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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope today's newsletter finds both you and your family safe and well.

Laptop Update

Firstly, thank you for those people within our school community who have very kindly made donations of laptops and tablets to the school.

We are in the process of ensuring all devices are reset to factory settings and configured to allow pupils to access the device in the same way as they would in school. We have also applied for our allocation of devices as part of the Government's scheme. As soon as those devices are available we will be contacting pupils who are eligible to arrange collection, which will enable children to access their remote learning more easily.

For those of you who are entitled to Universal credit FSM's we have decided that as from Monday 1st February we shall be issuing meal vouchers, therefore you will be receiving a voucher from the company Edenred (this is the company that we used for the Summer holiday period) this obviously is instead of the food hampers.

These vouchers will be issued to those children that are entitled to Pupil Premium and are being taught at home so please look out for a £30 voucher which will take you up to half term.

During half term you shall receive a further £15 voucher from Schoolvouchers (the company used over Christmas) so again nearer the time please look out for this via email. All vouchers will need to be redeemed before use.

We are making this change to ensure that we run the same system as the infant school for all parents. We have not made this decision lightly, as we have been keen to support our staff from HC3S. As you all know our kitchen team have done an amazing job at putting together the food packs for you since March and we are very grateful to them. I know through feedback that the majority of you collecting these hampers have been very happy with them and I would like to thank Shelley and her team for their commitment to making these packs as good as they are. It has offered a vital service which has been invaluable to many families in our school community.

Stubbington – March 2021

As you know, we unfortunately had to cancel this residential for our current Year 4 children. We will plan alternative activities for children in Year 4 when the school is able to re-open fully.

Condover Hall

I regret to inform you that this trip has also now been cancelled. Children in Year 6 who were signed up for this residential will receive a letter soon with details of how to claim a refund.

Stubbington 2021/2022

For those children in Year 3 wanting to sign up for Stubbington in Year 4, please pay your deposit using your Scopay account by 9.00am on Monday 1st February.

Hampshire Libraries Winter Reading Challenge

Hampshire Libraries is encouraging all primary school children to take part in this year's [Winter Reading Challenge](#) which started on Monday 11 January. This year's Winter Reading Challenge is all about getting cosy together to share the love of reading.

There are thousands of children's ebooks and audiobooks free to download using Hampshire Libraries [BorrowBox](#) service with lots of titles always available without a wait. To use BorrowBox, you need a [library membership number](#) and [PIN](#). There are links to some of our recommendations on the Kids' Zone webpage as well as information about [downloading ebooks and audiobooks](#).

Children can also use Hampshire Libraries' new [Ready Reads: We Select You Collect](#) service to borrow books. Library staff will regularly handpick a selection of books for those that request the service to collect from the entrance of their local library. Users can choose how often and how many books they'd like.

Parents and carers will find details of the Winter Reading Challenge on the library service's new [Kids' Zone website](#). Children can register to take part online and keep a record of the books they've read. A collectors' sticker folder is also available for those children who can't easily access online services.

To complete the challenge, children will read or listen to any four books before the end of the February half-term. This can include books they read or listen to together, bedtime stories, non-fiction books, [ebooks](#) and [audiobooks](#). Every time they finish a book, they fill in an online Winter Reading Challenge reading record.

Children will be emailed a completer's certificate when they've reached a total of four books in their Winter Reading Challenge reading record. They'll be sent emails along the way, when they add a new book to their record.

If children aren't already a member of Hampshire Libraries, they can [join](#) to take part.

Reminders

SCHOOL IS OPEN FOR EMERGENCY SUPPORT ONLY. All other children should stay at home.

For those children of critical workers and who are vulnerable and have no alternative but to attend school, they should only attend on the days that you work and where you are unable to make alternative arrangements.

Morning Drop-Off

Please can I remind parents that during the morning (staggered) drop off times are - Years 3 and 5 0845 and Years 4 and 6 0900. Year 3 and 4 pupils should come round the front of the school, past the school hall. Year 3 pupils enter school through the usual door and Year 4 pupils go around the building onto the back path and enter via the usual door.

Years 5 and 6 pupils continue to access school via the back path and into the building by their usual entrance. This ensures that social distancing and bubbles continue to be maintained.

If your child is at all unwell, please do not send them in to school.

Thank you again for all your continued support. I wish you and your families a safe week and like you hope for brighter times ahead.

Allison Jenkins
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