

SIXPENNY HANDLEY FIRST SCHOOL AND NURSERY

NEWSLETTER

Summer 2 Newsletter 4 – June 27th 2025



IF WE BELIEVE, WE CAN ACHIEVE

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

Dear parents and carers,

We have had an exciting week in school as the Navigators launched their business initiatives. The parents and friends gave each of the year 3 and 4 children a £5 loan to invest in their idea. The aim was to generate as much profit as possible to put towards their Paulton's Park trip they managed to generate a total of £158.00 after paying back their loans. Well done all of you -the sale was one of the most innovative and enjoyable to date!



























It was lovely to welcome our new reception children to Adventurers this morning as well as their new teacher, Ms Scott. Such a confident start to school and lots of smiles all round. The rest of the school also enjoyed a very calm transfer day. We look forward to hearing from those children who went to Cranborne today - Mr Stevens has already let me know how impressed they have been with our year 4s.



Summer fair

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

Friday 4th July

Bottles (alcoholic and non-alcoholic) for the booze or lose stall and Chocolate/sweets for the Tombola

A snapshot of learning for this week:

In Explorers we have been learning about rockpools and have been identifying different creatures that hide amongst the rocks. Most excitingly we have watched caterpillars transform into butterflies!









In Adventurers we have continued to think about vehicles and have been learning about different types of transport in the past and how they are similar and how they have changed compared with the transport we use today, in the present. Following this, we have started thinking about the future and are designing our own vehicles and how they might be different in the future. In maths, we have been moving, turning, rotating and flipping shapes to create patterns and our own arrangements.







In Voyagers we have been questioning in order to find out more. We have been looking at open and closed questions, working out what gets us the best answers. We have used this when looking at the build up to Transfer Day helping us to answer questions about next year and when looking at artefacts from 'The Great Fire of London'.

In Navigators we have saw the 'Navigators Fair' and the opportunity to show off our entrepreneurial skills! We worked very hard to prepare for the event which included making a 'pitch' to the school to encourage and persuade them to visit their stalls. Great fun was had by all! We have started creating our designs for our carousel and have also painted our clay tiles inspired by the fairground.







A snapshot of learning for next week:

Explorers will be focussing their learning on butterflies.

In Adventurers we will be thinking about who looks after our world? We will be writing letters with our own pledges for actions we can take to care for our world. We will also continue to investigate shapes, creating new shapes and decomposing them to find shapes within shapes.

Voyagers will be looking at the artwork of Paul Klee, sharing our thoughts and opinions on how he creates his works of art. We will then have a go at copying his methods to generate our own masterpieces. Voyagers will also be looking at what happened after the Great Fire of London, trying to guess what rules were put in place to prevent it from happening again.

Navigators will be thinking about who looks after our world? We will be writing letters with our own pledges for actions we can take to care for our world. We will also continue to investigate shapes, creating new shapes and decomposing them to find shapes within shapes.

Uniform

Please could I ask that children wear shoes with covered toes when it is a non school uniform day (no crocs please) to avoid accidents!! Many thanks.

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

Wednesday 2nd July Larmer Tree Project (visiting musicians)

Thursday 3rd July Y3 and 4 visit to Paultons Park

Friday 4th July Non-school uniform day

Bottles (alcoholic and non-alcoholic for the booze or lose stall/Chocolate/sweets for the Tombola

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

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

Piano concert (2pm)

Friday 11th July Summer Fair

Tuesday 15th July

Y3 and Y4 Larmer Tree Festival

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

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

Tuesday 22nd July Leavers' Assembly 9:15am

Leavers' party 3pm -5:30pm

Wednesday 23rd 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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