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## NEWSLETTER – May 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

The summer term is a busy time for us at school. We recently received our new intake list for September so we now need to work out which classes to put them in! We are also currently looking at our staffing structure for September. Just before transition day on 2<sup>nd</sup> July, we will share with current Reception and Year 1 parents/carers which class your children will be in from September and which staff will be working in there. As always, we will ensure that those children who may need some extra support with transitioning to a new class get this, tailored to meet their individual needs.

With regards

Mrs Sally Dreckmann

### Maths Week

The children took part in some lovely activities during Maths week (31<sup>st</sup> March until 4<sup>th</sup> April) which included playing maths games, taking part in a maths trail around the school as well as completing a maths investigation linked to the book 'How many Jelly Beans'.



Thank you to everyone who took part in the 'catch me counting' challenge at home. Mrs Sugden received some lovely photos and emails telling her how the children have been counting at home. A display of some of the photos has been put up in school if you would like to have a look.

### PTA News

The PTA are busily starting to plan for our Summer Fair, which will be held this year on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July between 5.00 – 7.00 pm – more details to follow. In the meantime, they are looking for families who are happy to volunteer to have a 'For Sale' style sign put into their garden temporarily to advertise the fair. They are also looking for volunteers to help with running the stalls on the day (please can you



let the PTA or the school office know if you can help). A PTA meeting to plan the fair has been arranged for Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30 pm in school; if you can join us, it would be great to have some new ideas!

The children had a lovely morning on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April searching for Easter eggs within the school grounds and taking part in a sponsored 'Bunny Bounce' in the hall. Many thanks to those families that kindly donated the eggs and to the many helpers who came to ensure the two events ran smoothly, particularly the Sports Leaders from Felpham Community College. We had so many donations that we also managed to raffle an Easter egg hamper which was won by Idris in Oak Class.



Thank you to everyone who has returned their sponsorship money; your generosity never ceases to amaze us. Please could any outstanding money be returned to the office as soon as possible. We will

let you know in due course how much has been raised.



### Walk to School Week

National 'Walk to school week' is taking place between the 19<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> May this year. We know that walking to school makes children feel healthier and happier, while reducing congestion and pollution outside the school gates. We hope you can take part in this initiative. The classes will be recording how each child travels to school during that week.



### Sports Afternoons

We are very much looking forward to our sports afternoons later this month and hope you will be able to join us (please see diary of dates for each Year Group date). Please can you ensure that your child has their PE kit in school on these dates and that their trainers/plimsolls still fit!

### Forest School

With the weather getting warmer, please can we remind parents of the need for children to still wear long sleeved tops and full-length trousers during their Forest school sessions, to ensure that arms and legs are fully protected. As we move into the summer months, a sun hat and sun cream will also be essential. Please do not worry about your children getting too hot with long sleeves and legs because most of the forest school area is in the shade!

### Sun Safe Information

Now that the summer will shortly be upon us, we wanted to remind you about our sun safe policy. We have developed this to ensure that we can all enjoy the sun safely over the coming months. The sun's rays are particularly strong over the summer and they



can damage children's skin. This may not seem like a problem right now, but it can lead to skin cancer in later life. Your child's health and well-being are very important to us, which is why we: -

- Spend time learning about sun protection.
- Provide shade in the playground.
- Encourage pupils to wear fully brimmed sun hats (not baseball caps) when outside.
- Encourage pupils to use at least SPF 25 sunscreen in summer months.

More details of these and other sun protection plans can be found in our sun safe policy, which can be found on our [website](#).

You can help by: -

- Talking to your child about the importance of sun protection at home.
- Sending your child to school with a wide-brimmed sun hat (not a baseball cap, which offers little protection to the back of the neck).
- Putting sunscreen on your child before they come to school each day during the summer months.

### Milk in School

Just a reminder that Cool Milk offer a subsidised rate for children to receive milk in school. Free milk is available for all children under the age of 5. If you would like your child to receive milk in school, please apply online at [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com)

### Celebration Assembly

Each week on a Friday, two children from each class are awarded a badge to tie in with our special five words - responsible, resilient, motivated, independent and creative. These badges are collected in on a Friday morning ready to be given to the next child at an assembly in the afternoon. Please can the children bring them back otherwise we will not have enough for the next week; several have already been lost or broken. Thank you.

### Summer's Coming!!

When summer finally arrives:

- May we remind you, for health and safety reasons, children must wear sensible summer shoes - no open-toed sandals and no heels, platforms, crocs or jelly shoes please. Socks must be worn.
- We have lots of second-hand summer uniform for sale - red gingham dresses for £1.00.

## Dates for your Diary - more details to follow (New dates in Red)

Event	Date	Time
Bank Holiday	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	
Creative Week	w/c 5 <sup>th</sup> May	
PTA Meeting re Summer Fair	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	6.30 pm
Thought-Full Parent Workshop	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	8.50 am
Welcome Wednesday	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	
Year 2 Cake Sale	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	3.00 pm
Walk to School Week	w/c 19 <sup>th</sup> May	
Thought-Full Parent Workshop	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	8.50 am
Reception Sports Afternoon	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	2.00 - 3.00 pm
Reaching Families Parent Workshop	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	8.45 am
Year 1 Sports Afternoon	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	1.30 - 3.00 pm
Year 2 Sports Afternoon	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	1.30 - 3.00 pm
Half Term	26 <sup>th</sup> - 30 <sup>th</sup> May	
Inset Day	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	
Thought-Full Parent Workshop	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	8.50 am
Year 2 fieldtrip to the beach	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	All day
Phonics Testing Week	w/c 9 <sup>th</sup> June	
Chartwells Healthy Eating workshop for Year 2	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	am
Sports Week	w/c 16 <sup>th</sup> June	
New Reception Intake Parent Meeting	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	7.00 pm
Year 2 visiting the Junior School for a creative morning	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	am
Thought-Full Parent Workshop	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	8.50 am
Reserve Reception Sports Afternoon	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	2.00 - 3.00 pm
Year 2 visiting the Junior School for a sports afternoon	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	pm
Thought-Full Parent Workshop	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	8.50 am
Reserve Year 1 Sports Afternoon	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	1.30 - 3.00 pm
'Amazing Animals' to visit Year 1	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	am
Reserve Year 2 Sports Afternoon	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	1.30 - 3.00 pm
Reserve Year 2 sports afternoon at the Junior School	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	pm
Year 3 Junior School Teachers to visit Year 2	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	pm
Transition Day	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	All day
School Reports to go home	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	
Summer Fair	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	5 - 7 pm
Year 2 to visit Marwell Zoo	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	All day
Welcome Wednesday/Open Afternoon	Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	2.15 - 3.15 pm
Year 2 Concert for parents	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	2.00 pm
Year 2 Concert for parents (no babies or pre-school children)	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	9.15 am
Year 2 Leaver's Disco	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	4.00 - 5.15 pm
Outside Playday	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	All day
Year 2 Leaver's Assembly (for parents/carers)	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	9.00 am
Last day of Term	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	