



## Golden Ticket Winners

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Congratulations to the winners of our Golden Tickets. Ethan, Charlotte, Mark, Erin, Pramod and Keira were selected for playing so nicely at lunchtime; being cheerful and chatty and very polite; being helpful, smiley and kind; having lovely manners; and for taking in adult instruction and making a positive change. They were lovely company during our special lunch together!



## DIARY DATES

Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Year 5 swimming begins
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	Harvest Festival
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	Parents' Evening 3:45-5:30pm
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Junior Road Safety Officer training day
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Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Parents' Evening 5:00-7:00pm (Tornado Class only)
Thur 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Parents' Evening 5:00-7:00pm (All classes except Tornado)
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Open Afternoon for Year 2 parents (September 2019 entry) 1:30-3:00pm
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct	PTA AGM 6pm
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	School Council Trip to Parliament
Thur 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept	PTA Disco (Harry Potter theme)
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct	INSET DAY
Wb 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	Half Term
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> Oct	School opens for Autumn 2 half term
Tues 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Open Evening for Year 2 parents (September 2019 entry) 6:30-7:30pm
Wed 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Application for Year 7 places for Sept 2019 closes
Thur 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Application for Year 3 places for Sept 2019 opens
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov	National Young Mathematicians' Competition
Thur 8 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Year 5 trip to the Winchester Science Centre
Wb Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Anti-bullying Week
Wb Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	National Parliament Week
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	World Kindness Day
Thur 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Open morning for Year 2 parents (September 2019 entry) 9:15-12:00

## Nut products in school

Please be aware that children should not be bringing in any food products which contain nuts. We have a number of children in school who are allergic to nuts and as you will be aware, these allergies are particularly dangerous.

We have already noticed that a few children are bringing 'health bars' into school to eat at break time and some contain nuts. Some children have also had chocolate spreads in their sandwiches which also contain nuts.

Our school lunches are completely nut-free; please help us ensure the safety of all of our children by checking the ingredients on the snacks and lunches which you are providing.



## Earrings

We are required to follow Hampshire's health and safety guidance in respect of children wearing earrings during PE lessons. This guidance states that:

**"All jewellery and other personal effects such as watches, necklaces, body piercings, etc. must be removed for physical education and related activities."**

At present, we have a large number of children who are covering earrings with tape as they cannot remove their earrings themselves. We will no longer be able to do this and would ask that you assist your child in learning to remove their earrings independently or that they don't wear earrings on PE days.

Guidance for children with newly pierced ears is as follows:

**"If under exceptional circumstances jewellery cannot be removed (e.g. cultural practice or newly pierced ears), the risk of injury should be reduced where it is practicable to do so. This could be by:**

~ studs being secured by the use of micropore

~ tape or masking tape (not Elastoplast or sellotape). In these circumstances care must be taken to cover the spike at the back of the ear lobe effectively.

Action may be agreed when a child's ears are newly pierced, but only for a short, agreed period such as four full weeks. Current medical opinion states this time (four weeks) for the normal healing process. Where any secondary infection might occur, this period may need to be extended. It is important that a finite period is agreed with the child and parents / guardians."

Thank you for your co-operation in supporting the safety of our children during PE activities.

## Parents' Evenings

We still have a large number of parents who have not signed up for a parents' evening appointment. These important meetings will allow you to meet with your child's teacher and discuss how your child has settled in to their new class.

Please contact the office if you would like to have help to book an appointment. A reminder has been sent today to those parents who have not yet booked an appointment.

We look forward to welcoming you into school over the next two weeks.



**Don't forget  
parents'  
evening!**

## Football Festival

The school football team took part in a 7's festival on Thursday 20th September at Samuel Cody.

These were our first games and we were very proud of the way the boys played and showed great sportsmanship.

We look forward to playing more games with the rest of the squad in the near future.



## Year 5 Swimming

**Swimming Starts on Monday 1st October for Year 5!**

Please remember that all Year Five children are going swimming for the next three weeks. Lessons will be on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Ensure that ALL appropriate kit (costume/trunks, towel and goggles) is brought to school in a bag that is appropriate to take back and forth to the swimming pool. Children with long hair will also need a swimming hat.



## Parking

A reminder that, parents should not be parking in the staff car park unless they have made specific arrangements with the school office.

We will, of course, make arrangements to support families with specific needs but need to ensure that they are safe in our car park, especially during mornings when children and parents may need to enter school via the car park to access the school office.

Thank you for helping to keep all members of our school community safe.

## PTA AGM

Please do come along to our rearranged 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. Thank you for your understanding regarding the change of date - we didn't want to clash with the Cove Infant School PTA AGM.

We are aware that this is on the same day as the infant school's parents' evening but are struggling to find another date before half term.

**Meeting - 6pm Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October.**

## 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

**'Electricity'**

Noun - a form of energy used for heating and lighting and to provide power for machines

Year 5

**'Colonise'**

Verb - to settle among and establish control over the people of an area

Year 6

**'Conscience'**

Noun - the part of your mind that tells you if you are right or wrong

**How often can you use these words at home?**

## Harvest Festival

We will be holding our Annual Harvest Festival on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October. As before, we are asking the children to bring in food contributions which will be displayed in the hall during the assembly. After our celebration, the food will be distributed between the St John's Food Cupboard, the St Christopher's Food Bank and The Source (an organisation which supports homelessness). The children can bring in tinned or packet foods from Monday onwards. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

## Governors

We currently have vacancies for parent governors. If you would like some more information, please contact the school office who will put you in touch with Sarah Merry, our Chair of Governors.

## Shakespeare Festival

The Shakespeare group enjoyed an exciting morning out at Camberley Theatre on Monday. They took part in a workshop run by the staff from the Shakespeare Schools Festival and a chance to practice some of their play on stage. Pupils had a great morning and were able to experience performing on a professional stage, to an audience, before their actual performance at the theatre on the evening of Monday 19th November. Tickets are now available from the school office for the reduced price of £10.75

