



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a great first week back after the Half Term break. The children have worked hard, generally played well together and I have been delighted to see some wonderful acts of genuine kindness during the course of this week. Let's keep that going! As I write to you the children from KS2 are getting ready to go on their weekend trip to Little Canada and so I want to take the opportunity to wish them a wonderful few days away and to thank the staff team of Mrs Swales (Miss Page per getting married!), Miss Dawson and Mrs Jarjat for giving up their time to take out amazing children to the Isle of Wight; thank you so much. We look forward to seeing the pictures!

### **Next Week**

Children in Year 6 will take part in Bikeability throughout the week.

On Wednesday Dahl Class Assembly will take place at 3.15pm in the Upper school Hall. We look forward to seeing you there.

### **Nursery Next Week**

Next week in Nursery we will be starting our topic 'our senses.'  
Starting next week and continuing over the next 4 weeks will be taking the children in small groups to the Children's Centre next door to use their sensory room. We will be changing our role play area into our own sensory area. Now everyone is settled in class we will be going to visit the hall to 'have a look,' ready for when we start doing PE. If you haven't already got your PE kit in school can you please ensure you have it in class next week. Thank you.

### **Year R Newsflash**

Next week we will be learning our new story, "The Three Billy Goats Gruff." The children will be learning actions to retell the story. Please

encourage the children to use lots of expression and maybe tell you the story.

In Maths, we are learning all about counting carefully. It would be great if you could encourage the children to say the number names in order as well as count objects around the house.

Have a lovely weekend!

Team Reception

### **Year 1 Next Week**

We really enjoyed our mini Bonfire Night on Tuesday and the children were very sensible while using their sparklers. The experience is really going to help us when we're writing our information texts next week. To help your child, you could talk to them about Bonfire Night at home.

### **Year 2 Newsflash**

Firstly, we would like to say a big thank you to all those parents who attended the Peake Class assembly on Wednesday. The children loved showing you what they have been learning about. Thanks also to those parents that provided costumes for their children, they looked great!  
This week we launched our new topic with the discovery of a mysterious egg in the playground. The children were very excited to find out what was inside. We have started learning a new story called The Egg by M. P. Robertson. Ask your child to tell you all about it! He has written lots of other stories about the dragon and George, why not visit the local library and see if you can find some of the others? Next week, we will be beginning to write a new story and starting our new unit in maths solving addition and subtraction problems. In our topic work we will be learning about different mythical creatures to help us with our literacy lessons. Thank you for your continued support.

### **Year 3 News**

This week Year 3 have started their new topic earthquakes and volcanoes, which we have already found very exciting! Next week in Literacy we will be beginning to create our own volcano narrative. In Maths we are continuing with our learning about graphs, with the main focus being bar charts. In topic we will be continuing with our learning about light (science) and looking into why volcanoes erupt. Can we please remind you that our PE days are Monday (outdoor) and Wednesday (indoor) and children are required to wear full PE kits for these.

### **Year 4 News for the week**

Where did this week go!? The children have come back after their well-deserved break and have carried on from where they left off - producing some fantastic work.

In Numeracy next week the children will be moving on from the work they have been doing on division and looking at interpreting data in different forms.

In Literacy we will be continuing with our focus on Charles Dickens and the Victorian era.

For the next 10 teaching days, Mr Fossey will be undertaking an important course at St Jude's Church of England Primary School so Miss Morgan, Mrs Lloyd and Mrs Price will be teaching in Nelson class in his absence. During this time, lessons for the children will remain the same as will the expectations.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Y4 Team.

### **Year 5 News**

This half term, Year 5 are learning about Ancient Egypt. We will be finding out about how the Ancient Egyptians lived, what they believed and many other interesting facts.

We are reading the book 'The Time Travelling Cat and the Egyptian Goddess' and will be using this in our literacy lessons. Next week we will be focusing on writing a diary entry in role as a character from the book and will be focusing on emotive language. Next week in maths we will

be beginning to learn about division, particularly dividing a 3 or 4-digit number by a 1-digit number.

This weekend, many of the children in Year 5 are going on the residential trip to Little Canada. Because of this, we will not be setting homework this week; however, we still expect the children to be reading at home at least 3 times a week.

### **Year 6 Newsflash**

All the children have now been to the Crown Court, met with a real judge and discovered more about the justice process. Each group asked some intelligent questions and I was delighted to receive an e-mail from the clerk of the court complimenting all the children on their behaviour. The year group are a real credit to the school. Today, we embarked on the Heartstone Project. Following success in other parts of the country, several schools in Portsmouth have signed up for this. It has a focus on overcoming prejudices with a view to educating the children about multi-culturalism in the UK. Sadly, Portsmouth has some poor statistics when it comes to 'hate crimes' so we need to do all we can to deal with prejudices and attitudes that do not reflect British Values. We ask for your support in dealing with this sensitive subject. If you would like to know more about how we promote British values (or indeed what they are for that matter!) please do come and see one of the team and we will be very happy to assist.  
The Y 6 team.