

# SIXPENNY HANDLEY FIRST SCHOOL AND NURSERY

#### **NEWSLETTER**

Summer 2 Newsletter 2 – June 13<sup>th</sup> 2025



### IF WE BELIEVE, WE CAN ACHIEVE

COLLABORATION - CONNECTIVITY - INDEPENDENCE - INNOVATION - QUESTIONING - REFLECTION - RESILIENCE

Dear parents and carers,

The children have been busy preparing for their races at sports day next week. It is expected to be another hot one so please ensure your child has their water bottle in school (we will provide extra water for the to refill if needed). Please also remember to apply plenty of sunscreen!

Next Wednesday we have a meeting after school for the current year 3 parents to share information about the residential in September. We are returning to Minstead Study Centre after such a successful experience last year. The meeting will start at 3:15pm and we will send out information to those who are unable to attend. Please let the office know if you require information sent separately.

Thank you to the Parents and friends for organising the Father's Day sale this week.

## Summer fair

As usual we will be having mufti (non-school uniform) days to help provide items for the summer fair. These will be:

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June Sweets in a jar /teddies and soft toys Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July - Bottles / Tombola goodies



We have booked a scholastic fair for  $18^{th}$  -  $23^{rd}$  June. There will be a wide selection of books available at competitive prices. Purchases allow the school to earn free books for our classrooms. The book fair will be open after sports day.

# A snapshot of learning for this week:

In Explorers we have been learning about making hay; exploring the process and how it is used. We've also had fun practising for our sports day races.







**In Adventurers** we were a little disappointed that the weather cancelled our mini Olympic event but we enjoyed preparing for it nonetheless, learning about the Union Jack flag and had lots of fun practising our events. We have also been busy practising for Sports Day next week. We have also been very creative, making special cards for Father's Day.









In Voyagers we have been reading extracts from Samuel Pepys' diaries using the information to support our drama work. The children have also been reflecting on their artwork from last week and self-assessing on seesaw to identify what was tricky and what they might do differently.

In Navigators we have finished writing our detailed setting descriptions including powerful adjectives and prepositions linked to 'Leon and the Place Between'. We have also explored how we can create suspense and drama in our writing! We have been finalising our business plans complete with a to do list, and also programed a screen turtle to create repetition in shape.

#### A snapshot of learning for next week:

Explorers will be focussing their learning on hay!

**In Adventurers** our learning question will be how will you get there? We will be thinking about different types of transport and making links back to our learning about the world and how we travel to places that are further away. We will also be continuing to practise for Sports Day!

Voyagers will be writing diary entries in the role of Samuel Pepys, focussing on their sentence structures and looking to extend or join their sentences with conjunctions and connectives. In History, Voyagers will be looking at artefacts and images from 1666 to assess how they would fight the fire.

Navigators will be looking at how we can use persuasive writing linked to our entrepreneur projects, directly addressing the reader and using rhetorical questions and the 'power of 3'. We will also be creating posters to advertise our stalls and planning a 'pitch' script to encourage others in the school to visit our stalls. On Thursday, we will be taking part in an art workshop where we will be creating a 3D clay tile.

## Upcoming Dates (new dates added)

[Please note that dates for the year ahead are on the school website including Christmas performance/ sports day and the calendar will be updated regularly as new activities/events become available to us

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June New intake link group 1:30pm

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June Sports Day

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June Non school uniform day (donations of sweets in a jar and

Teddies/soft toys)

Y3 and 4 Entrepreneur Event

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June Transfer Day

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July Larmer Tree Project (visiting musicians)

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July Y3 and 4 visit to Paultons Park

Friday 4th July

Non school uniform day (donations of bottles and tombola prizes)

Monday  $7^{th}$  July HAT music experience for KS2 (visiting musicians from Royal College of Music) hosted at Sixpenny

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July Y4 swimming gala (8 chn Y3/4)

Friday 11th July Summer Fair

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July

Y3 and Y4 Larmer Tree Festival

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July Explorers Leavers' Party (3:30pm - 4:30pm)

Friday 18th July Forest Adventures on the Rushmore Estate (Reception to Year 4)

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July Leavers' Assembly 9:15am

Leavers' party 3pm -5:30pm

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July Final day of school. School finishes at 1:45pm. Year 4 will exit last at the end of the day onto the playground so we can applaud them as they leave us for the next stage of their learning. Nursery will remain open for those parents who need it till 3pm. There is no wraparound provision on the final day.

Kind regards,

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