



7th March 2025

A Message from Miss Olver

What a beautiful, sunny week we have had at East Meon! We have been so lucky with the weather and it has been lovely to see the children enjoying different learning activities outside in our grounds. On Wednesday afternoon, I was lucky enough to take Explorers outside to read their class text 'Gangsta Granny'. The children are really enjoying the book and it was a real pleasure to read to them outside. Discoverers have been making the most of the good weather with tricky word hunts in their outside area and Adventurers have enjoyed some extra time outside on the bikes and scooters. Alongside this, all classes have enjoyed PE in the sunshine!

Dates for your Diary:

Fri 14th March—Explorers Sea City Museum Trip
Tues 18th March—Parents Evening
Wed 19th March 3.45-5pm—Y5/6 Dodgeball Event
Thurs 20th March—Parents Evening
Fri 21st March—FEMS Disco
Wed 26th March 3pm—Voyagers Listen 2 Me Violin Concert
Fri 4th April 9.30am—Easter Service in Church

Arts Day at Bedales

On Wednesday 6th March, five children from Years 5 and 6 went to an Arts Day at Bedales Preparatory School. Children from different schools in our Small Schools Group attended so it was a great opportunity for them to meet and work with others. They completed a range of art activities, including sketching and collaging and worked with a variety of materials. It sounds like they all had a great time and particularly enjoyed the free lunch! Thank you to Ms Bloor and Mrs Elliott for accompanying them and to all the parents who helped with transport.



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Maths Update

As part of our continual work to improve teaching and learning at East Meon, we liaise closely with the Solent Maths Hub. On Thursday 6th March, an advisor from the Maths Hub came to school to work with Ms Stephens (our Maths subject leader), myself and our Maths governor.

The visit was really positive and highlighted the improvements that have taken place in this subject area this academic year. This included: an increased use of concrete resources to deepen understanding (such as Dienes, number cards, ten frames...), stronger modelling of activities, higher levels of engagement and participation and much stronger use of mathematical vocabulary. When watching Maths lessons, it was lovely to see the children working so hard and clearly enjoying their learning.

As always, there are some next steps which the team will be focusing on over the upcoming weeks and months so that we can continue to develop and improve.

A huge well done and thank you to Ms Stephens for all of the hard work she has done over the past few months leading the positive developments in this subject area.



Parent Governor Vacancy

Our governing board has a parent governor vacancy coming up from the 27th April. Joining the governing body is a fantastic way to get more involved in supporting our school. We meet 9 times a year on a Wednesday evening from 6-8pm. Alongside this, we encourage governors to come into school to see what goes on and to help monitor our progress and next steps alongside our school improvement plan.

You don't need to have any knowledge or experience of education—we welcome any parents who are keen and interested to get involved.

If you would like to find out more about the role, please speak to Miss Olver, Chris Westmore (our chair of governors) or Anna Tebbutt (our vice chair of governors).



ELSA

Some great news to share with you—Mrs Smith has now completely finished and passed all of her ELSA training. She has been working in the ELSA role over the past few months under supervision whilst she completed her course, but is now fully qualified.

If you are not aware of ELSA, this stands for Emotional Literacy Support Assistant. In this part of her role, Mrs Smith carries out interventions to support pupils with areas such as loss and bereavement, self-esteem, social skills, anxiety and many other areas linked to emotions.

A huge congratulations to Mrs Smith for completing this qualification.

