

Newsletter

Pride, Passion, Achieving Together

March has been another incredibly busy month at our school. The children have continued to work hard and it has been a pleasure to walk through the school seeing how engaged they are in their learning.

Nursery

Nursery have been exploring healthy eating over the last week or so. This has involved giving them the opportunity to widen their culinary palates by trying fruits and vegetables that they may have never experienced before. In addition to this, they are now trying to grow their own – we will have to wait to see the 'fruit of their labours' when we return after Easter.



Year R

Reception have been learning about life cycles, living and growing. They have explored the lifecycles of creatures such as chickens, and have begun to look at families.

Year 1

Year 1 have also been working with fruit over the last few weeks. Within Design Technology they planned, created and then duly ate their own fruit salad. One can only assume they were suitably delicious, as they were all eaten before I got a chance to sample any!

Year 2

This week Year 2 hosted their India Day, which is used both to support their current work in geography but also in English. Over recent years this event has grown, with more and more activities being available during the day for the children to take part in. This year was no exception and proved to be a huge success.



Year 3

Year 3 hosted a visit from the children of Droxford School. They had an amazing time working together to carry out a number of tasks including an alphabet-based treasure hunt.

Year 4

Year 4 have started to get prepared for their swimming sessions which commence soon after we return next term. These will take place every Thursday morning and both the teachers and children are looking forward to them starting.

Year 5

Some of the children in Year 5 visited Calshot, a wonderful experience of skiing, wall climbing and orienteering to name but a few things. As always, they were a credit to the school and both children and staff had an excellent time away.

Year 6

You may be aware that Matilda the Musical is coming to the Mayflower Theatre in Southampton in the summer and we are delighted to let you know that Portswood Primary has been successful in its application to be a 'Matilda Champion School'. This involves working alongside the Royal Shakespeare Company and the Mayflower Theatre over the coming months to put on a specially adapted schools' version of Matilda for our Upper Key Stage 2 summer performance in July 2019.

Tony Head
Principal

Red Nose Day

Donations

The children came to school dressed in red for this occasion. Thank you for your kind donations which totaled £305.67.

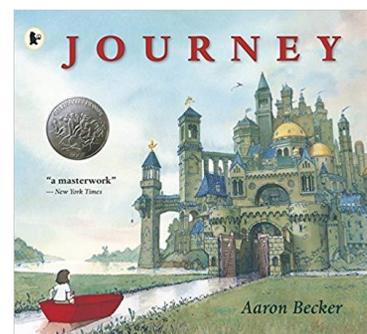


World Book Day

Donations

This year saw the children dress in their pyjamas for a small donation. We managed to raise £247.00 which will go to Book Aid International.

The Children enjoyed activities throughout the day based on the book 'Journey' by Aaron Becker.



World book day tokens were distributed to the children to enable them to receive £1 off a book of their choice or swap it for one of the ten number one World Book Day books. This voucher will need to be used by 31 March 2019.

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School Lunches

New menu

New menus will be distributed shortly. Please take a look, as there is now a third main meal option available each day in addition to jacket potatoes and a salad bar.



Payments

Once again can we remind you please that payment for school lunches must be paid for in advance. If your child is having lunch during the week then payment should be made on the Monday.

Weekly: £11.25

First half term: £49.50

Second half term: £83.25.

It is very easy to pay for school lunches [on-line](#). If you do not have a code to be able to do this please ask at the office.

Dates / Activities

Date	Activity
Monday 1 April 2019	3B Library visit (am)
Tuesday 2 April 2019	4LR Library visit (pm)
Wednesday 3 April 2019	Year 3 to Highfield Church - Easter Experience (am)
Wednesday 3 April 2019	4E Library visit (am)
Friday 5 April 2019	Last day of term
Monday 8 – Monday 22 April 2019	Easter Holidays
Tuesday 23 April 2019	Children back to school.