

### Whole school diary:

**7<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> April – Easter Break**

**No Teacher-Led clubs the first week back**

**22<sup>nd</sup> April – Back to School**

**24<sup>th</sup> April – Aspens Delicious Deserts Menu**

**25<sup>th</sup> April – Year 3 Fishbourne Roman Palace**

**30<sup>th</sup> April – Year R Stay & Play – 2:30pm**

**2<sup>nd</sup> May – Year 1 New Forest Wildlife Park Visit**

**9<sup>th</sup> May – Year 5 Showcase Assembly**

**9<sup>th</sup> May – Class Photos**

**12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> May – Year 6 SAT's Week**

**15<sup>th</sup> May – Aspens Out of this World Menu**

**21<sup>st</sup> May – Year 1 Showcase Assembly**

**19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Arts Week**

**23<sup>rd</sup> May – Arts Week Open Evening**

**23<sup>rd</sup> May – Year 6 Shakespeare Theatre Company Visit**

### *A message from Mr Wartnaby:*

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all parents and carers for their support this term. Your involvement is invaluable to us. It was fantastic to see the efforts this term with costumes for Red Nose Day, Sporting Heroes World Book Day, and the Easter Bonnet Parade. I will make my best efforts to spread out some of these events next year.

I am pleased to report excellent attendance at the recent Parent Forum. The feedback on homework, trips, and payment systems has been incredibly helpful and will guide our future improvements. I will be sending out a parent survey next half-term to gather additional information regarding homework. I will also announce another parent forum date for the summer term.

In our ongoing efforts to be more sustainable and reduce costs, school reports will be sent electronically as PDFs this year. This initiative aims to minimize photocopying expenses and ensure that funding remains focused on educational needs. I understand this may disappoint some parents, but it is imperative to keep the school finances healthy and focus on our children's education.

A huge thank you to FOTC for running a successful Spring Disco and to my staff and the school's volunteers for ensuring all the children had a great time.

I hope everyone has a well-deserved break. The sun is supposed to be shining, providing an opportunity for some quality family time. As I mentioned earlier, I have felt incredible support this term, and our community is what makes this school so special. I will see everyone in two- and a-bit weeks!

### *Our star value performers! – Curious*



Having won a competition to be chosen as a top Lego fan, Oliver had the privilege of travelling to London in February to be filmed for the new Lego Formula 1 advertising campaign. During the day he was filmed building and playing with F1 cars, trucks and pit stop sets from the new Lego range and was even interviewed for his own column in April's issue of Top Gear Magazine!

What a fantastic experience for Oliver! The classes loved watching the full advert this week.

### *Current Vacancies:*

We have no vacancies at this time.

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## Year R news:

In Year R this month we have been learning about animals. We had caterpillars arrive and watched them change into chrysalis and then beautiful butterflies. We had a visit from Miller's Ark Farm and got to stroke and learn about goats, pigs, donkeys, ducks and chickens! The children enjoyed sharing the stories and songs we have learnt over this half term in our showcase assembly. We have also been learning number bonds and doubles to 5 in maths.



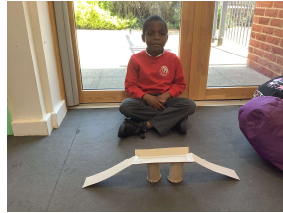
## Year 1 news:

Year 1 have been busy learning about materials in science. They have been investigating the best materials to make houses for The Three Little Pigs. They tested which materials were waterproof and windproof and then had to find a transparent material to use for the windows. In geography, Year 1 have been learning all about the 4 countries of the UK. They learnt about their capital cities and some of the key landmarks in that country. In maths, the children have been exploring mass and capacity and have been measuring length and height.



## Year 2 news:

Year 2 have thoroughly enjoyed their Titanic topic in history and have completed their learning by thinking about why this was such a significant event and what has changed for the better. The children used this knowledge to write some wonderful diary entries for Samson the mouse and his experience on board the Titanic. In Design Technology, the children have learnt how to build free standing structures and were delighted to finally use their boxes and tubes to build their designs.



In maths, the children have completed their unit on measuring in cm and m. They have solved problems and compared a range of measurements. Our science topic on forces has also come to an end with the children putting their learning into practise and completing experiments.

