pm.

Please contact us to reserve a place:
melissa_salisbury@shampshirescout.org.uk or
sheetgs1@gmail.com

We encourage parent involvement too!

Scouts
 1st Sheet (St Mary's)

St Mary Magdalen
 Sheet

All welcome!

Followed by refreshments in Sheet Village Hall

Christingle Service

10.00am

Sunday 19th January 2020

January 2020	
Mon 13th	Y4 Plum Class to Shrek Adventure
Tue 14th	Y4 Pear Class to Shrek Adventure
Thu 16th	Y4 Lime Class to Shrek Adventure
Mon 20th	Y4 Palm Class to Shrek Adventure
February Thu 6th	Local Authority Inspection of School 3.30 OPEN SCHOOL – Parents can see children's books 3.30 Bake & Book Sale
Fri 7th	'Number Day' – Details to follow
Fri 14th	End of Half-Term. Finish at 3.30pm as normal.
Mon 24th	INSET Day at Herne and Petersfield Infants
Tue 25th	Children back to school.
NB: Note that May Bank Holiday is Friday 8th May (not Monday 4th)	