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SCHOOL NEWS - SPRING 2 2025



MESSAGE FROM THE TEAM...

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of what has been a busy and exciting spring term, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support and engagement with school life.

We've been delighted to welcome so many of you into school over recent weeks – whether it was joining us for the Easter Service, enjoying the musical talents on display at our two Ukulele Concerts, or being part of the memorable Burning London Town event hosted by Willow Class. Your presence and encouragement make these occasions even more special for the children.

This term, the children have been lucky to take part in a fantastic range of enrichment experiences. From welcoming visitors from Southern Electric to inspire Beech Class to explore electrical engineering, to learning more about wildlife and our environment through specialist talks – there has been something for everyone. Trips to the aquarium and the Mayor's Parlour have sparked curiosity and encouraged new learning, helping to bring our curriculum to life in exciting and meaningful ways.

These opportunities don't happen by accident – they take a huge amount of planning and coordination, and I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to our wonderful staff team for their creativity, dedication and care in making these experiences possible.

I would also like to say a big thank you for the warm welcome you've given Mrs Corkett-Thomas and Mr Black as they settle into their new roles. Your support has made a real difference, and they are already becoming a valued part of our school community.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable break. We look forward to welcoming the children back for the summer term on Tuesday 22nd April.

Kind regards,

Mrs Viola





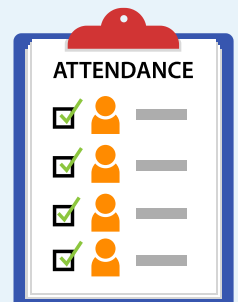
ATTENDANCE

AS WE COME TO THE END OF SPRING TERM 2, WE'D LIKE TO TAKE A MOMENT TO CELEBRATE THE FANTASTIC EFFORT EVERYONE HAS MADE IN ENSURING THEIR CHILDREN ARRIVE AT SCHOOL ON TIME. YOUR SUPPORT IN PRIORITISING PUNCTUALITY HAS TRULY MADE A DIFFERENCE, AND WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED COMMITMENT TO YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION.

LOOKING AHEAD TO THE SUMMER TERM, WE'RE EXCITED TO KEEP UP THE MOMENTUM! AS PART OF OUR ONGOING EFFORTS TO REWARD GOOD ATTENDANCE, WE'LL CONTINUE OUR TRADITION OF GIVING A TREAT TO THE CLASS WITH THE HIGHEST ATTENDANCE EACH TERM.

THIS TERM, TWO CHILDREN WILL BE ENTERED INTO A DRAW TO WIN SOFT PLAY VOUCHERS FOR MONKEY BUSINESS AS A REWARD FOR THEIR GOOD ATTENDANCE! AND FOR THOSE WITH GOOD ATTENDANCE NEXT TERM, THEY'LL ALSO BE ENTERED INTO A SPECIAL PRIZE DRAW AT THE END OF SUMMER TERM 1!

THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN FOR YOUR DEDICATION, AND WE HOPE EVERYONE ENJOYS A WELL-DESERVED REST OVER THE EASTER HOLIDAYS. WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU ALL BACK AND READY TO LEARN IN THE SUMMER TERM.



TO GIVE YOUR CHILD AND THEIR CLASS THE BEST OPPORTUNITY TO SUCCEED, WE ENCOURAGE FULL ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY. EVERY DAY IN SCHOOL COUNTS, AND ARRIVING ON TIME ENSURES THEY MAKE THE MOST OF THEIR LEARNING. PLEASE BE AWARE THAT LATENESS WILL IMPACT BOTH INDIVIDUAL AND CLASS ATTENDANCE RECORDS FOR THESE EXCITING REWARDS.

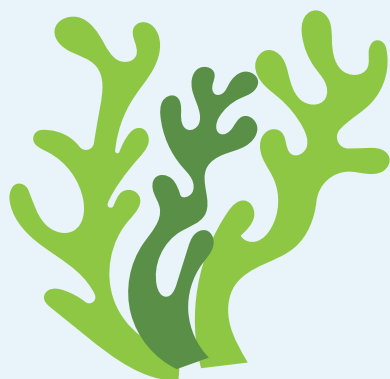
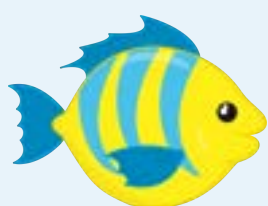
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN ENSURING THAT CHILDREN ATTEND SCHOOL EVERY DAY AND ON TIME.

AS YOUR FAMILY LIAISON OFFICER, I'M HERE TO LISTEN AND SUPPORT YOU. IF YOU HAVE ANY CONCERNS OR JUST NEED A CHAT, PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO CATCH ME AT THE SCHOOL GATE. I'M ALWAYS HAPPY TO HELP IN ANY WAY I CAN, WHETHER IT'S OFFERING ADVICE, SIGNPOSTING TO FURTHER SUPPORT, OR SIMPLY BEING A LISTENING EAR. NO WORRY IS TOO BIG OR TOO SMALL—YOUR WELLBEING AND THAT OF YOUR CHILD MATTER.

