



Sponsored Dance-a-thon – Monday 5th February

On Monday 5th February the whole school will be taking part in a fundraising activity – **children should come to school in sports wear**, ready for a day of fun dance and fitness challenges! Sponsor forms have now been sent home so please help your child raise as much sponsorship as they can – all monies raised by years 4 & 5 will go towards their Rock Challenge production, with other classes raising funds to replace the broken play equipment on the school field in time for Summer.



Can you take up the choreography challenge? - at 2.45pm all parents are invited to join their children on the school playground to take part in a special mass dance to finish the day, weather permitting!

Fundraising events for the replacement of the broken sports equipment–

this year's fundraising focus is to replace the broken play equipment on the school field which desperately needs doing. Together with the Dance-a-thon event taking place in school the WSA are organising other events to raise money for this project including a Race Night which will take place on Saturday 17th March in the School Hall, all monies raised will go directly into funding the replacement of the broken sports equipment which we hope to have completed in time for summer.



Year 5&6 Basketball Festival

Congratulations to our Year 5 and 6 basketball team, who took part in the Romsey Schools competition at Mountbatten last week. They won 6 of their 8 games, demonstrating fantastic dribbling skills; they scored an amazing 20 baskets in total! The Wellow team achieved 3rd place overall and were very pleased with their bronze medals.



Hindu Workshop

Last week the Year 2 children took part in a very special Hindu Workshop – Mrs Susmita Roy from Saraswati Intercultural Curriculum Support Services visited the school and spent the day with the Year 2 class teaching them all about Hindu culture, art work and stories. The children got to dress up in some traditional costumes, took part in Hindu dances and then they got to handle precious artifacts.



Staff News – Welcome Mr Bristow, Miss Cheatle & Mr Spencer

We would like to give a warm welcome to Miss Cheatle & Mr Bristow who have joined our Year 1 and Year 2 class respectively as students on the Schools Direct Programme for a 6 week placement. Mr Spencer joins us as a student teacher from the University of Winchester and will be working with our Year 3 children for the Spring Term.

Indoor Athletics – Wednesday 7th February – New Finish Time of 4.00pm

Due to two teams having to withdraw from the indoor athletics competition next week there will be a new finish time. **Please collect your child from Mountbatten School at the new time of 4.00pm.** Thank you.

Football Tournament – Friday 9th February – New Start Time of 12.45pm

Due to the large number of teams taking part in the football festival on Friday 9th February there will be a new start time. **Please meet Mrs Boakes at the entrance to Mountbatten School at the new time of 12.45pm.** The finish time remains as approximately 3.50pm. Thank you.



Rock Challenge Rehearsal Day – Friday 9th February

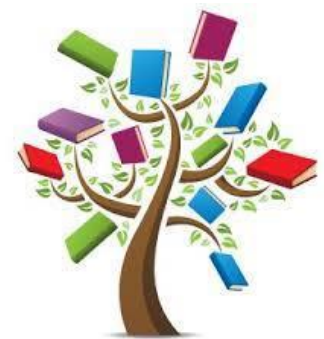
All children involved in Rock Challenge should have received an individual letter regarding the details and timings for rehearsal day. The majority of children need to be in school for 9.45am, the partner dancers and a couple of others are required by 8.45am. Please drop and collect your child at the playground doors of the Year 5 classroom, staff will be there to register your child who will need snacks, packed lunch and plenty of water. All children need to be collected at 2.30pm. Thank you.

Punctuality and Lateness

Please can we remind parents/carers of the need to get their child(ren) to school promptly in the mornings? We have recently seen an increase in children arriving late for morning registration and would like to remind all parents that arrival between **8.45am – 8.55am** is recorded as '**late**' in the register, whilst arrival after **8.55am** is recorded as an '**unauthorised absence**'. This information is recorded electronically on the school information management system and is available for monitoring by the Education Welfare Officer. Arriving in time for the 8.45am registration ensures that your child begins the school day calmly (not stressed) and is fully prepared for the start of the day when the Class teacher explains all that is happening. Thank you for your support.

