



10th January 2025

A Message from Miss Olver

Welcome back and Happy New Year!

I hope you all had a lovely Christmas break and enjoyed spending time with friends and family.

It has been a very busy week in school, our Monday INSET was used for safeguarding training for our staff, governors and volunteers. Then it was lovely to see all the children back in school on Tuesday.

Children have quickly got stuck into their learning and seem to be enjoying their new topics in class.

Alongside this, they have enjoyed the very varied weather we have experienced—particularly going outside and playing in the snow!

Dates for your Diary:

Tues 14th Jan 2.45-3.30pm—Y6 SATS Parent Information Meeting

Fri 17th Jan—House Team World Religion Day (wear tie-dye tops)

Wed 29th Jan 3.45-4.30—Y3-6 Cross Country at Perins School

Fri 14th Feb—FEMS Valentines Day Cake Sale

Mon 17th—Fri 21st Feb—Half Term

PE and After-School Clubs

As you will know, we are a very small school with a small staff team. We think it is really important that the children are taught by our highly-skilled staff who they know and are familiar with. This means we try to reduce the amount of supply staff we use at East Meon and, wherever possible, cover classes with our own staff team. We use our sports coaches to cover our teachers' planning, preparation and assessment time and also to cover when they are out on training courses. This means that sometimes it is necessary to change PE days and times. However, we try our best to keep these consistent for the children and so it is easier for you to know when they need to be in PE kits!

For this half term, the plan for PE is:

Wednesdays—Adventurers, Voyagers and Explorers

Thursdays—Discoverers and Explorers

Explorers will be having PE on Wednesday **and** Thursday as they will be having two slightly shorter sessions.

If we need to swap days round, we will make sure we send an email to let you know in advance. Thank you for your understanding with this.



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Year 6 SATs Information Meeting

Mrs Sole and I will be running a SATs information meeting for parents this coming Tuesday 14th January from 2.45-3.30pm. We will be sharing information about the tests themselves, how we will be supporting the children at school (including information about the after-school revision sessions we will be running) and about how you can support at home.

The meeting will take place in the school hall and we hope to see lots of Year 6 parents there.

Pathways 2 Resilience for Year 6

You may recall me mentioning in the Autumn Term that a company called Pathways 2 Resilience would be coming to work with our Year 6 cohort. This will be starting on Monday for 10 weeks during the school day. They will be supporting them to develop tools to help with balance, self-belief, optimism, resilience and perseverance. These tools will be really beneficial for them both as they approach their SATs tests in May and as they prepare for the transition to secondary school.

After-School Sports Clubs

Aspire will be continuing to run our after-school clubs this term. These will run from 3.30-4.20pm from next week until the Easter Holidays. The cost is £10 for the whole term, working out at less than £1 a session!

This term the sports clubs on offer are:

Mondays—Multiskills for all classes

Wednesdays—Gymnastics for Years 3-6

Thursdays—Dance for Years R-2

If you would like to sign your child up for any of the clubs, please inform the school office.



FEMS Update

You should have received the latest FEMS meeting minutes via email this week.

Please read below about ways you can support FEMS over the next few weeks.

A huge thank you again for our super FEMS team!



The Friends of East Meon School, FEMS, would like to wish everyone a very happy new year!

We will start 2025 with a donation request that won't cost a penny. We know that January is a tough month on many levels but you can still support our PTA and school by donating things you might have leftover from Christmas.

Post-Christmas Donations wanted

If you have any of the following items that you would like to donate, please bring them to the school and leave them in the collection boxes that will be made ready in the reception lobby from Monday morning 13th Jan.

- gifts worth re-gifting for our next raffle
- Leftover wrapping paper
- Christmas cards (both new and used) to use for labels next Christmas
- Christmas decorations
- Christmas jumpers in all sizes
- Chocolates with BB date June 2025 or later for our next Fayre
- Unopened sweet bags with BB date June 2025 or later for our next Fayre
- Bottles of any kind for our next Fayre
- Big storage boxes with lids

Donations will be taken all of next week (13th-17th Jan). We appreciate all the donations, however small they might be.

One man's trash is another man's treasure.
Thank you so much from FEMS

Please - Fill the Bag

Have you noticed that our school now has its very own textile bank in the staff carpark. This has been organised by FEMS and we are very keen to fill it to the brim this January, we get paid by the kilogram collected.

Have a look at the below information and list of things that can be donated, and start filling the bag supplied, if you need more space, any plastic bag will do. The bag does not have to be filled though, just a pair of old socks, stained or ripped tea towels or even a stray glove will make a difference.

For every family that brings in a donation the children will receive a certificate as a thanks for helping.

With thanks FEMS

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WE TAKE	<input type="checkbox"/> WE CAN'T TAKE
Clothes	Duvets or Cushions
Shoes	Off Cuts
Bed Linen	Carpet or Curtains
Accessories Such as belts, hats, gloves, scarves, handbags	
Soft Toys	