



7th June 2024

### A Message from Miss Olver

It has been lovely to see everyone back in school and enjoying being together again after the half term break. The children have spent lots of time outside in the lovely weather reading, playing and learning.

Voyagers and Adventurers enjoyed reading together—a fantastic example of the positive mixed-age relationships we have at school and our encouragement of reading for pleasure. Explorers are really engaged with Rudyard Kipling's 'Just So' stories and have been busy creating their own and Discoverers have been reading charts to identify bugs.

### Dates for your diary:

Mon 10th June 9-10am—Uniform Consultation  
Fri 14th July 2.45-3.20pm—Residential Information Meeting  
Mon 1st—Fri 5th July—Year 5/6 Residential  
Wed 3rd July 3pm—Explorers Listen2Me Concert  
Wed 10th July Afternoon—Sports Day  
Wed 17th July 3pm—Voyagers Listen2Me Concert  
Fri 19th July—Last Day

### INSET Days:

Monday 22nd July, Tuesday 23rd July

### Forest School

As you may know, Mrs Perkins has been working incredibly hard over the past year to train as a Forest School Teacher. She has been studying and completing all the necessary paperwork for us to officially run this exciting aspect of learning at East Meon. She has been running Outdoors Club as a way to explore and practise different activities from her training.

This week, she carried out her first session with Discoverers Class. The children had a great time making wands out of sticks and hunting for different bugs. They then used identification sheets to work out what types of bugs they had found. Mrs Sims has kindly volunteered to come in and support with these sessions this term.

Our plan for next year is to offer each year group one half term where they have Forest School sessions for a whole afternoon each week with Mrs Perkins. We think this will be a very valuable addition to our current curriculum.

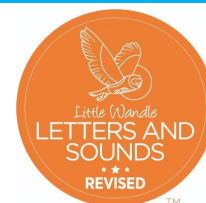


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## Teddy Bear Orienteering

On Tuesday 4th June, a group of three Year 1 children (plus one helpful older sibling) went to a teddy bear orienteering event at Eggars School. They had a great time exploring the site in hunt of teddy bears and enjoyed working with the sports leaders! Thank you to all the parents who helped with transport and to Miss Lambton for accompanying them.

## School Games Award

Since joining the school in January, one of my key focus areas has been around promoting sport and PE. I have been working really closely with our District School Games Organiser, Sara, to ensure that we develop this area as much as possible. We have taken part in a large number of sporting events across East Hants, introduced and developed the role of Sports Leaders, adapted our sports after-school offer to increase participation levels and begun work on developing our school PE curriculum.

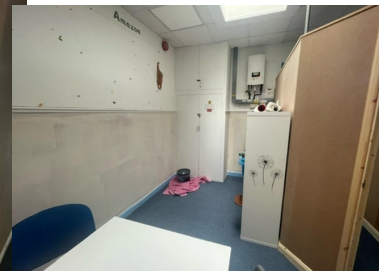
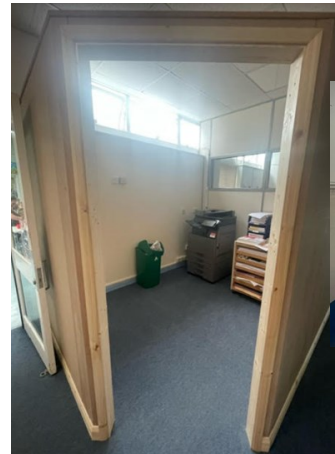
All of the hard work and dedication the team have put into this area paid off this week when we were awarded with the Gold School Games Award. This is a huge achievement as it is a nationally recognised award and to have received this at Gold standard in our first year of taking part shows how much progress we have made in this area.

Thank you to all of you who have supported with sports events across the year and encouraged your children to take part.



## Walls

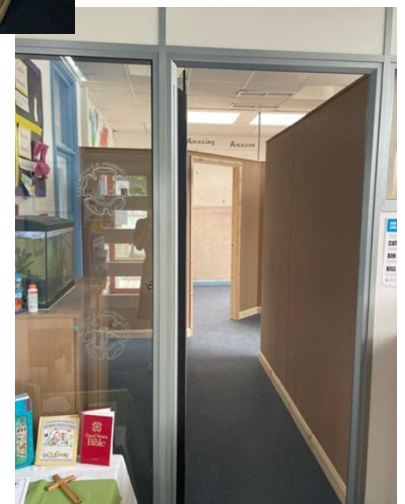
If you have been into the school office this week, you will have spotted the new walls which have been put up in the Learning Hub area. These additions have created a room for our technology with room for the photocopier and to store all the iPads and Chromebooks safely as well as a more private room which can be used for interventions. To save on costs, Mr Grier and I are doing the decorating work ourselves so it may be a little while before this area is completely finished. A big thank you to Mr Grier for all his help with this.



## Exciting News



We are very excited to share with you that Miss Lambton is pregnant! She is planning to start her maternity leave in November and we will update you nearer the time with details of who will be covering Adventurers Class whilst she is on leave.





### School Uniform Consultation

Since starting at the school in January, lots of parents have asked if we can review the school uniform requirements. I want to make sure that the review takes into account the views of parents alongside staff and governors. Please find attached a survey to gain your views and ideas. Please could you complete this and return to the school office as soon as possible.

Alongside this, I will be holding a uniform consultation session with parents on Monday 10th June from 9-10am to explore this further. This will be held in the Lodge and there will be tea, coffee and biscuits. I hope to see lots of you there.

### Father's Day Shop and Wrap

On Friday 14th June, FEMS will be running a father's Day Shop and Wrap event in the Lodge. If you would like your child to take part and choose a gift, please send them in with £2.50 cash in an envelope with their name on.



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Outdoor Centre

### Voyagers Residential Information Meeting

With the Residential Trip quickly approaching for Voyagers, I thought it might be useful to hold an information meeting. This will take place in the hall on Friday 14th June from 2.45 -3.20pm. I will share some key information about the trip and there will be an opportunity to ask any questions.

### Petersfield Toy Swap

A reminder that the Petersfield Toy Swap event is currently taking place. You can take unwanted toys in good, clean condition to Winton House any weekdays between 9.30am and 3.30pm from Monday 3rd to Friday 14th June in exchange for a token. Then on Saturday 15th June, you can return between 9.30am to 12pm to exchange the token for a toy.

## PETERSFIELD TOY SWAP

LET'S SWAP TOGETHER, FOR GOOD

SATURDAY 15TH JUNE



THE GREAT  
BIG GREEN  
WEEK

