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Article 28: All children have a right to an education.

'One Family – achieving more together'

Dear Parents and Carers

Today the Year 6 children have attended the Leavers' Service at Winchester Cathedral. This event is a fantastic opportunity for our children not only to look around this magnificent building but also to join together with other church schools to celebrate their primary education and reflect on the next stage of their education. This year they have been asked to join in with a massed drumming circle linked to our project of Ubuntu. We are sure they have all had a lovely day.

It was lovely to see so many relatives attend sports day this week, the children showed great perseverance, sportsmanship and team work. Well done to the Red team who won overall, however it was the closest final scores we have had for many years.

This week the Year 3 pupils made a visit to Old Basing Infants to support the Year 2 pupils with their transition into us in September. Our pupils acted as amazing role models and answered all the questions that were fired at them in a very sensible and mature manner.

Our sports success continue with both the boys' and girls' cricket teams performing exceptionally well. The boys won their final this week and are now off to the county finals and the girls narrowly missed joining them.

Last week, Dickens class performed their sharing assembly to their parents, they all did brilliantly showing such confidence.

School remains very busy with the orchestra and our dancers rehearsing for this year's BPSM concert at the Anvil and our sports teams are still training hard for various upcoming events. We look forward to a busy and exciting last few weeks of the school year.

Finally, to help the office team at this busy time, could we please ask that you read the parentmails and reminders that we send and check dates on this newsletter and on our website. Thank you.

LSA Advert

We currently have a vacancy for September for a Learning Support Assistant. This is a fantastic

opportunity to join the highly supportive community that is St Mary's Junior School. We welcome applications from experienced LSAs, as well as those looking for a change of career. Further details and information about the application process can be found on the Hampshire Education Job vacancy pages. Please do contact Ms Welch or the school office for any questions of further information.

<https://hampshire.education-jobs.org.uk/Vacancy/Details/109791/L1ZhY2FuY3kvU2VhcmNoUmVzdWx0cz9yZXRyaWV2ZUZpbHRlcj10cnVl>

Transition

All of us can find change and new starts a bit tricky. Below is a link to the Place2Be, the mental health charity, which has some helpful general information for parents to help them support their children both with moving schools and moving year groups, as well as some specific advice for Year 6 parents with children transferring to secondary school.

<https://www.place2be.org.uk/our-services/parents-and-carers/getting-ready-to-start-secondary-or-high-school/>

Assessment

Later on this term you will be receiving your child's annual report. This year teachers will again be reporting against the national curriculum's expectations of:

'Working Towards' (w) – *they will still need to work on some areas of this year's curriculum as they move up to the next academic year*

'Meeting' (m) – *they have met age related expectations and are ready for the next year's curriculum*

'Exceeding' (e) – *they have exceeded age related expectations, are ready for the next year's curriculum and have been working at greater depth on some areas of this year's curriculum.*

Although this end of year assessment is important to track achievement and progress, as a school we firmly believe that the most important thing is the day-to-day, lesson-to-lesson assessment all teachers at St Mary's carry out in order to plan subsequent lessons to move your child on to the next steps in their learning.

Please note that in the Year 6 SATs tests there is no 'greater depth' or 'exceeding' possible in terms of the tests. As writing is assessed by teacher assessment alone there is a 'Greater depth' (equivalent to exceeding) category that can be given to children who are working at greater depth in the End of key Stage 2 standards for writing. Whilst there is no longer a requirement for the Year 6 teachers to report on teacher assessments for reading and writing, we recognise that many parents will still find this information useful and so we will continue to share this information with you.

Ticks

We do seem to be experiencing an increase in this problem. Those that have been found at school have been very small and therefore difficult to spot. Could we ask that you check your child when they come home from school and, of course, look out for them when you are out and about at the weekends.

Please see the link below for some useful information <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/phe-publishes-new-tick-leaflets-to-remind-people-to-be-tick-aware>

Governors' Corner

The Summer Fair is back in 2023.

Breaking News! School Governors to Help at Summer Fair Refreshment Stall.

This year's event will be held on Sunday 2nd July from 12.00 - 15.00. There will be a variety of activities and games for all ages, as well as food and drinks from our wonderful refreshment stall.

The Governors from both schools are thrilled to be able to help on the refreshment stall with F.O.O.B.S. Committee Members this year.

Come along and meet the Governors and say hello. We will be happy to chat with you about the schools and the work that we do.

Sefton Lucas

Vice Chair

F.O.O.B.S. news

Hello from F.O.O.B.S!

