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Welcome back!

It has been lovely to welcome both our new pupils and familiar faces back to school to begin another exciting year. The children (and staff) have returned from their holiday with enthusiasm and energy and everyone has embraced their new learning.

We have many new children joining us in Year 3 but also in all other year groups and we hope that they will all enjoy their time with us. We have also welcomed Mrs Walden who has joined us as a Year 6 teacher in Spitfire class.

Please do take advantage of our 'open door policy' to pop in and keep us informed about your children so that we can continue to work in partnership with you to ensure the best possible outcomes for all of our pupils.

Thank you to all of those parents who were able to attend the Curriculum Evenings over the last two weeks. For those of you who were unable to attend, the presentations will be available to view on our website soon.

Breakfast and Runway Clubs

These clubs have been extremely popular so far this term so please can I remind you that places must be booked and paid for in advance. We are unfortunately no longer able to offer a 'drop-in' facility as we need to ensure that we have adequate adult supervision and our numbers are almost at capacity.

Our Breakfast Club is run by Miss Crew, Mrs Newman, Mrs Jenkin and Wendy. Mr Quick has joined Wendy in running the Runway Club after school on our busier evenings.

Breakfast Club starts at 8:00am and Runway Club runs until 5:45pm. Parents who are collecting their children from the after-school club do have permission to park in the staff car park. Please be aware that there is a late pick-up charge.

Parents' Evenings

Letters will be sent home soon with information about how to book an on-line appointment to attend one of our parents' evenings. These meetings will allow you to meet with your child's teacher.

DIARY DATES

Wb 17 th Sept	Year 6 Bikeability Week 2
Mon 24 th Sept	Year 6 meeting – 6pm Residential Trip to Wales
Tues 25 th Sept	PTA AGM
Thur 27 th Sept	Individual school photos taken
Tues 2 nd Oct	Harvest Festival (Please note – change of date)
Wed 3 rd Oct	Year 5 swimming begins
Wed 3 rd Oct	Parents' Evening 3:45-5:30pm
Tues 9 th Oct	Junior Road Safety Officer training day
Tues 9 th Oct	Parents' Evening 3:45-5:30pm
Wed 10 th Oct	Parents' Evening 5:00-7:00pm (Tornado Class only)
Thur 11 th Oct	Parents' Evening 5:00-7:00pm (All classes except Tornado)
Tues 16 th Oct	Open Afternoon for Year 2 parents (September 2019 entry) 1:30-3:00pm
Wed 17 th Oct	School Council Trip to Parliament
Thur 18 th Sept	PTA Disco (Harry Potter theme – more details to follow)
Fri 19 th Oct	INSET DAY
Wb 22 nd Oct	Half Term
Mon 29 th Oct	School opens for Autumn 2 half term
Tues 30 th Oct	Open Evening for Year 2 parents (September 2019 entry) 6:30-7:30pm
Wed 31 st Oct	Application for Year 7 places for Sept 2019 closes
Thur 1 st Nov	Application for Year 3 places for Sept 2019 opens
Wed 7 th Nov	National Young Mathematicians' Competition
Wb Mon 12 th Nov	Anti-bullying Week
Wb Mon 12 th Nov	National Parliament Week
Tues 13 th Nov	World Kindness Day

An exciting start to Year Five!

Police-tape and strange footprints on the field greeted the pupils of Cove on their return to school. Year Five were tasked with finding out which dragon had paid a visit to the school. By carefully examining all the clues left by the intruder, the children were able to identify which dragon was responsible for the damage caused. After writing to Professor Zambetta to explain their findings, the identity of the culprit was revealed to be Zeedur!



Judo

Ashley McKenzie, a GB judo professional, joined an assembly to share his sporting experiences with the children. His success has come from hours of training, which still continues as he focusses on his goal of competing in the Tokyo Olympics in 2020. By sharing his story, Ashley is hoping to inspire others. He runs a Judo Club at school in the hall on Thursdays. Please get a registration form from the office if you are interested.

The best part of the demonstration is always when a member of staff gets involved -well done Mrs Johnstone!



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Congratulations to the first winners of the academic year. Alisha, Nihel, Nadia, Bennie, Ryan and Anya were selected for their outstanding prefect duties during last term; being polite, kind and helpful at all times; and for an amazing smiling face! They were lovely company during our special lunch together!



Playground Safety

A reminder that before and after school, we ask that adults and all children do not ride bikes and scooters through the playground to ensure everybody's safety.

The Timber Trail is also not to be used before or after school by any children as there is not a member of staff to supervise. This includes older or younger siblings.



Well done to Year 6 who are busy learning how to ride their bikes safely.

PTA AGM

Please do come along to our Annual General Meeting where we will be discussing possible events for the academic year. If you would be able to help out, even in a small way, please do come and let us know.

Meeting - 6pm Wednesday 24th September.

Words of the Fortnight!

To encourage our children to use a wider range of vocabulary, we set a challenge for the children which we hope you will join in with at home too. Every two weeks, a new word is introduced in each class and the children get rewards for using them in their writing or in conversation. Our new words are:

Lower School

'Mystery'

Noun - something that is difficult or impossible to understand or explain

Year 5

'Ferocious'

Adjective - meaning fierce, cruel or frightening

Year 6

'Parliament'

Noun - a legislative body

How often can you use these words at home?

Election Day

Well done to the 142 children who were candidates in our elections today. They had all been brave enough to speak in front of their classes and houses with the hope of becoming a member of our School Council or to be a House Captain. They should all feel very proud.

We were able to borrow official voting booths and ballot boxes from Hart Borough Council again which made the voting process in our own Polling Station very official.



Election Results

Congratulations to the following children who were elected today:

School Council Representatives:

Comet - Lennon and Bianca
Merlin - Abigail-Rose and James
Raptor - Louis and Martha
Tornado - George and Lilly
Vulcan - Harriet and Jigar
Concorde - Evie and William
Eagle - Oscar and Beatrice
Hawk - Cooper and Olivia
Hurricane - Kasey and Aaliyah
Lancaster - Thomas and Kerenza
Spitfire - Kaytlin and Rupert

House Captains:

Gower - Caleb and Hannah
Corinth - Joshua and Charlotte
Athens - Jaydon and Sinai
Sparta - Harley and Thea

A Parents and Carers Event is being held on

Thursday 27th September

9.00am – 7.00pm

Location: Rushmoor Borough Council offices, Farnborough

There will be a variety of different stands, information and professional advice available from CAMHS and others. Plus, free workshops on eating difficulties, gender identity, anxiety management, challenging behaviour, self-harm and crisis.

The aim is to provide a better understanding of mental health and wellbeing in young people and to direct people to appropriate support.

Book your **FREE** place at www.hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk/events