



24th October 2025

### A Message from Miss Olver

Happy half term!

Whilst it has been a long one (7 and a half weeks!), it also feels like it has flown by. The weather has definitely changed this week and it is feeling more autumnal and like we are heading into Winter.

As always, it has been busy in school. In particular, Explorers have had lots of fun making their junk modelling robots. They have learnt the importance of careful planning and designing as well as numerous different cutting, joining and finishing skills.

Hope you all have a lovely, restful half term. We look forward to seeing you back in school on Tuesday 4th November.

### Dates for your Diary:

Mon 27th—Fri 31st Oct—Half Term

Mon 3rd Nov—INSET Day

Tues 11th Nov 9.30am—Remembrance Service in Church

Wed 12th Nov 9-9.30am—Year 4 Times Tables Check Parents Information Meeting

Thurs 13th Nov 3-3.30pm—Year 4 Times Tables Check Parents Information Meeting

Thurs 13th Nov—Flu Vaccinations

Fri 14th Nov—House Team Children in Need Afternoon

Fri 5th Dec—FEMS Christmas Shop and Wrap

### Parents Evening

It has been a busy week at school with parents evenings taking place after school each day. It has been great to see so many families attending and we hope you have found these really useful. 77% of families attended which is a fantastic amount.

As headteacher, I felt very proud watching the children sharing their books with their families, excitedly talking about the different activities they had completed and the learning which has taken place.

If, for some reason, you were unable to attend and would like to meet with your child's class teacher, please send an email to the office and we will try and arrange a meeting for you after half term. We are always keen to share information with families about children's progress and how they have settled into their new classes and year groups.



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## Key Stage 1 Infant Agility Festival

On Wednesday 22nd October, four children from Adventurers Class attended an Infant Agility Festival at Amery Hill School in Alton. They were supported by sports leaders from Amery Hill who helped them to take part in all of the activities. They had a great time and enjoyed developing their skills further. A big thank you to Miss Lambton for supervising the children and to all the parents who helped with transport and supported them.



## Voyagers 'Meet the Author'

On Thursday 23rd October, Voyagers Class took part in a virtual 'Meet the Author' session with Jennifer Killick. She talked to the children about her work as an author, what this is like as a career and some of the books she has written. The children really enjoyed the session and are keen to read some of her books. We are hoping to add some of these to our Amazon Wishlist so we can put them in the library.



## Breakfast and After-School Club 5 Star Food Rating

On Monday, East Hampshire District Council came and carried out an un-announced food hygiene inspection. We were awarded a 5-star rating and we now have this proudly displayed on the Lodge door. A huge well done and thank you to Sarah and Roxie for all their hard work running our clubs and ensuring hygiene and safety is at such a high standard.



## Christmas Choir

Mrs Symes and Miss Olver will be running a free choir next term for children in Years 3-6 in preparation for a number of upcoming Christmas events. The choir sessions will take place on Thursdays after school from 3.30-4pm. A letter about this should have come home with your child this week. If your child wants to participate, please ensure the permission slip is signed and returned to school.



## FEMS Update

FEMS have asked me to share the following two posters with you for events which are coming up in the first week back after half term.

A huge thank you to everyone who has donated items to school through the Amazon Wishlist, we have had so many lovely items which are already being used by the children throughout the school.



## Smoking/Vaping Near School

Please can we politely request that parents/carers do not smoke or vape outside school by the gates or in the bus stop at drop off/pick up times.

Whilst we appreciate that we have no control over what happens outside the school gates, we want to make sure that our children are as safe and healthy as possible. At school, we teach about the dangers of smoking and vaping in Key Stage 2 to try and discourage this as they grow older. We want to make sure that they experience positive role modelling around this when at school and near the school.

We have had several complaints from different families saying that they are having to walk through clouds of smoke on their way into school with their children.

Thank you for your understanding and support with this.



## Meet the Governors!

Each week, we will be sharing some information with you about one of our amazing school governors.

This week, our governor is Jane Cobby.

I am a Foundation Governor and a retired teacher. I taught Key Stage 1 children for many years, in both the state and private sector, particularly concentrating on the teaching of Music and Religious Education. I have been a Governor at East Meon School for 10 years and live in the village.



## Happy Half Term

Finally, I would like to wish you all a happy half term. I hope you are all able to enjoy time together with families and friends, to get some rest and to recharge ready for the term ahead.

A reminder that we have INSET day on Monday 3rd November, so the first day back for the children will be Tuesday 4th November.

