

APPRECIATION ❤️ **BELONGING** ