



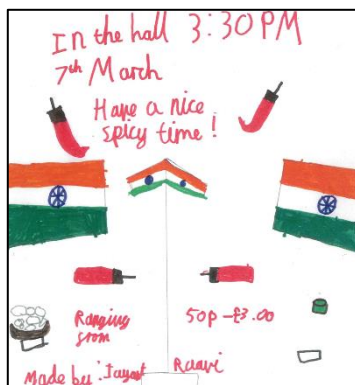
Dear Parents and Carers,

The children in Green and Red classes had a wonderful trip to the River Meon this week as part of their Geography studies, and very much enjoyed measuring the depth, width, rate of flow etc alongside getting very muddy!

A reminder to you all that next **Thursday 7 March will be world book day**. We have some exciting activities happening in school on that day and would like you all to dress up as any character from a book. You might like to bring the book in to show us if you have it at home. The children will be bringing home world book day vouchers which you can exchange for a book or put towards the cost of a book of your choice from any bookshop.

LENT projects

This year our LENT charity giving has been inspired by a project called Dare2Dream which Miss Saunders has been involved with for a number of years working alongside under-privileged children in Romania throughout her summer holiday. We have posted more information about the project on Google Classroom.



Blue and Yellow class would like you to come along and buy cakes on **Tuesday 26 March at 3:30pm**.

At Key Stage 2, many of the children have also asked to do a bake sale as part of their own fundraising for the project. We have put all of the requests together to have a big bake sale (sweet and savoury) for **Key Stage 2 on Thursday 7 March at 3:30pm in the school hall**. Please come along and bring your



cash!

School Disco

The school discos will be returning by popular demand on **Friday 15 March 6:30-8:00pm** for Key Stage 2 children. This will be outside on the school playground so please remember to bring warm clothes and place your food order. The disco for children in Blue and yellow class will be in the school hall on **Thursday 21 March 5:00-6:15pm**.

Music Concerts



We have two music concerts this term. Year 1 and 2 will be performing in a drumming concert on **Thursday 21 March at 2:00pm**, and all children who have peripatetic music lessons will be performing on **Monday 25 March at 2:30pm**. Please come along and join us.

Visit from SCARF (Safety, Caring, Achievement, Resilience, Friendship)

Coram Life, who produce our PSHE curriculum, will be visiting us tomorrow with children in Blue, Yellow and Purple classes. They have agreed to deliver an online meeting for parents and carers on **Thursday 6th June at 6.30pm** about growing and changing bodies which will also have a question and answer session. I will send you the link closer to the time.

Staffing

We continue to be in need of additional lunchtime staff. If you think you could give up a few hours each week to help us or know of someone who would be able to, please let Mrs Pink in the school office know.

Mothering Sunday Service in School



There will be a mothering Sunday service in school on **Sunday 10 March at 9:30am for coffee and croissants with a 10:00am start**. Everyone is welcome to come along and celebrate the incredible work of the women in our lives.

Finally, a polite reminder as we are nearing the end of the financial year, we would be very grateful if you could ensure that you have paid in any money owing to us to help us with accounting the year-end.

Kind regards,

Kirstie Baines

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Headteacher

DIARY DATES

IN-SERVICE TRAINING DAYS (School Closures) for academic year 2023-2024

Monday 3 June 2024

Monday 22 July 2024

Tuesday 23 July 2024

IN-SERVICE TRAINING DAYS (School Closures) for academic year 2024-2025

Monday 2 September 2024

Friday 20 December 2024

Monday 2 June 2025

Monday 21 July 2025

Tuesday 22 July 2025

Diary Dates for the 2023-2024 school year – all dates can be subject to changes. All changes and new dates in the diary will appear in red.

Thursday 22 February	4:00-7:00pm Parents Meetings
Sunday 25 February	9:30am for 10:00am start Café Church in school
Tuesday 27 February	Red and Green class trip to River Meon
Friday 1 March	PSHE SCARF visit for Blue, Yellow and Purple classes
Monday 4 March	1:45-2:45pm Vocal Festival rehearsal at Upham School
Thursday 7 March	World Book day – dress up as a character from a book
Thursday 7 March	KS2 bake sale in the school hall

Sunday 10 March	9:30 for 10:00am Mothering Sunday Service in School
Thursday 14 March	Y5 and Y6 vocal festival in Thornden Hall (15 places only)
Friday 15 March	6:30-8:00pm KS2 outside disco on the school playground.
18-22 March	Year 5 and 6 Residential visit to Isle of Wight
Thursday 21 March	2:00pm Year 1 and 2 music concert (drumming) Parents welcome
Thursday 21 March	5:00-6:15pm Blue and Yellow class disco
Sunday 24 March	10:00am Palm Sunday church in school.
Monday 25 March	2:30pm music concert for KS2 pupils who have peripatetic music lessons
Thursday 28 March	1:30pm School Easter service Holy Cross Church. All welcome 3:30pm school closes for Easter break. No after school childcare club.

SUMMER TERM 2024

Monday 15 April	8:50am School re-opens for the summer term
13-16 May	Year 6 National SATs week
Monday 20 May	School photographer –class and whole school photos

27-31 May

Thursday 13 June	7:30-8:30 new parents meeting
Saturday 15 June	Church Fete
Wednesday 19 June	1:30pm SPORTS DAY all welcome
Saturday 29 June	School Summer Fayre
Tuesday 2 July	Year 6 Wyvern Induction day
Tuesday 9 July	1:30pm KS2 school play
Wednesday 10 July	6:00pm KS2 school play
Thursday 11 July	6:00pm KS2 school play
Friday 12 July	1:00pm Y6 Leaver's service Portsmouth Cathedral (children only)
Friday 19 July	1:30pm Leavers service Holy Cross Church School ends for the summer break. No after school childcare club.

Monday 22 July	School closed for IN-SERVICE TRAINING DAYS
Tuesday 23 July	School closed for IN-SERVICE TRAINING DAYS