



8th November 2024

A Message from Miss Olver

Welcome back after half term—we hope you had a lovely week off.

It has been great to see all the children back in school refreshed and eager to start learning again. Each class has begun work on their new topics:

- Voyagers have started learning about World War II
- Explorers have been finding out about The Body
- Adventurers have been exploring the concept of Remembrance and Flanders Fields
- Discoverers are thinking about Celebrations

Hopefully your child has been keen to tell you all about their new learning.

Dates for your Diary:

Mon 11th Nov 5.30-7pm Pathways to Resilience Information Meeting for Parents

Fri 15th Nov—House Team Children in Need Day

Tues 19th Nov—FEMS MUFTI Day (Bottles)

Fri 29th Nov—School Photos

Fri 6th Dec—FEMS Christmas Shop and Wrap

Sun 8th Dec—FEMS Christmas Fair

Thurs 12th Dec 9.30am—KS1 Nativity in Church

Thurs 19th Dec—Christmas Lunch

Fri 20th Dec 9.30am—Christmas Service in Church

FEMS Update

A huge thank you to FEMS for organising the spooky disco for the school on the last day of term. The children had a fantastic time and the event was well supported by families. Over £100 was raised for the school which is a great achievement. Thank you as well to DJ 'Sir Francis' (sirfrancismusic.com) for providing the music entertainment in the hall.

As Christmas starts to appear on the horizon, FEMS are very busy making preparations for their Christmas Fair. In order to ensure they have plenty of resources for this event, they are holding a MUFTI day on Tuesday 19th November. This date is also our school's 60th Anniversary, so they have suggested that everyone brings a bottle for the bottle tombola in celebration of this!

The Christmas Fair will be taking place at school on **Sunday 8th December from 11-2**, so please make sure this date is in your diary!



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Music at East Meon

We are very excited to announce that we have been awarded the 'Music Mark' award this year. This is an award which recognises the high value we place on Music at our school.



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We work closely with Hampshire Music Service (HMS) to ensure that the Music provision we offer is of a high quality. We use their planning and resources to support our class teachers when teaching Music. Across Key Stage 2, HMS staff come in and teach the children how to play different instruments. Last half term, Voyagers Class learnt the African Drums and this half term, Explorers Class are learning how to play these instruments.

Alongside this, HMS staff regularly come to school to deliver peripatetic lessons for cornet, guitar and clarinet. If your child is interested in learning to play an instrument, please speak to Mrs T in the school office.

On Wednesday 6th November, a professional singer called Emily from a group called Gabrieli Roar came to work with a group of children from Year 5/6 for the morning. She taught them some new songs and talked to them about the music they were learning. These children will be practising the songs with Miss Olver and Mrs Smith after school over the next few weeks and then performing as part of a huge choir at Portsmouth Cathedral at the end of November.



A huge thank you to Bedales School who recently donated a piano to the school which is further supporting us with our Music provision.

Pathways to Resilience Parent Meeting

In January, a company called Pathways to Resilience will be coming to work with our Year 6 cohort each Monday to support them to develop tools to help with balance, self-belief, optimism and perseverance ready for secondary school. The team will be holding a parent/carer workshop which is open to **all** parents at the school on **Monday 11th November from 5.30-7pm** (flyer attached) to give advice to parents about supporting children in these areas.

Remembrance

Today Father Tony led a Remembrance Service at the church for the school. He has provided us with some remembrance activity booklets which your child will be bringing home with them today.

On Sunday 10th November, there will be a Remembrance Service for the village held at the church at 10.15am and everyone is invited to join. Two of our Year 6 children will be laying a wreath on behalf of the school at this service.

On Monday 11th November, we will mark the 11am silence with the children at school.



PE/Clothing

We are really lucky that Chance to Shine, a charity linked to Hampshire Cricket, are coming to work with us on Mondays this half term. They will be teaching all classes cricket and delivering CPD to our teaching team.

Mr Fooks is now in all day on Wednesdays and Thursdays to run our curriculum PE.

PE kit days are as follows:

Discoverers—Monday and Thursday

Adventurers—Monday and Wednesday

Explorers—Monday and Thursday

Voyagers—Monday and Wednesday

Year 4 are doing their Forest School sessions on Monday afternoons this half term and will need appropriate clothing for this too.

Hampshire Music Pop Up Ensemble

We have been asked to share an advert for an upcoming pop up music ensemble event taking place in December.

Pop Up Ensemble **FREE** HAMPSHIRE MUSIC EDUCATION HUB

Pop Up Ensemble
Winton Community Academy,
Andover
JMST Theatre, London Road, Andover,
Hampshire SP10 2PS
Sunday 15th December 9.15 - 13.15

Beginner to Grade 4

Back by Popular Demand!

Come and be part of a
'from scratch' orchestra!

Scan the QR code to register your place

Hampshire County Council
www.hantsmusicub.org.uk

Village Hall Fundraisers

As you may be aware, the Village Hall are busy fundraising for a much-needed overhaul.

They have asked me to share with you adverts for two exciting upcoming events. One is the magician family fun day and one is a cinema event:

East Meon Cinema requests the pleasure of your company to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of East Meon Village Hall at a gala performance of

THE STING

(Cert 12, 130 mins)

on Saturday 23rd November at 6.30pm in East Meon Village Hall
What better way to mark 50 years and begin a new chapter than by screening this classic crime caper story starring the incomparable Robert Redford and the dashing Paul Newman? Who else would you want on your screen on November evening?

Awarded no less than **7 Oscars in 1974**, **THE STING** has been described as "**the most purely enjoyable film in Oscar history**"

Tickets are £20 each (well, it is a fundraiser!) and include a glass of fizz and canapés on arrival.

6.30pm Reception with drinks and canapés

7.30pm **THE STING**

You can buy your tickets

- o at East Meon Village Shop (cash only)
- o online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/east-meon-cinema
- o by emailing Lucy and Caroline AT

East Meon Village Hall

We are really excited to announce the start of the family fun days....

Saturday November 30th

Doors will open at 10:30 where you can buy drinks, kids play, adults mingle and wait for the MAGIC SHOW!!

The Magic show will start at 11am for an hour, when the magic comes to an end, feel free to bring your kids packed lunches and let them all have a picnic with their friends! Doors will close at 1pm.

This is a free event but we would very much welcome donations (cash or card)

We hope to see as many little faces there as possible! This is a monthly event, and each event will host a different type of entertainment!