



So nice to see some sunshine at school today after all the rain!



5th January 2024

A Message from Miss Olver

I'd like to begin by saying Happy New Year to you all. I hope you have had a lovely Christmas break and enjoyed spending time with friends and family.

A big thank you to everyone for making me feel so welcome in my first week at East Meon. It has been a busy week in school and the children seem to have settled back in well after the break.

Each week, I will send home a newsletter on a Friday to share with you what has been going on in school during the week and to provide information about upcoming events. Please keep an eye out for it and read through so you don't miss anything important!

Dates for your diary:

Tues 9th Jan 2.45-3.30pm—Drop-In with Miss Olver

Thurs 11th Jan—Swimming starts for Y3/4

Tea and Coffee Drop-In with Miss Olver

Thank you so much to the parents who came to meet me yesterday morning after drop-off in the morning, it was so valuable to find out a bit more about the school from the point of view of parents.

I know that many of you have to rush off after drop-off for work and other commitments, so I will be holding another session next Tuesday (9th January) from 2.45-3.30pm for anyone who would like to pop in to meet me and talk about the school. There will be tea, coffee and a few tasty nibbles to tempt you!

INSET Days:

Monday 15th April

Monday 22nd July

Tuesday 23rd July

Communication sent home this week:

- After-School Clubs Letter



Library Refurbishment

A huge thank you to our fantastic FEMS group who have kindly donated some of the money raised from their recent fundraising events to help us buy new furniture for our school library. Mrs Slamaker has been busy repainting and reorganising the library and it is now a much more welcoming and attractive space for the children to use.

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PE Kit

There have been a few queries about PE kits for this half term.

Just a reminder that for PE, children should be wearing a plain white polo t-shirt or round neck t-shirt, plain black shorts or tracksuit bottoms and a school/plain black or navy sweatshirt.

All children need to wear PE kit to school all day on a Wednesday.

Voyagers also need to wear PE kit to school all day on a Friday.



Clubs and Wrap-Around Care

Hopefully you will have received the letter about the after-school clubs we are running this half term. These are all offered **free of charge** as we use some of our Sports Premium Funding to pay for them.

This term there is:

- Football Club on a Monday for Years 3-6
- Multiskills Club on a Wednesday for Years R-6
- Gymnastics Club on a Thursday for Years R-6

Please return the letter sent home or contact the office if you would like to book onto a club.

Just a reminder that Breakfast Club runs daily at the school from 8am and After-School Care also runs daily from 3.30-5pm. Please e-mail the office if you would like to book a space.



Swimming for Explorers Class

We are very excited that swimming lessons will be starting for Explorers class next Thursday. Children need to arrive at school at normal time in their school uniform but will need to bring their swimming kit with them. Please make sure they have a swimming costume/shorts, a towel, a bag for their kit and a swimming hat. **(Please note that Taro Leisure Centre have said that swimming hats are compulsory for hair longer than jaw length)** They may also wish to bring goggles too.

The children will be getting the bus from school to Taro Leisure Centre at around 9.50am and will return to school at around 11.30am so that they can have lunch at school as normal.



Sports Events

I have started signing the school up to participate in a number of sports events run by our District School Games Organiser. These are events that often take place in the local secondary schools and involve primary schools from across the district. They are a fantastic opportunity for the children to meet children from other schools, visit different venues and try some new sports. Please keep an eye out for letters about these—I will add information about them to the newsletter each week. I will have to ask parents for help with transport for these events but will always try to give you plenty of notice.