Importance of READING

Reading is the fundamental skill that pupils learn from an early age at school. There are many examples of research which indicate that pupils who read regularly from a young age do *much better* in their education and achievement in the future. This is why we place a lot of importance on reading in school with our Guided Reading sessions and our emphasis on phonics in KS1.



We are aware that a number of pupils do not engage in any reading activity outside of school, or just on rare occasions. Please remember to sign your child's reading diary to indicate that you have heard your child read.

For children in year 2 and beyond, there are plenty of books in our school library from across the Accelerated Reader spectrum which children can borrow for their home reading book. The more books they read the more quizzes they can take, which the children enjoy. Sometimes the issue with reading is simply because children find it difficult to find a book that appeals, or they need time to really immerse themselves in the story. They need support with this from all adults in their lives! Also, to see their parents reading for pleasure is a great way to raise the profile of reading!



Lost Property

We have a large number of items in our lost property bin – if your child has lost any items in school please come along to look through the lost property. The bin can be located in the hallway of the ICT suite and library. Thank you.

INSET DAYS – Friday 9th February, Friday 25th May, Monday 23rd July 2018

Calendar Dates		
February		
2 nd	3.15pm-4.15pm	NO NETBALL CLUB
5 th	4.00pm-5.00pm	Football League Yrs 5&6 (selected children)
5 th		Danceathon Fund Raising Day
7 th	Morning	Year 6 Maya Workshop
7 th	2.00pm-4.30pm	Indoor Athletics at Mountbatten School
8 th	3.15pm	WSA Valentine's Cake Sale
9 th		Rock Challenge Rehearsal Day (individual details will be provided)
9 th		INSET DAY
9 th	1.00pm-4.00pm	Football Tournament Yrs 5&6 (selected children)
12th – 16th		HALF TERM
19 th	8.35am	First Day of Term
19 th	4.00pm-5.00pm	Cross Country Competition 3 at Mountbatten School (Rescheduled Date)
23rd		ROCK CHALLENGE at Southampton Guildhall
26 th	4.00pm-5.00pm	Netball at Mountbatten School (selected Year 5&6 children)
March		
1 st	1.00pm-3.00pm	Drama Workshop Years R, 1 & 2
2 nd	5.45pm-6.45pm 7.00pm-8.00pm	KS1 WSA Spring Disco KS2
5 th	4.00pm-5.00pm	Netball at Mountbatten School (selected Year 5&6 children)
5 th	All day	Year 1 Winchester Science Centre Trip
9 th	1.30pm-4.00pm	Multi-skills Festival at Mountbatten School (selected Year 1&2 children)
12 th	4.00pm-5.00pm	Netball at Mountbatten School (selected Year 5&6 children)
16 th	2.45pm	Rock Steady Concert for Parents
15 th	9.15am	Year 1 Class Assembly
17 th		WSA Race Night (further details to follow)



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23 rd	1.00pm-4.00pm	Netball Festival at Mountbatten School (selected Year 5&6 children)
26 th	4.00pm-5.00pm	Cross Country Competition 4 at Mountbatten School Years 1-6
27 th	3.30pm	Parents Evening
28 th	3.30pm	Parents Evening
29 th		Last day of term
30 th -15 th April		Easter Holidays
April		
16 th	8.35am	First day of Summer term
19 th	2.00pm	Year 5&6 to the Mayflower to see 'Titanic'
26 th	9.00am	WSA Bag2School Collection

WSA NEWS



Just a reminder that you can keep up-to-date with all the WSA news by visiting their page on the school website under the 'School Information' tab.

- The next WSA event will be the Valentines Cake Sale on **Thursday 8th February at 3.15pm** – Please bring your baked or bought cakes to school on the morning of Thursday 8th February for the WSA to sell after school in the playground at 3.15pm. Thank you.
- Spring Disco **Friday 2nd March** KS1 5.45pm-6.45pm KS2 7.00pm-8.00pm
- WSA Race night on **Saturday 17th March 7.30pm** – further details to follow
- Bag2School has been booked for **Thursday 26th April at 9.00am**

