



19th January 2024

### A Message from Miss Olver

I can't believe another week has passed by so quickly!

There have been lots of exciting things happening across the classes, including swimming for Explorers, an arts morning for some Y3/4 pupils and sessions run by the Flip Theatre Company and Hampshire Music Service in Key Stage 2. Adventurers have been building their own palaces as part of their work around Buckingham Palace—thank you for all the donations for junk modelling.

### Grounds Day

Thank you to those of you who returned my parent survey and have kindly offered to help with my proposed 'School Grounds Day'.

As you may know, Mrs Perkins is currently training to become a qualified Forest Schools teacher. We have been working closely together to come up with some plans for how we can develop and improve our grounds so they can be used both to further support general outdoor learning and for Forest School provision specifically.

I have written to some local DIY and garden centres to ask if they would be interested in donating resources such as paint, timber, plants, compost... in the hope that we may be able to get some of the resources we need this way rather than at a cost to the school. If you know of any local companies that might be interested in supporting us, please let me know or pass on our contact details.

I am hoping to organise a date for this event in the coming week and will share more about it in next week's newsletter.

### Dates for your diary:

Mon 19th Jan—Y5/6  
Cross Country Event at  
Perins (3.15-4.15pm)

Thurs 25th Jan—  
Swimming for Y3/4

Wed 20th March—  
Y5/6 Listen2Me Con-  
cert 3pm

Wed 27th March—  
Y3/4 Listen2Me Con-  
cert 3pm

### INSET Days:

Monday 15th April

Monday 22nd July

Tuesday 23rd July

### Census School Dinners

Thank you for the huge take up of school dinners yesterday—we had 71 children choose this option which will really help in securing funds for next year.

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### Arts Morning at Bedales

On Wednesday 17th January, four of our Year 3/4 pupils went to Bedales Prep School for a fun-filled morning of art. They made fridge magnets out of clay, did some drawing activities and learnt how to make their own prints with paints. Everyone had a fantastic time. A big thank you to Mrs Smith for accompanying the children.

### Listen 2 Me

Explorers and Voyagers are enjoying learning how to play the clarinets on Wednesday afternoons this term. These are lessons which are funded by the school and taught by Hampshire Music Service teachers where the whole class get to learn an instrument over the space of a term. The Music Service call this 'Listen2Me'. At the end of the term, the class put on a little concert in the school hall for parents. This term the concerts are:

Voyagers—20th March at 3pm

Explorers—27th March at 3pm



### School Council



This week I had my first meeting with our School Council. We talked about break and lunchtimes and the way in which the MUGA is used at these times. We agreed a new rota for the MUGA which will encourage people to play lots of different sports and have come up with some ideas for lunchtime clubs we would like to try. The representatives are going to find out opinions about these with their classes and then will feed back to me in our next meeting.

### Water Bottles

We have a large box of plastic reusable water bottles available to buy at the school office for £1 each. Please pop in and see Mrs T if you would like to purchase one. All money raised will be put towards our ground developments.

