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Dear parents / carers,

A big welcome to all our new children and families joining the schools. I hope everyone had a lovely summer break. The children are having a fantastic first week back at school and are quickly becoming used to their new classes and routines.

The summer break has been a busy time on site with new fencing and gates and a super new library installed at the junior school and the infant library upgraded. The wonderful staff teams have worked so hard to ensure that the schools and site were ready for the start of term. Please continue to use the new gate as access to the school playgrounds from the main entrance, waiting until the gate is opened by a member of staff at the end of the school day.

Here are some photos of the new library at the junior school. Look out for the amazing art work by our talented artists Mrs Nash and Mrs Phillipps.



Year Group Newsletters

Early next week you will receive the year group newsletters for this half-term which will show you what the children are learning over the next weeks.

Open doors

There is opportunity to have a quick 'pop-in' visit to see your child's classroom on Tuesday 19th September, 3.20 – 4pm.





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RAAC update

Over the last week, you may have heard various press reports about Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) causing issues in school buildings. The following paragraphs have been issued by the DfE for schools to use to reassure parents:

You may have seen recent media coverage regarding Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) and its use in educational settings. RAAC is a lightweight form of concrete; because it is weaker than regular concrete, concerns have been raised about its long-term durability. Department for Education (DfE) has recently changed its guidance to education settings on the management of RAAC to take a more precautionary approach and as a result areas in affected spaces will be vacated.

We wanted to inform you that we are not affected by this decision as we do not have RAAC in any of our buildings and therefore they will continue to function as normal. We understand that parents may want to understand more about the support to educational settings to manage RAAC safely. You can read more through the article published by the DfE on the Education Hub.



Harvest Collection for Basingstoke Food Bank

We are once again supporting Basingstoke Food Bank with our Harvest collection. A separate letter will follow with more details. Harvest Assembly at both schools will be on Monday 3rd October.

A few reminders about the school site

This week we have noticed that several parents are using the car park at drop off and pick up times which is resulting in tailgating the Willowdene minibus or other authorised vehicles in order to exit the car park. We have more than 80 staff and 630 children on site and safety is of paramount importance.



Between the hours of 8.15-9.15am and 2.45-3.45pm there is **no parking in the school car park** unless you are a blue badge holder.

In addition there is **no parking** on the entrance road to the school at any time as this is the access road for any emergency vehicles.



Please remember no smoking or vaping / e-cigarettes on school site.



No dogs on school site unless assistance dogs.

Medication in school

If your child requires medication during the school day, please ensure you bring the medication to the school office in order to complete relevant paperwork.





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Diary Dates for the Autumn Term:

Junior School Diary Dates:

Tues 12 th Sept	Calshot Information Evening for Year 6 parents
Tues 19 th Sept	Open doors 3.25-4pm: a quick pop-in to see your child's classroom.
Fri 22 nd Sept	Jeans for Genes Day – wear jeans and a charity collection.
Thurs 28 th Sept	Prospective parents evening at The Vyne (Year 6 parents)
Wed 27 th Sept	7pm FFLS AGM in lower community room.
Mon 2 nd Oct	Harvest Assembly 9.30-10.30am Coffee Morning at The Vyne for prospective Y7 chn & parents Sept24
Tues 3 rd Oct	Year 6 trip to Milestones
Fri 6 th Oct	FFLS Happy School Bags clothing collection
Mon 9 th Oct	World Mental Health Day & #Hello Yellow – wear a yellow accessory eg., socks, hairband.
Thurs 13 th Oct	6pm Minstead Y4 Parents' information evening
Fri 13 th Oct	FFLS Discos – further information will follow from FFLS
Tues 17 th Oct & Thurs 19 th Oct	Parent Consultation Meetings 3.40 to 7.10pm (booking info to follow)
Mon 23 rd – Fri 27 th Oct	Half Term Week
Mon 30 th Oct	INSET day
Tues 31 st Oct	5pm Minstead residential meeting for Year 4 parents
Fri 10 th Nov	Photographer
Mon 13 th – Fri 17 th Nov	Anti-Bullying Week: Make a Noise About Bullying, starting with Odd Socks Day on Monday 13 th Nov (wear odd socks to school)
Fri 17 th Nov	BBC Children in Need
Tues 28 th Nov	6pm New Y3 September 2024 Prospective Parents Information Evening
Mon 11 th Dec	2.30pm Year 3 Christmas concert for parents
Tues 12 th Dec	2.30pm Year 4 Christmas concert for parents
Wed 13 th Dec	2.30pm Year 5 Christmas concert for parents Christmas Lunch for children
Thurs 14 th Dec	2.30pm Year 6 Christmas concert for parents
Fri 17 th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day (NSPCC collection) 1.15pm Infants collection time 1.25pm Juniors collection time 1.40pm Carols in the Playground
Mon 18 th Dec to Mon 1 st Jan 2024 (inclusive)	Christmas Holidays
Tues 2 nd Jan 2024	Start of school





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Infant School Diary Dates:

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Wed 27 th Sept	7pm FFLS AGM in lower community room.
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Wed 11 th Oct	9.30am New Year R Sept 2024 Parents' Tour
Fri 13 th Oct	FFLS Discos – further information will follow from FFLS
Mon 16 th Oct	9.30am & 2pm New Year R Sept 2024 Parents' Tour
Mon 23 rd – Fri 27 th Oct	Half Term Week
Mon 30 th Oct	INSET day
Wed 1 st Nov	Children's 'flu immunisations
Mon 6 th Nov	9.30am New Year R Sept 2024 Parents' Tour
Tues 7 th Nov & Thurs 9 th Nov	Parent Consultation Meetings 3.40 to 7.10pm (booking info to follow)
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Tues 28 th Nov	6pm New Y3 September 2024 Prospective Parents Information Evening
Thurs 7 th Dec	9.30am YR Nativity
Fri 8 th Dec	1.45pm YR Nativity
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Yours sincerely,

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