Many thanks for all your amazing donations for the Toys, Books & Uniform and Pick A Jar stalls received last week. And also, thanks to all those who have signed up on the class volunteer lists. If you haven't already, please speak to your class teacher to help out for a 30-minute slot.

Both schools have a non-uniform day next week on Wednesday 21st June, this is in return for a Tombola prize or £1 suggested donation. The Summer Fair Tombola is for adults and children so any unwanted gifts that are new/unopened e.g. gift sets, toiletries, toys & food items such as biscuits or chocolates, would be fantastic. Please remember to check the dates if donating food items. Donations of any bottles such as toiletries or alcoholic drinks will go on the Have You Got the Bottle stall.

Tickets are now on sale for the Summer Fair - FOOPS Fest – both VIP Area tickets and standard entry tickets are available to purchase in advance via <https://foops.weebly.com/> and of course tickets will be available on the gate as in previous years. Also, please remember to return the Raffle ticket stubs, monies raised and any unsold tickets to the schools by next Friday (23rd June).

Mobile Phones

The school policy is that children should not have phones in school. If your child does need to go home on their own and for safety reasons needs a phone, they must hand it into the office in the morning for safe keeping and collected at the end of the day. We would envisage that this would be a very small minority of our older children. If a child is found to be carrying a phone during the day, it will be kept by the office until it can be returned to the child's parents.

Attendance

The whole school attendance currently stands at 96.5%. Well done to Paulet class which currently has the highest attendance of 97.8%

Christian Values

This week we revisited our value of responsibility, thinking about our own responsibility for making the most of our talents and strengths ensuring that we really shine and 'don't hide them under a bushel'. We will continue on the theme of responsibility next week but opening this out into our responsibility for looking after our wonderful world.

Sun cream, hats & water bottles

This week summer really has arrived, although the forecast for the weekend does look a little wet! Please could we remind you to ensure that your child has a sun hat in school on sunny days and that they have had sun screen applied before coming into school. Please also ensure that your child brings in their water bottle to school every day.

Reminders

Please could all dinner money be paid either on the day or in advance, there should be no outstanding balances on dinner accounts. It is the school policy that nobody can carry a dinner money debt into the next academic year so please could all outstanding money be settled as soon as possible.

Summer Reading Challenge 2023

Borrow books and get amazing rewards this summer! It would be great if lots of our pupils took part in this summer's library reading challenge. Further details will come out later in the term but in the meantime head to your local library or visit the website to find out more.

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

Filled Jars

Thank you so much to all of you who brought in jars for the Summer Fair. The grand total collected was 413 – a great effort. The winner of the class competition was announced on Monday – well done Dickens class for collecting a staggering 100 jars!

Calshot Payments

For those of you paying by instalments the final payment of £60 is now due. If you opted to pay the full amount of £360 as a one-off payment, please could this be paid by Friday, 30th June 2023.

St Mary's Church Festival Weekend

Please see the attached flyer for details of the festival taking place at St Mary's Church over the weekend 23rd-25th June.

Dates for the Diary

19th June - Y4 Treehouse Theatre Egyptian Day (hall)

19th June - Staff rounders match vs Fairfields 4:30pm at Fairfields school field

20th June - BPSM Rehearsal all day @ Anvil

20th June - BPSM Performance @ Anvil 7pm

21st June - F.O.O.B.S Non uniform day

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23rd June - Y5 Trip to Costello

23rd-25th June - St Mary's Church Festival

27th June - Austen village walk 9-10:30am

27th June - Y5 Church visit 1:45pm

28th June - Conan Doyle village walk 9-10:30am

29th June - Dickens village walk 9-10:30am

2nd July - F.O.O.B.S Summer Fair

3rd July - Southampton Art Gallery visiting Y6

4th July - Y3 Trip Primary Prom @ The Anvil

5th July - Parents Coffee morning 9:00am

11th-13th July - Y6 Show evening performances

14th July - Shuffle up afternoon

17th July - HMS Inset Day (no music lessons)

18th July - Y6 Pilgrimage Day @ Church

19th July - Y6 Leavers Service 2:30pm @ Church

20th July - Y6 Picnic & Party pm

21st July - End of term Church visits am:

- 9:15am Austen, Paulet, Mitchell
- 10:00am Conan Doyle, Nelson, White
- 11:00am Dickens, Wellington, Brunel

21st July - Last Day of term

INSET days 2023-2024

1st September 2023

30th October 2023

2nd January 2024

19th February 2024

24th May 2024

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

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

and the St Mary's Facebook page if you need to check events on the go.

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