



March 2024

Belonging, Respect, Responsibility

Dear Parents/Carers

End of Spring update

As this term draws to a close, we would like to thank you for all of your support throughout this term. So many of you have come in to school for work alongside sessions or accompanied children on local trips. These events wouldn't be possible without you, so a huge thank you from all of us.

Fond farewells...

Sadly, this week we are saying a fond farewell to Miss Cann. Miss Cann has been teaching in Bumblebees whilst Miss Rowland has been on maternity leave. She will return after Easter, working alongside Mrs Moss.

This week, we also say goodbye to Mrs Swatton who has been covering Miss Green's teaching assistant role, during her maternity leave. We wish Mrs Swatton all the very best for her new job and look forward to welcoming Miss Green back to school.

Sadly, Mrs Ferguson will be leaving Treehouse after school care this week. However, we are delighted she will still be around school as a reading volunteer and as Chair of the Friends of Alverstoke.

Wedding bells.....

After Easter, Miss Murphy will return to school as Mrs Moore as she gets married on 5th April. We wish her and Mr Moore a lifetime of happiness!

Library visitors!

We are delighted that so many of you are making use of our extended library times.

Book raffle

We have recently drawn the book raffle and this week our 3 lucky winners went to buy a book of their choice. Keep reading at least 3 times a week at home and signing the reading diary to get a raffle ticket in the pot! Good luck!



Easter bonnet!

We hope you all enjoyed the children's Easter bonnet parade and wonderful singing! It was fantastic to see so much creativity...thank you for your support in this event.



Easter raffle!

Thank you for all your wonderful donations for our Easter raffle. We had over 50 prizes making for lots of very happy children. Your contribution has raised a massive £379!



Attendance reminder

Please note that the doors **open at 8.30am** and **close at 8.40am**.

Your child needs to be in their classroom between these times to ensure they are ready and registered for a prompt start to their lessons.



Allotment planters

Recently, our fantastic PTA managed to secure us £1500 to spend on developing an allotment/growing area in school. This is something that we have wanted to do for some time so this money has been very gratefully received.

We are so grateful to Mr Millyard, who yet again, has been so kind in offering his time to build us 2 fantastic planters, situated in the Year R outdoor area.

Over the next couple of weeks, the Year R children will be filling the planters with compost, using brand new wheel barrows and shovels, before then planting a variety of seeds and bulbs.

The whole school will take turns to maintain the planters.

Science week

Science week was a huge success! The children carried out lots of investigations and had the opportunity to speak with some visitors.



A special thank you to Mr Dawson (Bessie's dad), Mr Dixon (Cillian's dad) and Mrs Wright (one of our school Governors) who all came to talk to the children about science.

INSET days 2024-2025

Monday 2nd September 2024
Friday 25th October 2024
Friday 14th February 2025
Friday 21st March 2025
Monday 2nd June 2025

Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel

We are proud to share that we came 8th in our region for the "Big walk and wheel" – well done everyone!

During the two weeks of the event, the children made **1252 active journeys** (walk/cycle/scoot).

This was 523 more than last year – which is a phenomenal improvement. Thank you for your support.

Dates for your diary 2023/2024

SUMMER TERM

Year 1 trip to Tuppenny Barn

Wednesday 24th April 2024

Year R trip to Queen Elizabeth Country Park

Thursday 25th April 2024

Bags 2 School collection

Wednesday 24th April

Month of the military child day

Friday 26th April 2024

May Day Bank Holiday

6th May 2024

Summer Half-Term Holiday

27th May to 31st May 2024

INSET DAY

3rd June 2024

Summer fayre

Saturday 8th June

Sports Day

Wednesday 19th June 2024 PM

Year 2 Leavers party

Friday 19th July PM

Year 2 Leavers assembly

Monday 21st July (timing to be confirmed)

Summer Holidays

23rd July to 30th August 2024

Return to school – Tuesday 3rd September 2024

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