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A message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents,

We are delighted to welcome to the school community Ellie Langrish and Elizabeth Chase who will be completing one of their PGCE Teaching placements with Silver Birch. Miss. Croker and Mrs. Matcham will be mentoring them as they join us from now until Christmas.

Thank you to Year 4 who presented well to parents and wider family members about their trip to Minstead – it was so clear that children were not just being entertained, but educated and challenged about their place in our ecologically co-dependent environment.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. Fountain

Rotary Shoebox Scheme

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"Spreading a Little Happiness"



The school is proud to be supporting the Rotary Shoebox Scheme again this year. We have begun receiving contributions and would *love* to be struggling for space because there are so many. Your child should have brought home a leaflet detailing how exactly to get involved. Further copies are available at the information desk. This is an excellent opportunity to show love – one of our school values – to disadvantaged children in Albania, Montenegro, Moldova and Romania, and to teach children that social action takes place not just on our doorstep, but further afield as well. Thank you to Colin Cook who is organising collection this year.



Workers of the week & St. Faith's crosses

Well done to our **workers of the week!**

Hugo and Romola	Oak
Arthur and Lucy	Silver Birch
Alex and Louis	Willow
Harry and Jasper	Maple
Hector and Oliver	Beech

Well done to our **St. Faith's cross** recipients!

For showing a great 'have a go' attitude	Jasper
For comforting others when upset	Margot
For showing courage in her learning	Blythe
For being polite, helpful and cheerful	Finley
For helpfulness in the classroom	Evelyn
For helpfulness in the classroom	Thea
For offering to help her teachers	Claudia
For great listening and focus	Zak
For her daily smile and positive attitude	Elana
For always displaying excellent manners	Max

School perimeter fence

As you know, safeguarding our children is the school's number one priority, above all else. In response to a recent incident where a parent lifted their child over the railings – albeit at the end of that child's school day – we are looking into raising the height of our perimeter fence. We are keen to devise a solution which is in keeping with the local area and are exploring a solution which raises our current iron fence up on several courses of bricks. This is not a small project and will require due tendering and, of course, planning permission. Please see below for a mockup of how it might look. As an interim measure, we are moving some of our pencil fencing from the quiet area of the playground to the edge of the sleepers, to reinforce our practice of children not being on the grass strip next to the railing.



River Meadows visit for Beech and Silver Birch



Both Beech and Silver Birch classes were given the wonderful opportunity to explore the local habitats at St. Cross Nature Reserve, guided by an Education Officer from the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust. During their time there the children took part in stream dipping and habitat exploration linked to their respective KS1 and KS2 science topics.

It is wonderful for us to have such a natural resource to engage the children in not only their science learning, but also in fostering a greater sense of awareness of the area in which they live.

Such experiences are not only valuable when the children are there, but continue long after to be used as a context and stimulus for further learning. For example, Silver Birch wrote some excellent retellings of their experience in English, which I was only too pleased to read.

Thank you to the various parent volunteers who were able to come and support the children on the day – we can't do things like this without your help.



Parking at the village hall

We are very aware that parking in the immediate vicinity is a challenge for the whole school community and wish to diminish, wherever possible, the impact on local residents. With this in mind, we respectfully request that parents do not park in the village hall car park, which could mean that other users cannot enter/exit the facilities.



School Association dates

Please see below a list of long-term dates for your diary. The school Association plays a vital role in raising funds for the school, and you can help by getting involved or 'attending and spending'.

- 7th Dec – Christmas Fayre
- 17th Jan Infant film night
- 24th Jan Year 4 cake sale
- 30th Jan-School disco tbc
- 14th Feb – Year 3 cake sale
- 6th March – Quiz night
- 20th March – *new event* – tbc
- 3rd April – Easter egg hunt
- 24th April – Year 2 cake sale
- 10th May – New event tbc
- 22nd May – Year 1 cake sale

Dates for your diary

- 15th Oct. Willow class to Sea City Museum
- 18th Oct. Junior film night
- 23rd Oct. KS2 Inter-house Netball, warm clothes needed!
- 25th Oct. Year 5 cake sale
- 25th Oct. Last day of Autumn 1
- 4th Nov. First day of Autumn 2
- 13th Nov. Flu vaccine permission letters to parents
- 27th Nov. Flu vaccine administered to children
- 26th & 28th Nov. Parents evenings
- 17th Dec. KS2 Carol service at St Cross, 5.30pm
- 19th Dec. Christmas Dinner day



Remaining INSET days for 2019-2020

- Friday 22nd November 2019
- Friday 31st January 2020
- Monday 24th February 2020
- Friday 19th June 2020