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Headteacher's weekly newsletter (N°2)
16th September 2022

The following three school rules underpin and uphold our beliefs in our behaviour policy:
We are ready to learn
We are respectful to everyone and everything else
We make safe choices

- Please note that the school will be closed on Monday 19th September 2022 due to the national Bank Holiday being declared by the King for the Queen's funeral.
- A letter has been sent out this week with details of the Federation between Guillemont and Pinewood.
- It was good to see so many parents and carers join us for the 'Meet the Teacher' presentations this week. We will upload each class teacher's presentation to the website as soon as possible.
- The curriculum maps for all year groups and Class EW, will be on the website soon.
- A letter has been sent out this week to the parents and carers of Yr5 about a Planetarium visit to the school which will enhance their project based learning about 'Space'. The cost per child is £5. Please go online via Scopay to pay and give your permission. Alternatively, you can pay at the school office in cash or cheque payable to HCC.
- A letter has been sent out this week to the parents and carers of Yr4 about our forthcoming residential visit to Ufton Court that is due to take place on Monday 7th November 2022 until Wednesday 9th November 2022. This is a 3 days/2 nights residential which will prepare the children for a week long residential in Yr5 and Yr6. A virtual meeting has been planned for Wednesday 21st September 2022. We will send out a link to join the meeting in due course. **I appreciate it is short notice but there have been challenges re-establishing the residential visit after the pandemic. I would not expect people to pay a deposit until after the meeting unless they have had children participate in the past.**
- We have sent a letter out to Yr2 parents and carers, via our feeder infant schools, with details of our planned New Parents' Evening on Thursday 29th September 2022 at 7pm in the school hall. We are also planning 3 open mornings between 9am and 12pm on Monday 3rd, Wednesday 5th and Friday 7th October 2022. Please contact the school to book your half hour timeslot. We are limiting each timeslot to 10 families. The evening meeting is intended for parents and carers and not children; they will be able to see the school during the open mornings.
- We sent an email out yesterday inviting parents and carers to join our new PTA FOG (Friends of Guillemont). The first meeting has been arranged for next Friday 23rd September 2022 at 3.45pm in Class AB. You can bring children along and they will be supervised in an adjacent classroom. This first meeting will last less than one hour. We hope you can join us.
- Please check if you are eligible for free school meals. Even if you choose not to take them, the school receives additional funding to support children's learning. We have low numbers of FSM children and I would really appreciate you checking. You can do this easily using the following link: https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/freeschoolmeals/juniorsecondary
- We all know that the current economic climate is challenging for all of us. If you are struggling, it's worth checking to see if you are eligible for any of the many benefits available from the Government. You can do this using the following link: https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/freeschoolmeals/juniorsecondary
  A reminder that I can also issue food bank vouchers. If you feel this might be helpful, please pop in to school and speak to me. If you are concerned about anyone else that might be reluctant to talk to me, please also let me know.
- A few reminders:
  - Clubs began this week. All after school clubs are now full and we are operating a waiting list.

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- Yr3 visit to the Blue Reef Aquarium in Portsmouth this Wednesday 21st September 2022. Please go online via Scopay to pay and give your permission. Alternatively, you can pay at the school office in cash or cheque payable to HCC. Thank you to everyone that has already paid.
- Yr4 visit to Winchester Museum and Cathedral on Tuesday 11th October 2022. Please go online via Scopay to pay and give your permission. Alternatively, you can pay at the school office in cash or cheque payable to HCC. Thank you to everyone that has already paid.
- The online application portal for a place in Yr7 next September 2023 is now open and closes at midnight on 31st October 2022.

- There are several flyers sent with this newsletter:
  - Hampshire Library Services are offering free courses for parents and carers.
  - Spotlight UK are offering free dance classes for children.
  - Gymfinity Kids is offering gym classes to children.
  - Anxiety Among Friends Support Hub.
- Attendance Information: A reminder that 96% attendance and punctuality is the target. This week.

W/B. 12th September 2022	
Class	**% Attendance**
LA	98.7%
YK	98.6%
EW	97.8%
CJ	96.1%
EA	96.0%
ER	95.5%
KT	95.2%
MP	94.7%
NB	93.9%
MC	93.2%
AB	93.0%
SD	90.0%
DB	88.5%

- Congratulations to the following children that received an achievement certificate today. The awards are given every week to 2 children from each class that have gone over and above during this week. i.e. shown kindness, resilience, attitude to work etc. When the children receive the certificate it will state on the certificate what the award is for. Sometimes we present a certificate to the whole class. The awards were something that School Council wanted and are not just for academic things.
  - Chelsey Cooper NB
  - Bradley Austin NB
  - Tyler Hastings SD
  - Pippa Wallis SD
  - Max Leatherbarrow DB
  - Lucy Newman DB
  - Tabitha Mugford MP
  - Ayla Reshat MP
  - Max Whelan LA

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- Daisy Hall LA
- Ellie Grannell AB
- Zachary Green AB
- Connor Beckford EW
- Conor Veitch EW
- Iona Armstrong KT
- Clark Stock KT
- Maya Wells YK
- Jayden Monteiro YK
- Harry Loadwick EA
- Charlie Praine EA
- Dominic Pressley CJ
- Harrison Slocomb CJ
- George Edmonds ER
- Pippa Mann ER
- Oscar Burrows MC
- Yuitan Lama Sherpa MC

Best wishes
Denis Foster (Headteacher)