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Friday Flier



On behalf of the staff and governors I should like to wish you all a happy, healthy and peaceful new year! We hope that this term will be both exciting and enjoyable for the children. We have planned to ensure that it will offer them the usual wide variety of opportunities to learn both new skills and develop those they already have.

Recent Ofsted Visit

Thank you to everyone who completed the Ofsted's parental survey, we are aware that these were overwhelmingly positive and we appreciate your continued support. It was a very busy two days and we look forward to sharing the outcome of the visit with you in due course. Due to the change to the way Ofsted visits are reported, we will not be receiving a report, as we would have in the past, and the one-word judgements have been removed. This week's Inspection was an ungraded inspection where His Majesty's Inspectors visit schools to ensure that standards are still being adhered to.

Starting School in September 2025

If your child is 4 or will turn before 1 September 2025, they can start school in September. If you have not already applied for a place, you need to do so by Wednesday 15 January. Hampshire residents should apply via the online portal: www.hants.gov.uk/admissions. Other residents should apply to their own Council, for example Portsmouth City Council or West Sussex Council.

Into the Wild: Opportunity to try a School Lunch – Thursday 16 January

Next Thursday the school caterers are providing the children with the opportunity to sample a school lunch and samples of other lunch options. The choices available are:

- Bear's Battered Chicken Gryll
- Didgeridoo Hot Dog
- Boomerang Baked Potato
- Sides: Canberra chips, Gold Coast Corn, Kanga-roos Spaghetti Rings and Kookaburra Ketchup
- Dessert: Jam Tim Tam

All children will automatically be signed up for this lunch. However, they may also bring in their own packed lunch but still sample items on offer. There will be no pressure to taste the food, it will be on the table and they can try any of the food items they wish.

Change of Contact Numbers

If you or any of your child's named contacts have changed their telephone number recently, please can you let the school office know. You are able to update your own personal mobile telephone number in ParentMail but we will not be notified. If the school changes any details in ParentMail, parents are required to confirm the changes or they will revert back to the previous details.

Breakfast and Beehive Invoices

On Monday Mrs Gray emailed invoices to parents. Your Breakfast Club invoice should be paid in full by Monday 13 December and the first Beehive payment should be made by Friday 17 January and the final payment received by Friday 31 January. Prompt payment is much appreciated as the club is totally self-funded and does not receive any government funding. As per previous communications, we will no longer be sending out requests for payments, the dates are clearly displayed on our invoices and reminders will be put on the Friday Flier. Late payment fees will be applied as necessary and in the event of non-payment, your child's place will be withdrawn and will be offered to another child. Payment will still be due.

Busy Bees

These children received their Busy Bee Stamp recently and this was celebrated in a year group assembly:

Year R: Adam Amin, Freda Beech, Sydney Dwyer, Ted Dyne, Evelyn Harrington, Keegan Tomlin, Ronan Lawless-Fagan, Kiana Liu, Ameya Manikantan, Olivia Perry and Joey Rose. **Year 1:** Coco Agar, April Cohman, Anastasia Crockford, Willow Ellis, Archie Ferguson, Hugo Fox, Reuben Gilbert, Devlin Harris, Bella-Rose Horrocks, Theo Horrocks, Nellie Jarrold, Molly Long, Eva Longwood, Axel Morgan-Fothergill, Olivia Quance, Tabitha Savage-Brookes, Millie Scutt, Lily Warrington, Clarissa Wollaston and Noah Whall. **Year 2:** Emma Amin, Ernie-Jay Donohoe-Marsh, Isla Ferguson, Aurelia Lowe, Maximilian Parsons, Vinnie Pickup, Bluebell Spurway and Skyla Turner.

These children finished their busy bee certificates and have received a Busy Bee Motif which can be sewed onto their jumpers/cardigans: Freya Bone, Jasmine Dodd and Jazmin Harrold.

Class Reading Challenge: Raffle Winners

I am delighted to let you know that the class winners of this week's raffle were:

- Kingfishers' Class
- Woodpeckers' Class
- Owls' Class

Reporting Absence

A reminder that as well as telephoning the school, you can also report your child's absence via a company called **Studybugs** which enables you to go online via a phone or computer to report your child's absence securely. To get the free Studybugs app, or register on their website go to (<https://studybugs.com/about/parents>). If your child is unwell it is your responsibility to inform the school of this.

Forest School Sessions

Timetables for this half term have already been sent out and the timetable for next week is shown below. Paper copies are on the notice boards by the North Door and the South Door. Paper copies are on the notice boards by the North Door and the South Door. Additional PE sessions will take place on Tuesday for children in Year 1 and on Friday for children in Year 2. You are also able to check the timetable by clicking the following links:

[Year R Spring A Forest and PE Timetable](#)

[Year 1 and Year 2: Spring A Forest and PE Timetable](#)

Year R		
Date	Forest School	PE
Thursday 16 January	Kingfishers	Robins
		Wagtails

Year 1		
Date	Forest School	PE
Wednesday 15 January	Doves	Woodpeckers
		Blackbirds

Year 2		
Date	Forest School	PE
Thursday 16 January	Kestrels	Eagles
		Owls

Lunch Menu

As you are aware, we have changed our school catering company and alongside this, our menu. This is now available for parents to view and order online. Please go to <https://app.schoolgrid.co.uk/> where you can view and order a lunch for your child.

Ordering in Advance: You can order in advance for the whole week (possibly longer). If you do this but then your child is not in school before 9.15am because you are late or are taking them to an appointment but you haven't informed us of this, **their lunch request will be cancelled** and you will need to provide them with a packed lunch. Whilst lunches are free to parents, the school has to pay for these.

If your child has an appointment and will be in late but requires a lunch that day, please let us know by leaving the school a voicemail. We have set up a designated telephone option – option 4. You can pre-order a lunch or leave us a message (before 9.15am). We just need you to let us know that your child will be in later that day. Please do not leave a message on the normal absence line as staff may not get to your message in time

Jacket Potato Menu – please click on the following link to view the daily choice of fillings [Jacket Potato Menu](#)

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L A de Carteret', with a large, sweeping flourish underneath.

Mrs L A de Carteret
Headteacher