



No. 24: April 2024

Welcome back to the summer term! Although you could be forgiven for not realising we are in the summer with the grotty weather we have had so far! We have more rain to come too, so please do ensure your child has a waterproof coat in school as they will be outside every day. We have a number of people losing items of clothing which are not named at the moment! Please do put names into everything and if you are writing it in, use a permanent marker pen. Please ask in the office if you need any help with this as we have one there.

A reminder that we ask for **water bottles** to be **plastic and clear**. If the metal ones fall onto feet when full they can really hurt the children. We are still selling team coloured water bottles for just £2.50 in the office. These should only contain water and not squash please. This is because they often get spilt and we do not want sticky work, or to encourage bugs into the building!

Parking Plea!

A few of our parents have raised concerns that some of the parking is causing risk to our children, as it is obscuring visibility. In particular, vans and trucks have been parking on the corners of roads, causing other vehicles to have to navigate on the wrong side of the road. Please remember that you should not be parking **opposite or within 10 metres of a junction**, so certainly not on the corners of roads. (Rule 243 of the Highway Code). Please also do not park on or opposite the yellow zig zag lines outside school. That area needs to be kept completely clear so that there is visibility for children to cross. Ideally, leave earlier, park further away and walk your children in safely.

Mrs Gill's New Role

Some of you have noticed that Mrs Gill is still with us! Mrs Gill is working a few hours each week for us in her new role as **Attendance Officer**. She will be supporting our families to ensure good attendance for all of our children. 😊

Uniform Clarification

My thanks to the parents who alerted me to the Whatsapp chat about uniform confusion. It is always so much better if you ask me directly and I never mind!

To clarify, the summer uniform is now similar to the winter uniform in that a shirt (long or short-sleeved) and tie should be worn throughout Key Stage 2, with black trousers or knee length skirt and a purple school v-neck sweatshirt or cardigan. Tailored black shorts or a purple gingham summer dress can be worn instead throughout the summer term. We do not differentiate uniform for boys or girls – they can choose either.

Children are allowed to remove jumpers/cardigans whenever they like throughout the school day. If the weather becomes very hot, we send an email home giving children permission *not to wear* ties for that specified period of time.

Whilst we would obviously prefer children to wear the new uniform, I am ever mindful as a parent myself of the cost of new uniform, so we have said that children **can continue to wear their old uniform** until they have grown out of it. This includes younger siblings wearing hand-me-downs. So, if they want to wear their green jumpers, polo shirts, blouses, green dresses, etc. then this is **absolutely fine** to do until they have grown out of them. We would then ask, however, that if you are buying new uniform that they have the new items.

Black school shoes have always been uniform, so we would expect to see those on all children. Some parents have let us know that they have grown out of shoes and that they are planning to buy new ones and that is also absolutely fine. Just let the teacher know.

P.E. kit has also caused some confusion. New uniform is black shorts and/or joggers, a plain T-shirt in the colour of their house/team and school jumper/cardigan. On P.E. days this can be a **school logo** hoodie, available from MAPAC. Year 6 may wear their leavers' hoodies on PE days through the summer term. Again, old PE uniform can be used until worn out.

I hope this clarifies, but there are always individual circumstances, so please do speak to or email me directly if you have any queries or concerns. 😊

As the seasons change...

Year 1 did a wonderful assembly this week about the seasons. They have loved their recent art work, creating their own paintings of one of the different seasons. They have also started a study of portraits and began by exploring all the different facial features by sticking cartoon coloured features onto real faces. The results were very amusing!



Year 3 Visit to Milestones



Year 3 thoroughly enjoyed their recent visit to Milestones. They participated in a Victorians workshop and also a workshop on Ingenuity and Change with the Industrial Revolution. They also had some time built in for exploring the museum itself. I am told it was a great trip, that the workshops were well facilitated and that the children enjoyed themselves 😊



Free Courses for Parents This Summer Term!

To book type in the link: <https://shop.hants.gov.uk/collections/library-courses>



Course Title:	Location:	Dates:	Times:
Get Ready for School	Online	23 April – 21 May	7pm – 8:30pm
Paediatric First Aid	Basingstoke Discovery Centre	4 May – 11 May	9:30am – 4:30pm
Paediatric First Aid	Fleet Library	1 June – 8 June	9:45am – 4:45pm
Makaton Signing with Babies and Families	Bridgemary Library	3 June – 8 July	12:45pm – 1:45pm
Time Out for Parents	Alton Library	4 June – 9 July	9:30am – 11:30am
Positive Parenting	Online	10 June – 8 July	6:30pm – 8pm
Paediatric First Aid	Alton Library	15 June – 22 June	9:30am – 4:30pm
Emergency Paediatric First Aid	Bridgemary Library	5 July	9:15am – 4:30pm

These courses are aimed at Hampshire residents aged 19+. Attendance is expected at each session to ensure that you get the most out of your learning experience and to minimise disruption for other learners. Please advise the venue/utor of any absence you may have.

