



## Church of England Junior School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

How have we come to the end of the year already – where has the time gone?

I would like to start by thanking you for your support over the last year, it has been a pleasure to work with you, your wonderful children and our staff team this year. There have been many highlights which we have shared with you through our newsletter and news articles on the website.

Since our last newsletter Year 3 have visited the Primary Science Classroom at QMC, they enjoyed learning about light and making their own kaleidoscopes, Year 4 visited the Anvil for the annual Primary Prom Concert and Year 6 have headed to church for the annual pilgrimage day completing several craft activities in the church. We also enjoyed our annual summer fair – despite the wet weather! Thank you to the F.O.O.B.S committee members who work tirelessly to help raise much needed funds for both schools.

Last week, we enjoyed the Year 6 production of Madagascar – they were fantastic! The whole school enjoyed watching the dress rehearsals and we welcomed in parents and relatives over three nights. Well done to all involved.

On Wednesday Year 6 headed back to church for their leavers service. Special words were shared by the staff and the children shared their memories of their time here. We will really miss you Year 6 but you are ready to move onto your new schools and to new adventures.

We do still have two days left next week where we will say goodbye to Year 6 with their party and traditional water fight. Pupils in Year 3, 4 and 5 will head to church for their end of term services, please remember you are welcome to join us for this, service times can be found in this newsletter.

I wish you all a happy and restful summer break, hopefully this warmer weather will continue. We look forward to seeing you all **back in school on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September**.

### Staffing News

We are sad to share that Mrs Pressner is leaving us and moving onto pastures new. Mrs Pressner has worked tirelessly across the school for over 10 years having an impact on the lives of many of our children, We wish her and her husband all the best for their house move and for the next exciting chapter that lies ahead.

We are pleased to be welcoming Miss Fogarty to the team who will work across the school from September. We are also excited to welcome two new LSA's to our support staff team, Mrs May and Miss Hill who will join the St Mary's team in September, we know you will all make our new staff feel very welcome.

### Year 6 End of Year Activities

22<sup>nd</sup> July – Picnic and party

Memory books will be given to each child during the last week in order to capture signatures and comments from friends and staff.

### Church Visits – 23<sup>rd</sup> July

**As Year 6 will have already had their own special service, they will not be visiting the church on the last day of term.**

09:15 Mitchell, Paulet, Austen

10:00 White, Nelson, Conan Doyle

11:00 Brunel, Wellington, Dickens

If you can help to walk the children to and from the church, please contact your child's class teacher or the school office.

## Safeguarding over the Summer

### Water Safety

With many of you heading to coastal areas over the summer break, please do keep yourselves and your children safe. Hampshire has over 230 miles of coastline, rivers and lakes, and it's important that everyone knows the Water Safety Code and what to do if they should get into difficulties.

The Water Safety Code:

- **STOP & THINK** - Look for the dangers. Always read the signs and understand what they mean.
- **STAY TOGETHER** - Never go near water on your own. Always have an adult with you.
- **FLOAT** - If you fall in, float or swim on your back and stay calm. Throw something that floats to someone who has fallen in.
- **CALL** 999 or 112 - In an emergency call 999 or 112 (coastguard)

The following links will take you to some really useful resources to help everyone stay safe in the water this summer:

Float to Live Toolkit: resources for download (rnli.org)

Teach your children the Water Safety Code - Hampshire SCP

<https://www.hampshirescp.org.uk/parents-and-carers/water-safety/>

The Water Safety Code | Royal Life Saving Society UK ( RLSS UK )

<https://www.rlss.org.uk/the-water-safety-code>

Get to know your Water Safety Code with RLSS UK - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zwzB7So7jSM>

### Online Safety

As we head into the summer holidays, we may find our children are online more or having more screen time. Childnet produced this blog, which includes how to help your child with managing their screen time:

<https://www.childnet.com/blog/screen-time-new-resource-and-top-tips/>

Finally, Virgin Media have got some great online resources to support parents in guiding their children through the internet safely and appropriately. You can find these here:

<https://www.virginmedia.com/blog/online-safety/childrens-internet-safety-test/>

### Epipens and Inhalers return

Just a reminder that if your child has an inhaler or epipen, it must come in with them on the first day and be handed to their class teacher along with any care plan that they have. They will then be registered with us through the office who will check them regularly. It would help us if you keep a note at home of the use by date and make arrangements for replacements before they become out of date.

### Uniform and PE Uniform

When you are purchasing new uniform, could I please remind you that our uniform is **grey skirts, trousers or shorts and not black**.

Please also ensure that your child has a plain white t-shirt, green shorts and **plain black jogging bottoms**. Please remember to label all items of clothing and remember to send your child in with a waterproof jacket each day as we try to get out for movement and fresh air even if it is drizzling!

### PE Days 2024/25

PE days will be as follows as of September:

**Year 3** – Monday (Outdoor) Wednesday (Indoor)

**Year 4** – Tuesday (Indoor) Friday (Outdoor)

**Year 5** - Monday (Indoor) Wednesday (Outdoor)

**Year 6** – Tuesday (Outdoor) Friday (Indoor)

***There will be no PE lessons on the first Tuesday back***, therefore all pupils need to be in full normal school uniform. PE lessons will begin on Wednesday 4th September.