### Year 3 news:

Year 3 had a wonderful day creating their healthy sandwiches and wraps, as part of their Design Technology learning on having a healthy and varied diet, with Aspens. They then evaluated these with their teddy bears at their picnic! Thank you to Aspens for working with Year 3!



In maths, the children have been ordering fractions on a number line. They then used this to compare them. In English, Year 3 have been reading 'The Night Box'. They went on to learning how to use personification using the text. In Geography, they have been learning how to use the eight compass points and how to use co-ordinates as part of their fieldwork. The children then went onto the field to apply their learning! They enjoyed making their Paschal Candles as part of their Religious Education learning. They learnt why these candles are important to Christians.

### Year 4 news:

Wow, what a half term Year 4 have had. In English, we have been writing our own conversation between Varjak Paw and his father. We worked hard to accurately punctuate speech and think about different ways to say 'said'. In Maths, we have continued with our fractions unit and studied equivalent fractions. We saw the link between times tables and equivalent fractions and realised how much this helped us.

The children had a fantastic time at Minstead and Outdoor Learning Week in school. Both groups at Minstead were fantastic and really did themselves and you proud in terms of how they behaved. They took part in pond dipping, New Forest walk, fire lighting and learning about where our food comes from. At school, children completed an orienteering activity and created their own outdoor art, using natural resources found in the nature reserve.

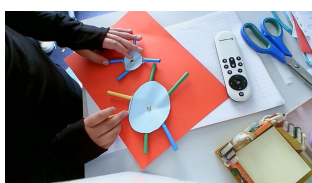


### Year 5 news:

Year 5 have been enjoying learning all about the Victorians this half term; this kickstarted on their trip to Manor Farm whereby they were able to explore the farm house and how the Victorians early education began in the Victorian school. Across the half term, they have explored what made Eastleigh, Eastleigh and the introduction of the railway in 1839. As well as this, they learned all about Charlotte Yonge and how influential she was during the Victorian times – did you know she donated money to the Parish Council for the building of the first school in Eastleigh?

As well as this, Year 5 have enjoyed making some clay pots with inspiration from artist Clarice Cliff. After researching his work, they designed and made their own products with inspiration from his final pieces. Once dry, they painted them with inspiration from Clarice Cliffs designs.

In English, Year 5 enjoyed reading out their emotive speeches with inspiration from the book Wonder.



## Year 6 news:

This term has been packed with exciting learning opportunities for Year 6! In writing, we have been focusing on the Galapagos Islands. The children have researched creatures found there and written some wonderful non-fiction pieces. In maths, we've been tackling the concept of ratio in a fun and engaging way. Using Skittles, the children have not only grasped the concept but also enjoyed a sweet treat in the process!

Year 6 have enjoyed getting out in the sunshine and played games of ultimate frisbee. It's wonderful to watch them develop teamwork skills while having loads of fun on the field. Well done Year 6 for all your hard work this half term.



## Friends of The Crescent

Thank you for all of your hard work with the children's Easter Bonnets! We saw lots of wonderful designs, and were very impressed, especially by some of the repurposed items!

We hope that the children enjoyed their FOTC bunny gift!



## Governor spotlight

We are pleased to announce that we have recently made two new appointments to the governing body. One of them is Vickee McLellan. Vickee brings a wealth of experience to the governing body, having served within a financial services company since 2006 in a variety of roles, and most recently as a Programme Lead. She holds a degree apprenticeship in Leadership and Management, graduating in 2024, and possesses strong skills in project management, team leadership, and strategic goal implementation.

Vickee will also be a valuable member of the Resources Committee. Appointed by the governing body, she has no pecuniary interests and her term of office will end on 28/01/2029. We are excited to welcome her to our team and look forward to her contributions. Thank you for volunteering Vickee.



## School Notice Board!

**Medical Appointments** - In line with DFE guidance, parents should try to make appointments outside of school hours wherever possible. Where appointments during school time are unavoidable, we ask that parents/carers notify us in advance. Children should only be out of school for the minimum amount of time necessary for the appointment and not miss a whole day at school.

**School Communications** – Please check your junk box for emails and set it as 'Trusted'. As, In the new term, all correspondence will be sent from Arbor. Please note that a copy of all letters can be found on our [website](#).

## Safeguarding spotlight-

[Signs That a Child Is Suffering From Mental Health Issues | NSPCC](#)

The link above is support for young people with mental health issues.