Participants will be required to use Zoom. No account is required. [Hit sure how to use Zoom?](https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/000172986) Check out these helpful videos: <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/000172986>



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Year 5 Activity Afternoons

Year 5 have had a wonderful time visiting Wellington College over the last couple of weeks, to use the adventurous activity facilities there. They have had an afternoon out on the water and another using the climbing ropes. The instructors were great and everyone was very brave and enthusiastic! This was a wonderful opportunity for our children to show their resilience and to practice their skills ready for their residential visit to Runways End! A huge thankyou to all the staff and parents who helped out and transported children to and from the venue for each other.



Our sincere thanks go to Wellington College for hosting us!



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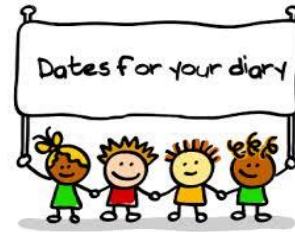
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Letting Their Light Shine!



Congratulations to Jack for winning a trophy at his Judo camp over the Easter holidays! Mianke and Janco have also been busy and have passed their Taekwondo grades, Mianke in advance Juniors with a pass with Merits in

her white belt yellow stipe; Janco in adult level with a pass grade for his yellow belt. The children even had to learn words in Korean for their theory exams, then participate in a very formal grading in their patterns. A huge well done to them all! Don't forget to let me know if your child has **Let their light shine** outside of school!



New and changed dates are given in bold

- Mon 29th April: PTA Book Sale Years 4 to 6
- Tues 30th April: PTA Book Sale Years R to 3
- Wed 1st May: Y5 swimming
- Fri 3rd May: Year 4 Cake Sale**
- Mon 6th May: May Bank Holiday
- Mon 6th May: Lions May Fair
- Wed 8th May: Y5 swimming
- Fri 10th May: Year R class assembly
- Fri 10th May: Year 5 Cake Sale**
- w/b 13th May: Year 6 SATs Testing week
- 13th to 15th May: Y5 Residential to Runways End
- Fri 17th May: PTA Mufti Day for sweets
- Fri 17th May: Year 3 Cake Sale**
- w/b 20th May: Walk to school week
- Wed 22nd May: Y5 swimming
- Thurs 23rd May: Break the rules day! (shhhh!)
- Fri 24th May: Year 5 class assembly
- Fri 24th May: Year 6 Cake Sale**
- Friday 24th May: Break up for half term
- Monday 3rd June: INSET Day
- Tues 4th June: Children return to school
- Tues 4th June: Y4 govt multiplication checks begin
- Tues 4th June: 5.30pm New Intake Induction Evening
- Wed 5th June: Yr1 and Yr2 trip to Marwell Zoo**
- Wed 5th June: Y5 swimming
- Wed 5th June: Lions Club presenting books to school
- Wed 5th June: Healthy Eating Workshops for KS2
- Thurs 6th June: 3.15pm – Potted Christianity Workshop
- Fri 7th June: Y3 Residential Sleepover **6pm to 8am**
- Fri 7th June: PTA Freezy Fridays begin!
- w/b 10th June: Y1 Govt Phonics screening checks
- Mon 10th June: New intake induction session 1
- Mon 10th June: Fathers' Day Shopping**
- Wed 12th June: Y5 swimming
- Fri 14th June: PTA Mufti Day for bottle tombola
- Mon 17th June: District Sports
- Tues 18th June: Year 5 Road Safety virtual workshop**
- Wed 19th June: Y6 to Winchester Leavers' Service
- Wed 19th June: Y5 swimming
- Wed 19th June: Kids Out event – by invitation
- Wed 19th June: New intake induction session 2
- Thurs 20th June: Y5 group to Wellington- by invitation
- Fri 21st June: Year 3 class assembly
- Fri 21st June: Summer Fair 3.30pm
- Mon 24th June: New intake induction session 3
- Tues 25th June: Summer Arts Festival 1.30pm** all welcome
- Fri 28th June: Sports Day (parents in afternoon)
- Thurs 4th July: Moving up day - **reports & new classes** home
- Fri 5th July: Year 2 class assembly
- 8th-9th July: Y4 Residential Bushcraft Experience
- Wed 10th July: Basketball workshops
- Thurs 11th July: 3.30 - 5pm Display of Work Evening
- w/b 15th July: Y6 Residential Week
- Fri 19th July: Year 4 class assembly
- Mon 22nd July: Year 6 Leavers' Service at the church** (change of date due to church availability)
- Tues 23rd July: Break up for summer holiday 1.15pm

University Spotlight

Over the last few weeks the Faculty of Construction, have been busy making bird boxes for the school grounds.



They made templates, marked out the wood, sawed the pieces and hammered them together to form their finished bird boxes!



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