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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents

Welcome back! I hope you all had an enjoyable Easter break. The weather improved and with the easing of some national lockdown restrictions there were more opportunities to see friends and relatives. I have been incredibly pleased how positively the children have returned to school for the start of the summer term and enjoyed meeting back up with friends.

Vacancies – Lunchtime Supervisory Assistants

We are currently seeking lunchtime supervisory assistants to join our happy team. The successful candidates will be enthusiastic, reliable and keen to support the school.

Duties will include

- Supervising children in the lunch hall (or if eating in their classrooms) and helping to promote healthy eating
- Supervising and engaging with children on the playground. Encouraging positive play and listening to children
- Being aware of health and safety to ensure a safe environment for all

The successful applicant will need to:

- Be part of a team, communicate positively with children and other adults
- Enjoy working with children and small teams of adults
- Be a good time keeper
- Be reliable and consistent in promoting good behaviour and the values of the school
- Ensure the safety and welfare of children at all times

Hours of work (term time only): 11.55am – 1.00pm daily
Salary: Grade A, £18,842 pro rata (£9.25 per hour)

For an application pack and further details please contact Judith Young in the school office.

Closing Date: Wednesday 5th May 2021

Year 5 Bikeability

Bikeability training will now take place for all children who have registered from Tuesday 4th May – Friday 7th May. Letters will be sent out with further details this week.



Music Lessons



Letters are being sent out today to children in Years 3, 4 and 5 about music lessons starting in September 2021. If you would like to enrol your child in lessons, please complete the application form and return to school by Wednesday 5th May.

In readiness for work to start on upgrading our music room there is a piano looking for a new home, although the pedals do not work. You would need to arrange collection

National Survey of Children, The Big Ask

The new Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, has launched [The Big Ask](#) – the largest ever consultation with children aged 4 to 17 in England. It aims to find out children's concerns and aspirations about the future, so that we can put children at the heart of our country's recovery from the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

Parents, care leavers and those working with children are also invited [to complete the adult survey](#) to share their views about the future for children and young people today, and what they think is holding young people back. (www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask).

The results from this survey will help the Children's Commissioner identify the barriers preventing children from reaching their potential, put forward solutions and set ambitious goals for the country to achieve. We plan to find time for all children to share their views of what is important to them over the next couple of weeks in class.

Hampshire Library Service

Hampshire Library service offer a huge range of free online courses to promote wellbeing, improve fitness and provide new skills including finding work. All courses are open to anyone aged 19+ that lives in Hampshire or a neighbouring county. Our full course listing can be found here <https://www.hants.gov.uk/shop/home.php?cat=558>

Allison Jenkins
Headteacher

Sunflower Walk

I hope your sunflower seeds are soaking up all this sunshine! If you have any photos of how your child's sunflower is (hopefully) growing, please send them into school and Mrs Grist will put a selection on the website (if your child is in the photograph, please ensure you have given permission for them to be used).

Thank you once again for supporting Plant a flower day this month and participating. Amy is just one of many who are kindly taking part, supporting, and sharing updates of her seeds and what the sunflower and charity means to her and the family.

Amy and her family took part in our previous Sunflower Walk and we have once again very kindly been given access to Broadlands Estate on the 4th July.

We would love for you to join us - Walk with us and celebrate being able to come together at the Mountbatten Sunflower Walk (formerly the Sunflower Memory Walk), with your friends and family to create new memories and remember those loved.

Full details of the event and how to sign up can be found on our website.

<https://www.mountbatten-hampshire.org.uk/Event/sunflowerwalk2021>

www.easyfundraising.causes/fospjuniors

My Dad was diagnosed with oesophageal cancer in April 2018 - he sadly passed away in March 2019 at Countess Mountbatten.

The work you all do is incredible.

Not only the nurses who care for your loved ones but the volunteers and the therapists and of course those working to help fundraise.

We as a family will be forever grateful for making his final weeks more comfortable.

