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Be Safe, Be Ready, Be Respectful



Commander Kindness



Lady Resilience



Captain Creativity



Doctor Resourcefulness

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Our target is **96%** or more for attendance. We aim for every child to arrive on time to help them settle and make the best progress. This is also less disruptive for the other children already in class.

w/e 8.3.24	Whole school	Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
%	95	94	95	96	95	96	93	94
No of lates	16	0	7	4	4	0	1	0

AWARDS

GOLD AWARD

One child is chosen each week from every class for upholding our school values of resilience, kindness, creativity and resourcefulness. Well done to last week's Gold Award Winners!



Pufferfish – Hattie

Dolphins – George

Penguins – Ella

Seals – Ray

Sea Otters – Pearl

Seahorses – Kofi

Turtles – Hendrix

Sharks – Carter



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SILVER AWARD

We've seen lots of children this week who've popped in to share lovely work or good news! It's fantastic to see the work being shared from across all curriculum areas. Well done to everyone!

Pufferfish – Eden Etta Bea Jude Theo Lucas Matilda Ibrahim Patsy Mariana Meira Finley Clara

Penguin – Franklin, Jenson

Sea Otters – Frank Tia Freddie Coast Demi Charlie Elias Naylaa

Seahorses – Owen Daisy Abbie Harrison

Turtles – Charlie Floss Aashna Blossom Tallulah Vinnie George Sokol Lenny D Jayden

Alana Sienna Jack



BRONZE AWARD

Children upholding our school rules and values and or putting effort into their learning receive house points. The table below shows how well house teams are doing. w/e 15.3.24

Mary Rose	Spinnaker	Warrior	Victory
316	204	314	276

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event	Information
2023-24		
Tuesday 26 th March	School Nurse Parent Clinic	Contact the school office to book an appointment
Wednesday 27 th March	Year 6 are organising Easter parade for year R-2 with Easter songs for Y3-6 and an egg tombola R-2 can bring in some Spring/Easter art work, bonnet etc that they have made to parade with	Parents welcome at 2.30 to watch the parade and hear singing – weather permitting Tombola tickets 20p each
Wednesday 27 th March	Year 3 school trip to Testwood Lakes	Details sent
Friday 29 th March	Good Friday School closed to children	School closed to children for Easter Break
Monday 15 th April	School open to all children 8.30 start	
Thursday 9 th May	Class photos	
Monday 13 th May – Thursday 16 th May	Year 6 Sats week Children can book a breakfast from 8.00 each day	Details will be sent nearer the time
Tuesday 21 st May	PGL meeting – Yr6 parents	Details will be sent nearer the time
Friday 24 th May	INSET – additional Inset granted by Trust for all Trust schools	School closed to children
Friday 7 th June	INSET	School closed to children
Friday 14 th June	PTA Fathers Day shop	
Monday 17-Friday 21 June	Year 6 Residential	Details sent
Wednesday 10 th July	Year R 1 2 Sports Morning – weather permitting	Parents welcome to attend

Thursday 11 th July	Year 3 4 5 6 Sports Morning – weather permitting	Parents welcome to attend
Wednesday 17 th July	Year 6 end of school production 1.30 @ Admiral School	Details will be sent nearer the time
Thursday 18 th July	Year 6 end of school production 5.00 @Admiral School	Details will be sent nearer the time
Tuesday 23 rd July	Year 6 West fest	
Wednesday 24 th July	Last day of term school finished at 3.10 as normal	

LEARNING UPDATE

Year R	This week Pufferfish have been reading the new book 'Egg drop'. We have been linking this book to new life. On Wednesday we read the Easter story and took a moment to think how the Easter story is linked to new life. We have now transferred our new sunflower plants over to bigger pots. These are now ready to head outside. I hope you enjoy watching them grow over the next few weeks.
Year 1	Dolphins class have had another great week. In their English Journey they wrote their own letter to the Sea thanking what it had done to bring the bear back home. In Maths they are working on their new unit of fractions and have focused so far on how to find half of an object and quantity. In RE they finished their unit on 'Welcoming' and this was done by acting out ways of how welcoming isn't shown and drew why someone wouldn't be welcome. In Science they all became scientists again and had to investigate which material was best for a waterproof. In PE they are learning how to score points in a game. Lastly, they have been practicing their songs for the Easter Parade and are growing in confidence each time they are singing.
Year 2	Penguins are smashing it this week. They have worked really hard during their independent write; they have written an explanation text on an animal of their choice and its life cycle. In Maths we have looked at positional language and using it to direct each other around a map, the children have been very good at doing this. Music, we have created our own sequence of sounds that we could hear in space and used instruments to help bring it to life. We have also been practicing our songs for the Easter parade, and the children cannot wait to perform it for you.
Year 3	Year 3 worked extremely hard this week, showing real resilience, and completed all of their assessments. We are very proud of all of them. In Maths, we have continued to look at mass and capacity. In English, we have been applying all that we have learned in the last few weeks in our unaided piece of writing, which is a story based on the wordless book, Flotsam. This week, Miss Harman led a really exciting DT afternoon, where

	<p>the children made games using static electricity. They all had such fun and the games are amazing!</p>
Year 4	<p>Year 4 have really immersed themselves into the novice characters from 'How to Train Your Dragon' so that they can effectively describe the cavern, full of hundreds of dragons, from the story. They have showed great enthusiasm in creating effective similes and metaphors that follow the tone of the story in order to make the reader feel. They have also shown great attention to detail when formulating dialogue between two characters. As always in maths, they have shown incredible resilience when exploring tenths and hundredths as decimals.</p> <p>After going through our reading assessments from last week, all the children have agreed that reading is super important! Therefore, lost and misplaced reading records have been replaced to ensure all children can track their reading at home. The Year 4 team look forward to seeing who has been reading at home!</p>
Year 5	<p>We have been so impressed with the independence that the Seahorses have demonstrated this week – particularly in their independent writing. The pupils have been writing internal monologues based upon our class text 'FArTHER' and the poem 'High Flight.' In Maths we have been exploring perimeter and area, with all children demonstrating great reasoning when tackling tricky problems. Can you believe that next week is our final swimming session? All the children have made fantastic progress in both skill and confidence, and we look forward to sharing with you their individual achievement.</p>
Year 6	<p>It has been lovely being able to share the children's progress with the majority of you at parents' evening this week. In maths, we have tracked back to Year 2 to fill the gaps around 2D and 3D shapes and their properties. In science, the children have had fun designing their own robots- they were particularly enthused when we were able to bring these to life using AI. Finally in DT, the children's bases for their steady hand games are now complete ready to make then with the electrical components next week. Busy week for us next week with our ALNS visit on Monday pm and Fratton Park Tuesday/Wednesday mornings.</p>
Senior Team Update	<p>On Monday, it was fantastic to welcome Ali Aspen from Learning Through Landscapes. Ali worked with Mr Upfield and our House Captains and Vice Captains to develop Play Leaders in school. Our Play Leaders will be on the playground every breaktime and lunchtime, dressed in purple vests, and their role will be to engage children in different playtime games as well as looking at ways to make breaktimes safer and engaging times for all children.</p>

Pre-School

Our admissions policy and expression of interest form has been sent to parents and advertised within the local community.

Easter Parade

Year R 1 2 will be parading around the playground showing off their Spring and Easter arts and crafts. This can be a hat/bonnet, an easter basket, some art work, decorated egg. Please can children bring this in on the morning of the parade. Year 6 will be singing as the parade takes place and then our younger children will sing a few songs. Parents and children can then purchase tombola tickets being run by our year 6 pupils.

We are very grateful to Gemma Morrison, Community Champion at Tesco Extra in Fratton who has also donated some delicious looking easter eggs.

Year 1 Morning Entry Gate

Please note, from Monday 15th April Dolphin class will come into school through the main gate on Westover Road, with the rest of the school

Donations of games

If anyone has any age appropriate games that the children could have in the cabins at lunchtimes we would be grateful for any donations. The cabin provides children with an adult supported space if they choose not be on the playground. Thank you.

