



15th November 2024

A Message from Miss Olver

It has been another busy week at East Meon. On Monday, the team from the Chance to Shine Charity, who are part of Hampshire Cricket, came into school to work with the teachers and pupils. They even came in and filmed Voyagers lessons as part of their marketing work to promote the work of this charity. They will be working with us every Monday to develop teachers' knowledge and understanding of the sport and to encourage wider participation. I hope your children are enjoying the sessions so far.

Elsewhere, Forest School started again on Monday, this half term is Year 4's turn. They enjoyed exploring the Forest School area and making wands and fishing rods out of natural resources.

Dates for your Diary:

- 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

Phonics

As many of you will know, in February, we decided to move to a new phonics scheme: Little Wandle. We were really lucky to secure funding from the English Hub to help us with the initial set-up of this scheme which enabled us to buy the posters, word and sound cards and books we needed to get started.

Throughout the year, advisors from the English Hub have been coming into school to observe phonics and the associated reading groups and interventions across Years R, 1 and 2 and to work with the staff in these classes. The latest visit took place last week and feedback from the advisor thanked the team for 'showcasing such excellent lessons'.

A huge well done to Miss Lambton for leading these changes and improvements and to Mrs Perkins and the rest of the Year R-2 team for their hard work in this area. I feel very proud to have received such positive feedback from an expert in this area.

This week we have received another £2200 worth of free books to expand our selection as our final part of the grant from the English Hub.



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Remembrance

On Sunday 10th November, two of our Year 6 pupils represented the school at the village Remembrance Service at both the church and the war memorial. They lay a wreath on behalf of the school and carried out their role in a very responsible and mature manner.

On Monday 11th November, we marked the two minute silence together as a school.



A Temporary Goodbye to Miss Lambton

Miss Lambton leaves us today to begin her maternity leave. We wish her all the best and look forward to meeting baby when she arrives. We know she will make a fantastic Mummy!

Mrs Flood will be covering Miss Lambton's maternity leave in her absence.



Be Bright, Be Seen Day!

On Friday 22nd November, please can children wear something bright to school. It is national Be Bright, Be Seen Day which is about raising awareness of road safety and being visible. Our Junior Road Safety Officers will be leading our collective worship on Thursday to talk to the children about this.

FEMS

FEMS have asked me to pass on the following message:

A big thank you to all the parents and carers who donated chocolate on Mufti day last Friday. FEMS now have 80 packs of delicious chocolate, including, vegan, dairy free and gluten free options for you to win at the Christmas Bazaar. If you forgot on Friday and would still like to donate, it's not too late. Please drop your chocolate off at the school office. Thank you!

FEMS are holding another Mufti day on Tuesday 19th November which is also the date of our school's 60th anniversary! To mark this special occasion, they are asking for donations of bottles for their bottle tombola at the Christmas Fair. They are also suggesting a 60s theme to make it more fun—lots of bright, funky clothes and maybe a headband.

SAVE THE DATE



FEMS CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
SANTA'S GROTTO STALLS
REFRESHMENTS
SUN 8 DEC 11AM-2PM

Thank you so much for supporting FEMS with all their fundraising activities as all the money they raise goes back into developing and improving our school.

Also—just a reminder that the Christmas Fair is taking place on Sunday 8th December from 11am to 2pm.



Toy Service Collection

Please see attached (via email) information about the toy collection Father Tony is organising for children who will be spending Christmas in the E C Roberts Centre in Portsmouth rather than at home. If you would like to donate a toy, then these can either be donated to school where we will collect them and pass on, or can be donated at the special toy service at 10,30am on Sunday 8th December at West Meon Church.