MRS HATTON

HAZEL CLASS NEWS

HAZEL CLASS ENJOYED A TRIP TO THE BLUE REEF AQUARIUM WHERE THEY GOT THE EXPERIENCE OF SEEING ALL THE AQUATIC CREATURES UP CLOSE. IT WAS A DAY FILLED WITH WONDER, LEARNING, AND UNFORGETTABLE MEMORIES. THE SMILES ON THEIR FACES SAID IT ALL – IT WAS TRULY A GREAT TRIP!



BEECH CLASS NEWS



Beech Class have been learning how to microbit and then create Echarms for them to go in so that others can be seen when crossing the road. They worked very hard to create their final products.



WILLOW CLASS NEWS



GREAT FIRE OF LONDON

CHILDREN IN WILLOW CLASS HAVE ENJOYED THEIR GREAT FIRE OF LONDON TOPIC. THE HIGHLIGHT CAME LAST WEEK WHEN WE BURNT LONDON! IN THEIR SCIENCE AND HISTORY LESSONS THE CHILDREN FOUND OUT ABOUT HOW HOUSES WERE CONSTRUCTED DURING 1666. THEY THEN BUILT THEIR OWN HOUSES, WE DREW A MAP OF LONDON ON THE PLAYGROUND AND MRS CHORLTON SET LIGHT TO THE HOUSES. IT WAS VERY EXCITING AND WE SAW THEM BURN TO ASH.

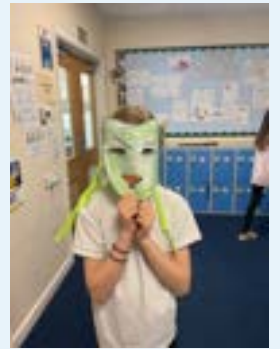


OAK CLASS



GREEK DAY

IN OAK CLASS WE MADE MEDUSA MASKS AND DID OUR OWN OLYMPICS





Club	Year group	Day	Teacher
Running	3-6	Monday	Mr Smith
arts & craft	R-2	Monday	Mrs James & Mrs Handley
Construction	R-3	Tuesday	Mrs Clements
Arts & Crafts	3-6	Tuesday	Mrs James
Gardening	1-6	Tuesday	Mrs Cherrill
Gymnastics	R-6	Wednesday	outsourced
KSI STEM	1-2	Thursday	Mrs Cherrill

Clubs start Tuesday 22nd April and will run up till Thursday 22nd May.
Clubs are bookable on Arbor and come on a first come first basis.

Sign up opens Friday 4th April at 09.00

Gymnastics (£) is chargeable at £3.80 per session. This club will be subject to the number of children who sign up
The term will need to be paid at the point of sign up to secure your child's place.

Wizard of Oz Club is INVITATION only. Parents will be informed if your child has been invited to join.

If a club becomes full and you are unable to enroll your child, please contact admin@stcolumba.school and we can add them to our waiting lists.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



April

22nd - Back to School

25th - Treat Friday - Hazel Class

29th School nursing parent workshop- health



May

1st - Avon Tyrell information evening - parents

12th to 16th - SATS Week

14th - Bikeability Y5-Y6

15th - Family Church - School Hall

16th - Treat Friday - Beech Class

23rd - INSET

June

2nd - INSET

5th - Mental Health Workshops Y5/6

6th - 9th -Y5/6 Residential Trip

12th - PTFA Father's Day Barbecue

16th Beech - Tudor House Trip

18th - Sports Day

19th - Family Church - School Hall

July

2nd - Transition Day - Henry Cort Y6

6th - PTFA Summer Fayre

8th - PTFA School Disco

9th - Y6 Leavers - Portsmouth Cathedral

10th - DCAT enriched

17th - Family Church - School Hall

18th- Last day of term

Summer



Inset Days 2025

23rd May

2nd June



Half Terms

7th - 18th April 2025

21st April - BANK HOLIDAY

26th-30th May 2025

Last Day of Term
Friday 18th July

PTFA NEWSLETTER

Sponsorship

Are you a business owner? We need your help! Please consider sponsoring our events.

You could simply sponsor a raffle prize to include your name on the summer fair flyer.

NEWS

The PTFA are busy organising the Summer fayre. If you are interested in getting involved with the planning and running of the fayre then please get in touch! We are currently trying to secure the use of gazebos, if you have one we could borrow please let us know.

MOTHER'S DAY

A big thank you to everyone who joined us for the PTFA Mother's Day tea! We're so happy to share that we raised an amazing £128.98! Your support made it a memorable event!

THANK YOU!



Thank you to Queens Cleans, Deborah Hall Tax Support Services and Robin's Fun Fitness for sponsoring our Easter Egg Hunt this year. These amazing people have made sure that each child and member of staff has an egg this Easter. Thank you again!

