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Dear Parents,

The Easter holidays are almost here but there are still many more exciting events planned for the final week of term. Please read through to the end of this newsletter as important information is included.

Easter is a time for new beginnings and so we were delighted to be able to invite parents and grandparents into school for our Year 4 Production of 'Hoodwinked' this week. The children were so confident and accomplished, we were all very proud of them.



## Year 5 Visit to the Winchester Science Centre

On Tuesday, Year 5 were finally able to visit the Winchester Science Centre, where they attended a destination workshop. They really enjoyed working with infrared lamps to find out which materials make the best heat shield. Eva in Year 5 tells me that it was gold. She also told me that it was really fun and enjoyed the planetarium the best. She shared that during the show they went on a tour of the planets and it actually felt like they were moving.



## Year 2 Visit to the Library

I was delighted to accompany Year 2 to the library today. During the visit many of the children were signed up and checked out their very first library book. This was a real privilege to witness. All of the children really enjoyed the visit and tell me that they particularly enjoyed story time.



## Year 6 Visit to the Solent Sky Museum

Our visit to the Solent Sky museum was very thought provoking and informative. Emily in Year 6, told me all about how invaluable the introduction to events leading up to World War 2 was in aiding their understanding of the conflict. All of the children thoroughly enjoyed sitting in the cockpits of jets and seeing Spitfire on the ground. A fabulous visit.



## Princess Trust

We would like to congratulate Teagan in Year one, who is having her hair cut during the Easter break to raise funds for the Little Princess Trust. She has already raised £105. Teagan will be donating her hair so that a wig can be made for a child who has lost their own hair through cancer. We have been contacted by Teagan's mum who has asked us to share the link to her Just Giving page. If you wish to sponsor Teagan the link to the page is here:

[https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Laura-Snelgrove3?utm\\_campaign=lc\\_frp\\_share\\_transaction\\_fundraiser\\_page\\_donation\\_received\\_-\\_nth\\_donation&utm\\_content=fabebeca-6791-4f2f-a1df-faa1cbb1e6ef&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=postoffice&utm\\_term=1648745510137](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Laura-Snelgrove3?utm_campaign=lc_frp_share_transaction_fundraiser_page_donation_received_-_nth_donation&utm_content=fabebeca-6791-4f2f-a1df-faa1cbb1e6ef&utm_medium=email&utm_source=postoffice&utm_term=1648745510137)



## Future events

### Parent Consultations

Don't forget to sign up for parent consultations next week. In order for all parents to see books and visit their child's classrooms there are a number of open classroom events planned for next term. Please see dates for the fridge for more details.



### School Council

Next Monday School Council will be sharing the new school menu with the whole school. This is following extensive consultation with our cook and a tasting session. They will be sharing the rationale behind their choices (which are based on healthy eating) with the school.

### Opera Magic

Year 6 and Year 4 are looking forward to attending an Opera Magic workshop at St Laurence's Church next Tuesday afternoon. Parent helpers would be welcome.



### Tag Rugby

Pupils from Year 5 & Year 6 will be representing the school at BWS for the local Tag Rugby tournament next Wednesday. We wish them well.

### Dormice Class Library Visit

Next Friday morning Dormice will be visiting the Library. If you wish to volunteer to come along, please call the office.



## DPSA update - Cuckoo Fair

It is only a month to go until Cuckoo Fair day, our biggest fundraising event of the year. As is tradition, the school will be hosting a Café, BBQ and Pimms stall. The money raised will be channelled directly back into school – helping to fund educational and fun resources and activities. To make it a success we need your help! Thank you to everyone who has already signed up for a slot. But don't worry we still have plenty of spaces left! If you can spare any time – even just 1 hour – please pop your name on our sign up board. The physical board can be found in the school office, a virtual version can be found at <https://signup.zone/jh9T3AM3dJqX6FCS2>



We will be sending a separate letter today with regard to our Easter Service – please look out for it.

As we approach this last week of term, I would like to thank you all for your continued support.

Best wishes,

Paula Carlton

