



East Meon Weekly Newsletter

'Love, Courage, Hope'

2nd October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

This is a big newsletter! There is lots going on!

The East Meon Harvest Festival is on Monday 5th October. If you would like to attend, please join us at All Saints Church, from 9:15 -10:00 am

Our Quiz Night is fast approaching on Thursday 15th October, and it promises to be a fantastic, fun-filled community event! Tickets are £3 per person and if you would like to attend, please send an email to myself or the school office by next Tuesday. We will then provide you with the option to purchase your tickets via Scopay. On the night, please bring your own drinks. Snacks will be available to purchase on-site. We look forward to seeing many of you there for a great evening!

Families in our Adventurers class should have now received an email containing a link to Tapestry, our online learning journal. Please activate your Tapestry account using the email link to view your child's learning journey. You can also download the Tapestry app directly from both the Apple App Store and Google Play Store for easy access on your phone or tablet.

We are also delighted to share our recently refurbished corridor, which celebrates East Meon's love of reading alongside our wonderful local area. We are immensely proud to have brightened up the entrance to our school—please look at the photos on the following pages to see the transformation!

I had the pleasure of meeting with the whole School Council today. It was fascinating to hear their creative ideas on how to improve our school. We are truly looking forward to working in close partnership with our young learners to continually enhance their experience at East Meon.

We have had two parents put themselves forward for nomination as a Parent Governor. Details on how to cast your vote are shared via a ballot via this form: <https://forms.gle/FvjuYDRvtRxkANQL8>

Each parent has the right to vote, so we strongly encourage everyone to participate. If you do not have an email address or internet access but would still like to vote, so please contact the school office to arrange an alternative method. Details of each candidate are on the next few pages.

I wish you all a wonderful weekend.

Warmest wishes,

Mr Penarroja



Parent Governor Nominations

Candidate 1

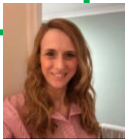
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Tara Baker

As a parent of a child in Year 3, and hopefully another child joining in 2027, I care deeply about the school's continued success and about ensuring that every pupil can thrive in a caring, inclusive and ambitious environment. I have worked in Human Resources for almost 20 years and currently work full time as a People Business Partner at Vanquis Banking Group. Within this role, I advise senior leaders on strategy, organisational design, reward, resourcing, colleague wellbeing and employment relations, including discipline, grievance, performance and redundancy. This experience is directly relevant to the board's identified need for HR knowledge. Because of this role, I am confident reviewing policies and complex information, asking constructive questions and balancing different perspectives to support sound, evidence-based decisions, which I believe would be an asset to being a governor.

Alongside my professional experience, I have volunteered for the past five years as a Peer Supporter with The Breastfeeding Network, supporting and empowering local families in their feeding choices. This experience and the associated training have strengthened my active listening, counselling and relationship-building skills, and reinforced the importance of inclusion, respect and support for families with different needs and experiences. If appointed, I believe I would be particularly well placed to support discussion about workforce planning, recruitment and retention, colleague wellbeing, organisational culture, inclusion and policy development. I also have experience of making decisions in a financially constrained environment and would bring a pragmatic appreciation of the need to balance ambition, resources and long-term sustainability.

Being a governor would be a new challenge for me, and I would approach it with curiosity and a willingness to learn. I am committed to preparing for and attending meetings, maintaining confidentiality, undertaking training and dedicating the time necessary to fulfil the role effectively. Above all, I would aim to work collaboratively with fellow governors and school leaders to help secure the best possible outcomes for all pupils.



Parent Governor Nominations

Candidate 2

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Viv Keohane

I am committed to the continued improvement of the school and ensuring the best possible outcomes for all the pupils. I am keen to help develop the school's vision, strategy and values alongside other board members whilst also considering the wider impact of this on parents, carers and the school community. I was an university lecturer for 6 years and hold a PG Cert in clinical education therefore, have some understanding of the education system albeit from a degree level perspective.

I can examine information and make well reasoned evidence- based decisions. I understand the importance of working as part of a team and the collaborative nature of the role to ensure the best outcome for the school and pupils now and in the future.

I believe I can bring a parental perspective while being objective and communicating concerns in a professional way. I am willing to commit the time to attend meetings, read the relevant documentation beforehand and take part in training. Due to my work as an osteopath I understand the importance of confidentiality, discretion and impartiality.

I can use good judgement, think strategically and focus on the overall direction, performance and what is best for the whole school long-term.

I am keen to learn, develop and be involved in the school's continued improvement.



RE in
Explorers



Fireworks
at Diwali

Henna
Mehndi
patterns

Rangoli
Patterns



MUSIC PRODUCTION HALLOWEEN ENRICHMENT DAY

For children in Years 5 - 8

- Create spooky tracks and Halloween soundscapes
- Use 'Pads' and Garageband
- Make monster beats and haunted remixes
- Explore sampling and sound effects
- No experience needed - just bring your creativity!

[Sign Up Here](#)

October Half Term Music Enrichment

Monday 26 October 2026 9:30am - 3:30pm

Barton Peveril College, Eastleigh, SO50 5ZA

£42.50 (lunch included)

CHOIR FOR A DAY

For children in Years 4 - 8

- Spend the day singing with other young people from across Hampshire
- Perform songs from musical theatre and pop
- Build confidence and vocal skills
- Learn harmonies and performance techniques
- No auditions or experience needed - everyone welcome!

[Sign Up Here](#)

[Music Production Link](#)
[Holiday Enrichment Link](#)



Trainers day

Friday 9th Oct

Normal uniform applies

FEMS invites all children to wear their own choice of trainers in exchange for bringing in a Chocolate donation of some kind. It can be big or small. All donations will be used as prizes at the Christmas Fayre in December.



Stars of the Week

Adventurers: Jude and Jax

Explorers: Lula and Robin

Voyagers: Kai and Jasper

Dojo Winners of the Week

Adventurers: Alessia

Explorers: Henry F

Voyagers: Hattie

Key Dates

Mon 5th October – Harvest Festival

Weds 7th October – Phonics Meeting

Fri 9th October – Trainers Day

Thurs 15th October – Quiz Night

Tues 20th October – Parents Meeting

Thurs 22nd October - Parents Meetings

FEMS would like to say thank you for all the donations of school uniform items and hope that some of you picked a few new items at the last uniform swap.

We still have lots of grey trousers, shorts, skirts and pinafores as well as white polo tops.

We also have the following in branded tops:

School jumpers

4 x 66cm/26in

2 x 71cm/28in

3 x 76cm/30in

2 x 86cm/34in

PE jumpers

1 x 4/5 years

1 x 5/6 years

1 x 6/7 years

PE T-shirt

1 x S (5/6)

Blue house team polo top

1 x 10-11 yrs

School cardigan

1 x 76cm/30in

All these are washed and available to be picked up from the FEMS shed, just speak to one of the FEMS committee members or ask in your WhatsApp group.



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Did you guess the storybook character from page 1?