



9th February 2024

A Message from Miss Olver

Happy Half Term!

Wow, what a busy and fun-filled half term it has been. A huge thank you to everyone for making me feel so welcome. It has been a real joy getting to know all of the children, parents, staff, governors and the school community and I am very excited to continue working with you all half term.

I hope you all have a lovely week off, enjoy time with your families and friends. We look forward to seeing you all back, refreshed and ready to go on Monday 18th February.

Dates for your diary:

Tues 20th Feb 9am or 2.45pm—Phonics Meetings (YR/1/2)

Thurs 22nd Feb—Swimming for Y3/4

Tues 27th Feb and Wed 28th Feb—Parents Evening

Thurs 29th Feb—FEMS Leap Day Event

Fri 8th March 2.30pm—Mother's Day Service in Church

Sat 16th March 10am-4pm— 'Grounds Day'

Wed 20th March 3pm—Y5/6 Listen2Me Concert

Wed 27th March 9.30am—Easter Service in Church

Wed 27th March 3pm—Y3/4 Listen2Me Concert

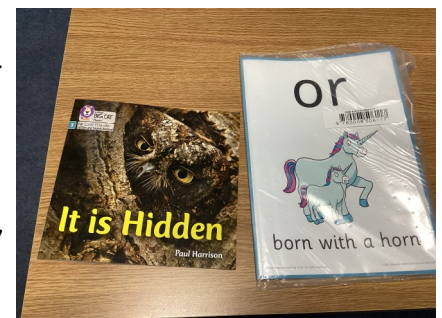
Wed 27th March 3.45pm—FEMS Duck Race

INSET Days:

Monday 15th April, Monday 22nd July, Tuesday 23rd July

Phonics Parent Meetings

After half term, we will be starting a new phonics scheme at East Meon called Little Wandle. We have been very fortunate in receiving funding for this from our local English Hub in Southampton. £3,500 worth of lovely new resources have arrived over the past couple of weeks and staff have been receiving training ready to start delivering this. The new scheme will be delivered to Years R, 1 and 2.



On Tuesday 20th February, I will be running meetings for parents to explain more about the scheme, how it works and how you can support your child with phonics and reading at home. There will be one meeting from 9-9.45am and another at 2.45-3.30pm. I hope to see lots of you there (as always, there will be tea/coffee and biscuits!).

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Masterchef in Voyagers

Voyagers have been learning about healthy eating as part of their Design and Technology work this half term. They have been practising their food preparation skills including cutting, grating and slicing. This week, they held a Masterchef Salad Final where each group designed and made their own salads. A huge thank you to Mr Ironmonger who came and judged the competition and thank you to all the parents who sent in food to support with this event. Congratulations to Mason and Archie who were the winners!



Year 6 Sports Leaders

On Friday 2nd February, Sara, our District School Games Organiser, came to our school to train four of our Year 6 children to become Sports Leaders. The pupils took part in a range of activities, first trying out the activities and then having a go at organising and running them themselves. Over the next few months, they will be responsible for organising equipment for PE lessons, helping to lead warm up/cool down activities, supporting younger children in sports lessons and organising sports day.

Collective Worship

A big well done to two pupils in Voyagers Class who were so engaged with their topic learning around Deforestation this half term that they asked to lead a whole school Collective Worship to share information on this topic with the other children.

FEMS (Friends of East Meon School)

Our amazing FEMS group are looking for more volunteers to help them plan, organise and run fundraising events. They are a lovely team of parents and members of the school community who run events where the money raised goes directly back into our school. They have some really exciting events planned in over the next few months—see the poster attached.

If you are interested in becoming a part of this group, pass your details onto the school office and we will pass them on for you.

Double Yellow Lines



There have been a number of times over the past few weeks where cars have been parked on the double yellow lines outside school. Just a reminder that it is illegal to park on double yellow lines and that this applies 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Please follow these rules to help keep everyone in our community safe.

Smoking/Vaping

If you are a smoker/vaper, please can I ask that you do this on the side of the road away from the school so that the children are not exposed to this. Many thanks.

