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Number 4

WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION

September attendance in %

Dragonfly	96.6	Ladybird	96.8
Woodpecker	97.3	Owl	97.6
Koala	98.6	Otter	98.4
Panda	96.1		
Dolphin	92.5	Panther	95.5

Whole school 96.6% which is in line with national average (96%).

Harestock Primary School's own APP

To date we have had 132 downloads of the App and have begun sending reminders of upcoming events. Parents are already commenting on how useful they are finding it. If you haven't yet downloaded it, check your child's bag for the leaflet and letter. If you need a spare copy just ask at the office, or speak to Mrs Bailey on the playground.

Reminder

If your child is ill or has a medical appointment please phone in to advise office staff or leave a message, thank you.

Macmillian Coffee after school session

The school council are very pleased to say that following last Friday's coffee afternoon we were able to raise £148.75 for Macmillian Cancer Support. We would like to thank everyone who donated cakes for the cause and joined us afterschool to enjoy the delights with your friends and family. Well done to the council members for arranging such a successful first event - it was super!

Inter house Challenge Morning

Our first inter house challenge morning of the academic year took place last Wednesday and the focus across the school was 'equality'. The theme was decided following the school council day at Henry Beaufort in the summer term, where our school councillors took part in a range of activities to help to understand and promote the core principles of equality. The whole school then took part in the same activities during inter house challenge morning and worked in teams to explore equality in different ways and discuss what it means to them and how we can raise awareness of the importance of equality in school. As always, the children did a fantastic job of participating and working together. Children of all ages from year 1 up to year 6 showed great collaboration. Well done!

French Breakfast

We raised £32.50 from the recent French breakfast morning. We hope the children (and parents) enjoyed a great start to the day.

Harvest festival

Thank you for all the donations this week for our Harvest. The children learned about the valuable charity Winchester Basics Bank and the house captains helped box up the items for collection. We hope you found the leaflet helpful with additional information to use when and if you ever need to.

Year 1 - Year 6 Times table challenge - reminder

Times tables are extremely important building blocks in children's maths knowledge. Being able to recall times tables facts quickly and accurately helps children in areas of maths such as division, fractions, ratio and proportion and problem solving.

The National Curriculum now has higher expectations for children's skills in maths and tables are a vital tool to meeting the challenges of the new curriculum. The National Curriculum states that: 'By the end of year 4, pupils should have memorised their multiplication tables up to and including the 12 multiplication table.'

This year the children are continuing with the Time Tables Challenge aimed at developing quicker recall of the multiplication facts (times tables).

After achieving number bonds to 10, the children will begin the Times Table Challenge. The children will be told by their class teachers which day of the week they will have a go at the challenge. Within each level there are 4 different tests (a, b c and d). The children will be given 3 minutes per test to answer the questions correctly. Once they have passed 2 of the 4 tests for their level then the children will progress to the next level. As a child reaches the level that proves that they have "mastered" their timetables facts to 12 x 12 then they will receive a Head Teacher Award certificate and their name will be displayed on a special "Times Tables Achievement" roll of honour, displayed in the school entrance.

Please note: - The time of 3 minutes stays the same even though the number of questions increases, therefore creating a challenge.

We hope that you will support your child with learning their times tables and celebrate their success with them.

INSET day Friday 12th October - no school for children

Childline / NSPCC have launched a version of its website specifically for children under 12yrs.

<https://www.childline.org.uk/kids>

INFANT CLASSES INFORMATION

European Language morning

Last week we enjoyed our European Languages morning when the children were attempting to speak Russian, Turkish, French Spanish and German! We were very impressed with their enthusiasm and listening skills.

JUNIOR CLASSES INFORMATION

Junior Christmas concert at St Barnabas Church

This has been confirmed as Wednesday 19th December - dress rehearsal at 10am (parents welcome) and TWO evening performances 6pm and again at 7pm. Like last year parents will watch only ONE concert but ALL children are expected to attend both concerts. More details in November.

Topic launch day for Panda, Dolphin and Panther class

On Tuesday 25th September, Panda, Dolphin and Panther class all took part in a creative history day. To start the day, we heard a story from Taia (an historian who specialises in ancient Egypt) about the gods they believed in. We then spent the day rotating around three activities.

One of the activities was with Taia and we learnt how to dress like an Egyptian. We also talked about the wealth of the costumes; the longer the quilt the wealthier you would be.

The second activity was identifying artefacts from the time period. We were master historians because we labelled the artefacts and asked questions. Lots of the Egyptians objects were made from Ebony wood (which is very expensive.)

The third activity was great fun! We made our very own Egyptian amulets out of gold card and then decorated them with ancient hieroglyphics. We also experimented with reed pens -it was very hard and we all can't imagine writing with the pen every day.

We all enjoyed learning more about the ancient Egyptians. It helped us with our topic on 'How do we make our mark?'

By Ella and Elicia (Dolphin Class)

Year 6 information

All Year 6 children will be taking their Key Stage 2 SATs during the week of **Monday 13th May - Thursday 16th May 2019**. The children will be tested in reading comprehension; mental maths; maths and a spelling, punctuation and grammar. All Year 6 children **MUST** attend this week and take part in the national testing arrangements. Further information will follow in the Spring term.

WEBSITE UPDATE

Owl, Woodpecker, Dragonfly, Ladybird, Panda, Whole School and After School Club blogs. Curriculum letters, Calendar and FOS events.

ATTACHMENTS SENT BY TUCASI COMMUNICATIONS

Hampshire Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services - Parent and Carer event; FitFest;

FOS

Friday 5th October - tonight! Family disco: Infants 5.15pm - 6.15pm / Juniors 6.30pm - 7.30pm
£3 on the door.

November

1st (Thurs) FOS AGM/ New parents welcome (8.30pm) In the school Hall
2nd (Fri) Bake Sale (3.15pm) AUSTEN
14th (Wed) FOS Meeting (8.30pm)

REMINDERS

Kings School Open Morning - Tuesday 9th October 9.30 - 11.30 a.m.

New Harestock App - please download and sign in! It's brilliant!!!!

Winchester Rotary Club Christmas Shoebox appeal - Boxes to school by Monday 15th October (with the £1 attached. Thank you. Please remember the box and the lid need to be wrapped separately.