



14th February 2025

### A Message from Miss Olver

I can't quite believe that we have completed another half term and are now officially half way through our academic year! The last six weeks seem to have flown by.

It has been another busy week in school with sporting events, music events, parent meetings and an Egyptian Day. All of this taking place alongside the normal day-to-day lessons and learning.

We hope you all have a lovely half term and are able to use the week to rest, relax and recharge before, what will no doubt be, another busy half term ahead!

### Dates for your Diary:

Mon 17th—Fri 21st Feb—Half Term

Thurs 27th Feb—Explorers First Swimming Lesson

Thurs 6th March—World Book Day

Thurs 6th March—FEMS Book Sale after school

Fri 14th March—Explorers Sea City Museum Trip

Tues 18th March—Parents Evening

Thurs 20th March—Parents Evening

### Explorers' Egyptian Day

On Tuesday 11th February, Explorers spent the whole day learning about Egyptians as part of their topic work on Ancient Egypt. Everyone arrived dressed as either an Ancient Egyptian or an Egyptologist. The costumes were amazing so a huge thank you to all the parents who helped with these. During the day, the children made Egyptian bread, had a go at writing Egyptian hieroglyphics, looked at a replica mummy and completed a burial procession. It was a fantastic day with lots of learning and fun. Thank you to Ms Stephens for organising such an engaging day for the class.



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### Years 3-6 Cross Country at Perins

On Wednesday 12th February, a group of 14 children in Years 3-6 went to Perins after school to take part in a cross country competition with schools from across the East Hampshire district. They had to run a total of 2km around the school field. All the children did amazingly well, showing real determination, perseverance and resilience and they all successfully made it to the end. What was most impressive, was the fantastic teamwork between them, with everyone cheering each other on regardless of which year group and gender were racing. Well done all!

A big thank you to Mrs Dobson for arranging a minibus to take the children, to Herne Junior School for letting us borrow their minibus and to all the parents who helped with transport and came along to cheer the children on.



### Music Day at Bedales

On Wednesday 12th February, one of our Year 6 children took part in a Music Day at Bedales. Children from the local small schools cluster took part and enjoyed a day of making music with other talented musicians. They learnt music by different composers, including Beethoven, and put on a little concert at the end of the day. Thank you to the parent who transported and accompanied on this visit.



### Parking

Unfortunately, I have to mention parking again this week. We received an email from a local farmer saying that they had been unable to move their trailer of pregnant ewes because there were cars parked directly opposite the turning they needed to use.

Please, please, please park considerately when dropping off and collecting your children. Where possible, please make use of the parking available at the Village Hall and walk over.

A reminder that there are rules within the Highway Code which relate to this:

Rule 238 - You **MUST NOT** wait or park on yellow lines. Double lines indicate a prohibition of waiting at any time even if there are no upright signs.

Rule 242 - You **MUST NOT** leave your vehicle or trailer in a dangerous position or where it causes an unnecessary obstruction of the road.

Rule 243 - **DO NOT** stop or park opposite or within 10 metres of a junction.

If we continue to have issues around parking, we will have to consult with Hampshire Constabulary to gain more advice around next steps.

### Letters Home

There have been a number of letters home this week—if you have not received them, please email us and we will send them across:

Explorers—Sea City Museum and Swimming Lessons

Voyagers—Residential