REMINDERS

Next PTFA meeting is 23rd April after school drop off.
Summer Fayre 6th July 11am-3pm



DEAR PARENTS AND CARERS,

THE PTFA (PARENT, TEACHER, AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION) IS ALWAYS LOOKING FOR NEW WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY, AND WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

WE'VE SET UP A SUGGESTION BOX FOR ANY IDEAS OR THOUGHTS YOU MAY HAVE ABOUT:

- FUN EVENTS FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY
- IDEAS FOR OUR SUMMER FAYRE
- HOW TO BEST SPEND MONEY RAISED FOR THE SCHOOL
- ANYTHING ELSE THAT WILL MAKE OUR SCHOOL EVEN BETTER!

THE PTFA ALSO NEEDS VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH EVENTS, PLANNING, AND FUNDRAISING. IF YOU HAVE SOME TIME TO GIVE, WE'D LOVE TO HAVE YOU INVOLVED!

JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT MEETING AFTER SCHOOL ON 23RD APRIL TO DISCUSS PLANS FOR THE SUMMER FAYRE AND OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS. EVERYONE IS WELCOME! TOYS WILL BE PROVIDED FOR CHILDREN.

PRELOVED UNIFORMS AVAILABLE!

WE HAVE PRELOVED SCHOOL UNIFORMS AVAILABLE IN THE OFFICE. THESE ARE OFFERED BY DONATION, AND ALL FUNDS RAISED WILL GO TOWARDS SUPPORTING PTFA PROJECTS. PLEASE DROP YOUR DONATIONS INTO THE SUGGESTION BOX.

LOOK FOR THE SUGGESTION BOX AT THE OFFICE AND DROP US A NOTE ANYTIME! TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE THIS YEAR THE BEST ONE YET!

THANK YOU
THE PTFA



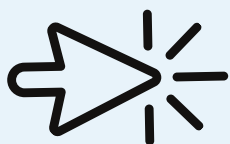
Parentkind

At Parentkind, we support everyone in a parenting role. And let's face it, that's a challenging job. Tackling a wide range of topics, our webinars are designed to share insight on how you can support your child with a wide range of learning and life experiences, strengthen your understanding of education and school life, and foster solid parent-child relationships along the way.

During these interactive webinars, you'll be able to engage with their experts, ask questions and connect with others on a similar journey — they believe in the power of community and the strength of sharing experiences and learning together.

Click the link below

[Browse Free Webinars Here](#)



[NHS Pharmacy First Service](#)

Did you know that the NHS Pharmacy First Service enables children and adults to get convenient access to healthcare advice and treatment where appropriate, for seven common conditions without the potential delay of having to wait for a GP appointment?

Accessing the service may mean that can help children feel better and back to school as quickly as possible, as well as supporting parents/carers to also get better if they are unwell with one of the conditions covered under the service.

There is no need to make an appointment; parents or carers can pop into their local Boots pharmacy with their child and ask for help under the service. Support for the following conditions can be accessed under the service, free of charge (unless NHS prescription charges apply)

Most pharmacies can help you with **seven common conditions** without needing a GP appointment

- **Sinusitis**
(adults and children aged 12 years and over)
- **Sore throat**
(adults and children aged 5 years and over)
- **Earache**
(children and young adults aged 1 year to 17 years)
- **Infected insect bite**
(adults and children aged 1 year and over)
- **Impetigo**
(adults and children aged 1 year and over)
- **Shingles**
(adults aged 18 years and over)
- **Urinary tract infection**
(women, aged 16 to 64 years)

Ask your pharmacy for more information about this free* NHS service

Visit your **Pharmacy First!**

*NHS prescription charge rules apply where a medicine is supplied



Little Fishes Go Big!
A Messy Church event



**Wednesday
9th April 2025
Holy Trinity Church Hall
10.30–12.30pm**



"The Great Week"

*As we approach Palm
Sunday, we find out
why next week is
special and what
happened on that 1st
Easter Sunday.*



Craft activities, songs, stories
and messy fun for children (and their carers)
aged up to around 9.
Older siblings welcome to help!

Cost £2 per family

To book from 19/3/25

www.facebook.com/MessyChurchHolyTrinityFareham
Email: messychurch@htscf.org.uk



Reminder for Parents

School meals must be paid for at the time of ordering. The cost is £2.95 per meal from 22nd April 2025. Any outstanding balances for unpaid meals must be settled before school lunch orders can resume.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss payment options for any outstanding amounts, please contact the school.

This change does not affect students receiving Free School Meals (FSM).

After school club - Barn Owls

Barn Owls are providing breakfast (from 7.30am) and afterschool (until 5.30pm) wrap around care for the St Columba children. For any families who require a space for their child/children or have any enquiries please contact Barn Owls directly on: 07359 883847.