PE Day reminder – Please ensure your child has a kit on these days otherwise they may not be able to join in for health and safety reasons.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Dolphins (1)	Seals (3)	Sea Otters (4)	Dolphins (1)	Pufferfish (YR)
Sharks (6)	Penguins (2)	Seahorses (5)	Penguins (2)	Sharks (6)
Turtles (6)	Sea Otters (4)	Pufferfish (YR)	Turtles (6)	Seals (3)
	Seahorses (5)		Pufferfish (YR)	

Library Days

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sea otter (4)	Dolphin (1)	Penguin (2)	Pufferfish (R)	Sharks (6)
	Seahorses (5)		Turtles (6)	Seals (3)

Advice on winter bugs and keeping well

With temperatures dropping this month Clare Joy – an NHS school nurse working locally – explains in this short video some top tips on keeping winter bugs at bay and using the Healthier Together app for advice.

You can watch on the [Hampshire and Isle of Wight NHS YouTube channel](#).

Download Healthier Together for advice with common childhood illnesses

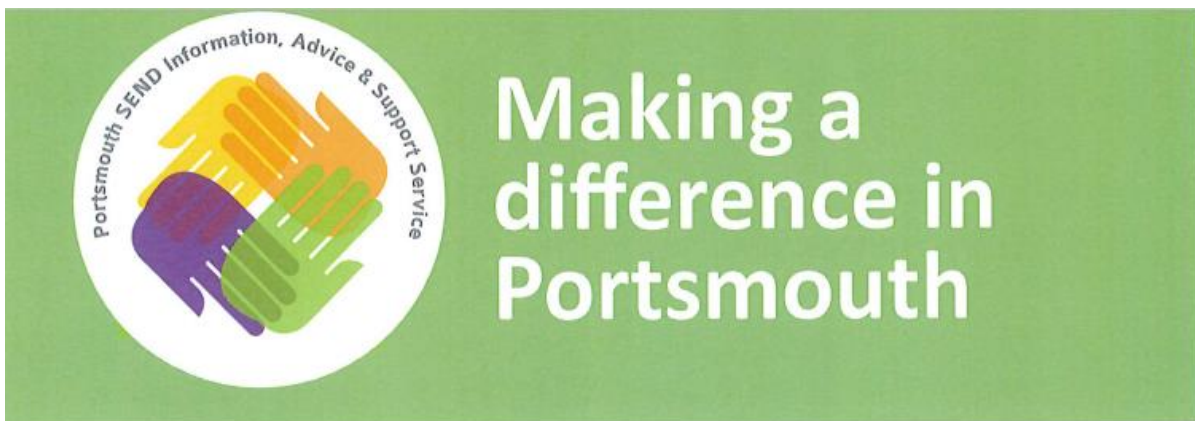
It can sometimes be hard for parents to know the best way to help children recover from winter bugs. Healthier Together has been developed by local clinicians and gives simple advice on how to help them get better at home.

The app will also help you to spot the signs if it is something more serious and guide you to the right help. Visit what0-18.nhs.uk, download from the App Store or get it on Google Play.

The UK Health Security Agency have also published helpful advice on [spotting the signs of when to keep children home](#).

You can visit the [Hampshire and Isle of Wight NHS winter wellness web page](#) for more advice on keeping warm and well this winter.

INFORMATION



WHO ARE WE?


We are the Portsmouth Special Educational Needs and Disability Information, Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS).

We provide free, confidential, impartial information, advice and support relating to special educational needs and disability (SEND), independently from education, health and care providers.

Our information, advice and support is delivered by independently trained Information, Advice and Support Service (IASS) staff.



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WHO CAN WE HELP?

Our service is for people who live in Portsmouth (PO1 – PO6). If you don't live in Portsmouth we can put you in touch with your local SENDIASS.

We can provide information, advice and support to parents or carers of a child or young person (aged 0-25) with special educational needs and/or a disability and young people aged 16-25 who have a special educational needs and/or a disability. If your child has questions we can help them too.

HOW CAN WE HELP?

We will listen to your views and concerns and explain your options, rights and responsibilities. We can help you prepare for meetings, feel more confident to express your views and support you to resolve disagreements. If needed, we can support you to attend meetings too.

We can answer your questions about Education Health and Care Plans (EHCP) and support you through a needs assessment or review.

We can provide information on your individual queries in relation to education, health, care and leisure services and direct you to other services that may be able to support your family.

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