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UNCRC Article 13: Children have the right and to share information, as long as the information is not damaging to them or to others.

Dear Parents,

May I first of all wish you a rather belated Happy New Year. The term has started on a really positive note, despite all the doom and gloom we read about or watch on the news.

Our recent acts of worship on "Hope" have also added to the positive outlook and this year all the children have thought about how their hopes for the future in terms of hopes for themselves, others and the world. Next week we will be continuing on with this theme of Hope. Over the next two weeks our theme will change to responsibility which will include us marking Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD) as usual, which this year falls on the 27th January. We do not look at the events of this period but rather focus on the rights that were taken away from people and the lack of respect that was shown for people's rights. This is centred on the Bible quote from Genesis: 'God created human beings in his own image.' This year we will again be joining schools across the dioceses of Winchester and Portsmouth in saying the HMD prayer as part of our Act of Worship.

Heartsmart

This half term we are focusing on the second HeartSmart principle - 'Too Much Selfie Isn't Healthy'. Whereas last half term we looked at loving ourselves and letting love in, this principle is about loving others. It is about realising that although we're 1 in a million, there's another 7.3 billion people in the world and it's not all about me, it's about we. Selfies are fun, especially if it's not just us in the frame but sometimes we need to lift our eyes from our phones, flip the camera round and consider the world beyond us. It's about learning that it's better to give than to get.

Contact Details – keeping up to date

Since the implementation of GDPR we no longer send out copies of the current details that we hold for you as a means of checking. It is vital therefore that if any of your details do change that you inform us immediately – for example you may have had a new mobile phone over Christmas and changed your number. Please could we also ask that we have at least two contact numbers for your child in case of emergencies and that these numbers are readily available. For example, a work number could be a central reception contact for your place of work who can then get a message through to you.

COVID Risk Assessment

We have reviewed our risk assessment again in the light of changes to isolation and testing requirements announced during and after Christmas. Updates continue to be posted on our website.

<https://www.st-marys-jun.hants.sch.uk/page/?title=Policies%26%23160%3B+%26amp%3B%26%23160%3BPremiums&pid=22>

Confirmatory PCR tests to be temporarily suspended for positive lateral flow device (LFD) test results

Confirmatory PCR tests following a positive lateral flow device (LFD) test result are to be temporarily suspended from Tuesday 11 January. This will mean that anyone who receives a positive LFD test result will be required to self-isolate immediately and will not be required to take a confirmatory PCR test.

Please note that as LFD are for asymptomatic testing, anyone who has COVID symptoms must still get a PCR test.

Life Skills

Incorporated into our curriculum are many opportunities for children to develop skills that will support them throughout their lives. An important one of these is being punctual and well prepared for appointments and of course for work. To help with this we do ask that children arrive at school by 8.45am, so that they are ready to start their work at 8.50am. We continue to have a significant number of children being dropped off as or after the bell has been rung making it difficult for them to settle in the classroom ready to work by 8.50am. We would ask that you work with your child to ensure that you arrive at school in good time so that they can have a successful start to the day.

Coats and shoes

Throughout the year we aim for all children to enjoy active breaks and lunchtimes. We continue to incorporate the daily mile into our day in addition to PE lessons, to increase still further the amount of regular exercise all pupils are involved in. It is therefore important that all children bring in a coat every day, as we still go outside when it is raining. It is also vital that their shoes are suitable to run around safely in. Some girls' shoes in particular are not suitable for this. There are a small number of children still wearing pumps with no straps and very little grip and also some in boots. If your child does wear boots

to school, as some do in particularly cold or rainy weather, they will need a pair of shoes to change into.

Contact Lenses

We are aware of a few older children wearing contact lenses to school. If your child is wearing contact lenses, please ensure the school office is aware.

Year 3 Applications for September 2022 deadline

Just a reminder that the national deadline for applications to Year 3 in September 2022 is almost upon us - **Saturday 15 January 2022**. Please see our website for our virtual tour and frequently asked questions about admissions.

Morning Drop Off

Please note that should you need to park when dropping your child off to school please use the parents car park or the British Legion. The layby should be left clear to allow parents to use as a drop off.

F.O.O.B.S.

Happy New Year from F.O.O.B.S.! We are looking forward to lots more exciting events this year! Our next meeting is planned for Wednesday 12th Jan at 7:30pm via Zoom. If you would like to join us, please email friendsofoldbasingschools@gmail.com for the meeting details.

Diary Dates

w/c 10th Jan - After School Clubs start this week
10th Jan -Y5 Swimming 10:30-12:00
11th Jan -Y5 Southampton Art Gallery visit – here
12th Jan -Y6 Swimming 10:30-12:00
13th Jan -Nelson Class Sharing Assembly 2:45pm
17th Jan -Y5 Swimming 10:30-12:00
19th Jan -Y6 Swimming 10:30-12:00
20th Jan - Y5 Fire Service visit - here
20th Jan- Russell Class Sharing Assembly 2:45pm
24th Jan -Y5 Swimming 10:30-12:00
26th Jan -Y6 Swimming 10:30-12:00
27th Jan -Y5 Church visit 2:30pm
28th Jan - F.O.O.B.S Disco Year 3 (Y4 to follow later in year)
31st Jan - Y5 Swimming 10:30-12:00
2nd Feb – Y6 Swimming 10:30-12:00
3rd Feb - Paulet Class Sharing Assembly 2:45pm
7th Feb - Y5 Swimming 10:30-12:00
8th Feb - Safer Internet Day
9th Feb - Y6 Swimming 10:30-12:00
10th Feb - Y6 Church visit 2:30pm
11th Feb - F.O.O.B.S Movie night Year 6
14th Feb - Y5 Swimming 10:30-12:00
16th Feb - Y6 Swimming 10:30-12:00
14th-18th Feb - Y3 Show Week
14th-18th Feb - No after school clubs this week

21st-25th Feb Half Term

28th Feb – INSET Day

1st-4th Mar - Book Week

2nd Mar – Ashes Service Yrs 5 & 6 10:00am

3rd Mar – Orchestra Unwrapped Concert at the Anvil Y3 (provisional)

10th Mar -Wellington Class Sharing Assembly 2:45pm

10th Mar - Y6 SRE Parents Briefing 3:30pm

17th Mar - Y3 Church visit 2:30pm

12th Mar - Basingstoke Music Festival

18th Mar - Red Nose Day

24th Mar - Y4 Church visit 2:30pm

25th Mar – F.O.O.B.S Disco Year 5

31st Mar - Dickens Class Sharing Assembly 2:45pm

1st Apr - F.O.O.B.S Easter Fair pm, details to follow

4th-8th Apr - No after school clubs this week

5th Apr - Parents Evening, details to follow

6th Apr - Parents Evening, details to follow

8th Apr - End of term Church Visits

8th Apr – Last Day of Term

11th-22nd Apr Easter Holidays

25th Apr – First Day of new term

21st Jul – Last Day of Summer term

For even more news, updates and photos, don't forget to visit our website:

<https://www.st-marys-jun.hants.sch.uk/>

And the Facebook page if you need to check events on the go.

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