### First Day Back – Tuesday 3rd September

Please remember that Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September is an INSET day and school is closed for pupils. Term will begin on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

**8:30am**—Doors open.

**8:30am-9:30am** - Tea and Coffee for New Year 3 parents in the hall.

**3:20pm**—Year 3 Children only to be collected from the playground. (All other children to be collected at **3:25pm** as usual)

Please remember that only year 3 parents should collect from the playground after school. Please make arrangements to meet older children at the gate or at an alternative location.

### Summer Reading Challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge 2024 will be starting on 13th July! As a school we encourage all of our pupils to take up the Summer Reading Challenge. This UK's biggest reading for pleasure programme for children aged 4 to 11, delivered through public libraries. Children can sign up for free at any of our local libraries or online. Last year, in Hampshire, over 8.5 thousand children joined the Challenge, how many of you can do it this year?

#### **For children who took part in 2023:**

- **80% read more** over the summer holidays
- **70% improved** their reading skills
- **72% felt more confident** about their reading

### Attendance

As of today, the school's overall attendance is 96.6%.

### Autumn Clubs

Autumn Clubs will start week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> September, there will be no clubs during the first week back.

### F.O.O.B.S. News

Hello from F.O.O.B.S! A massive thank you to everyone who braved the weather to attend the summer fair! We raised approximately £9500 so a huge thank you to everyone who volunteered their time or made donations to make that possible!

If you have any outgrown green or grey uniform that is still in a resalable condition (no stains/holes/missing buttons etc) please email us at [friendsofoldbasingschools@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofoldbasingschools@gmail.com) to arrange drop off. And similarly, if you are looking for uniform ready for September please email us. £2 per green item, £1 per grey item.

The year 2s did a fabulous job with their show this week and a big thank you to them for the F.O.O.B.S song! We loved it! So parents... 🎵 Join the F.O.O.B.S hey hey, sign up today! 🎵 Our first meeting of the new school year will be in early October and we would love to see lots of new faces!

### Message from Hampshire and IOW Police

With summer holidays only days away we are keen to reduce Anti-Social behaviour in your community. Please read the message below from Hampshire & IOW Police. There are links attached for some great support and activities for young people over the summer.

Six weeks of summer is literally round the corner and as a parent that could create a mixed bag of emotions – one being that your child/teenager is becoming more independent and will want to see friends, and enjoy their freedom out in the community.

I'm Sergeant Christian Lavin from Hampshire and Isle of Wight Constabulary and I'm determined to prevent antisocial behaviour (ASB) from escalating over the holidays but I need your parental help to start conversations with your child about what behaviour is and isn't appropriate.

Now I'm not in the business of being known as the 'fun police', which is why I'm writing to you all **now** just as school/college breaks for summer... to simply ask if you'd have a chat with your child to make them aware that their own actions can help them to have fun without having a negative impact on anybody.

I can confidently say that the majority of children are considerate and respectful and uphold their school values within the community as perfect role models, however there will always be a few that do not and they can easily influence others.

Much like everything in the media – the antisocial few mean that groups of innocent youngsters can be tarnished with the same brush by communities as being troublesome. By speaking with your child on how to make the most of the area they live in, whilst respecting themselves, your family, and their community we can avoid that as best we can.

Here are our tips for approaching the topic of ASB with your children, follow this step-by-step to open up the conversation:

[Talking to your Child | Help put a Stop to Anti-Social Behaviour \(nkhdf.nimsite.uk\)](https://www.nkhdf.nimsite.uk)

<https://www.nkhdf.nimsite.uk>

<https://www.safe4me.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/P-ASB-3-1.pdf>

We also want to know what it is like to live in your community. Hampshire Let's Talk is our new community survey initiative that aims to understand the needs of our local communities and enables you to share any concerns with our officers.

Discover free and affordable groups, activities, and events happening for teenagers and young people in your area by following our local neighbourhood police social media accounts, as we'll be highlighting over summer as much of these as we can.

For those of you who aren't fans of social media, consider signing up to Hampshire Alert - a free messaging service that allows the police, Neighbourhood Watch and other partner organisations keep you informed about issues in your area that are relevant to you.

[www.hampshirealert.co.uk](http://www.hampshirealert.co.uk)

Together we can make your community safer for everyone.

Thank you for your support.

**Gemma Lillywhite**  
**Headteacher**

### Dates for your Diary

22<sup>nd</sup> July – Yr. 6 Picnic/Beach Party

23<sup>rd</sup> July – Hampshire Music Service Inset Day (no HMS music lessons)

23<sup>rd</sup> July – End of Year Church visits:

09:15 Mitchell, Paulet, Austen

10:00 White, Nelson, Conan Doyle

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23<sup>rd</sup> July – Last Day of term, normal finish time of 3:25pm

2<sup>nd</sup> Sept - INSET

3<sup>rd</sup> Sept – Start of Autumn term

### NSET Days for 2024/2025

The following INSET days for next academic year have been agreed with Old Basing Infant School and approved by our governors:

**Monday 2nd Sept 2024**

**Monday 4th Nov 2024**

**Friday 20th Dec 2024**

**Monday 24th Feb 2025**

**Friday 23rd May 2025**