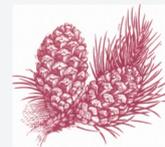


EHPS WEEKLY BULLETIN



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Dear Parents,

Staff and children returned to school this week for their final term of the academic year, and it was lovely to hear the children talking about how they spent their two week break. The staff and children who went abroad had more sunshine than those of us who stayed in the UK, but this week has certainly helped to boost our spirits and top up our Vitamin D! Snow days are certainly behind us now!

We have asked for you to provide hats this week -and for long-lasting sun cream to be applied before school. As from next Monday we are following our 'no hat - no play' summer term rule, so please do ensure your child has a NAMED hat before Monday.

Thank you to those parents who attended the Friends' AGM this week - they were delighted to enrol some new members -please remember mums and dads are always welcome to join so leave your details at the office for Annabel, the Chair of the Committee and she'll be in touch!

Thank you also to those parents who topped up their children's pencil cases with glue sticks, whiteboard pens, rubbers, as well as HB and coloured pencils. The teachers are saying it makes such a difference if a child has their own equipment available. After this week there are still 12 learning weeks so everything will be used!

Kind regards,

Mrs Megan Robinson
Headteacher

Parent questionnaires

Thank you for responding to our parent questionnaire. Our school governors will be reviewing the results and will be sending a communication later this term.

Well done to the girls listed below who all took part in the south east regional grades for gymnastics.

They train all year for 8.5hrs a week, every week, with lots of hard work and determination:

Erin B grade 4, Anna G grade 5
Isabelle B grade 5, Megan B grade 6
Georgie G grade 6.

You can find all Club information on our website page :
www.ehps.hants.sch.uk/extracurricular/club-timetables

Please call 101 if you see anyone in our grounds out of school hours.

APRIL

Mon 23rd Clubs start this week

Wed 25th Y5 Mosque trip

MAY

Tues 1st Class photographs

Wed 2nd Class photographs

Fri 4th Y5 swimming starts

Mon 7th Bank holiday

Wed 9th Maths curriculum evening 6pm - 7pm

Fri 11th Potter Focus assembly

Mon 14th - Fri 18th Y6 SATS week

Fri 18th Friends BINGO Night

Mon 21st Y1 Bird Man visit

Walk to school week

Y4 Ufton Ct meeting 3.30pm

Thurs 24th YR 2018 meeting 6.30pm

Fri 25th Inkpen focus assembly

Virtue of the week - w/c : 23 April

—Optimism—

'NO HAT - NO PLAY' starts again on Monday for the remainder of the Summer term. If your child doesn't have a hat for play or lunch time they will have to find a shady place on the playground and not be allowed to play games or activities in the sunshine.

It is also VITAL that each child has a water bottle in school every day.

Music Tuition September 2018

Music request forms were given to children before Easter and are due back next week, even if you child currently has lessons.

If you didn't receive a form, please pick one up from reception.

'Meet the governors' continues this week - meet Rev Patrick Butler on page 2.

Fleet Fun Walk Saturday 28 April
See flyer for more info.

MEET THE GOVERNORSReverend Patrick Butler



How long have you been a governor and what type of governor are you?

I am a Local Authority Governor who has served for four years with two to go.

Why did you decide to be a governor?

It came with the territory! When I moved to Elvetham Heath as the minister of the church this was part of the role.

What do you like most about being a governor?

Appreciating all that goes into making a school function well. Seeing the dedication of the staff and hopefully helping them to feel encouraged and supported. Being part of a team where each governor has a different skill or insight to bring to the table.

What do you find most frustrating or difficult about your role?

Sometimes finding myself overwhelmed by all the data, detail and acronyms. But we close each governors' meeting asking ourselves which three things we have discussed or decided that evening, that will impact the learning of the children and this reminds us of the purpose of it all.

What type of work do you do in addition to being a governor?

I look after the congregation at the Church on the Heath, leading and preaching on Sundays, helping others to find faith, grow in faith, and use their gifts to make God's world a better place. There are baptisms, weddings and funerals and (the highlight of my job) school assemblies twice a term with Key Stage 1 and 2.

If you had the power to change anything in education right now what would you change?

Being married to a teacher I know the pressure those in education are under. I just wish we could all do the best we can without feeling that we have to compete with the entire planet! With so many teachers leaving the profession it seems to me this is putting us under unbearable strain.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

Apart from running and cycling, I play bass and sing backing vocals in an Eagles Tribute band. This is with the same band I was in as a teenager and forty years later we've got back together. We'll be playing at the Concert on the Green on July 14th so bring a rug, enjoy the sunshine and 'Take it Easy'.

What has been your favourite place to visit on holiday?

Armacao, without a doubt. This is a little fishing village near Florianopolis off the coast of Brazil. We lived in Paraguay for fifteen years and every other year we would holiday there. Fantastic beaches and happy memories.

What is your favourite food?

Spaghetti bolognese. Rosie wishes I would order something else when we eat Italian, but I just can't stop myself ...

Have you read any good books lately?

'The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry' by Rachel Joyce. I came across this book when we were staying in a holiday cottage in Wales last October and once I'd started it I couldn't put it down. Harold is an unassuming, retired man who nips out to the post-box one day and then decides to just keep on walking. As his journey unfolds, so does the story of his life with all its hopes, fears and broken dreams. It captures all the joy and sorrow of our extraordinary, ordinary lives. From chapter six I was in constant tears.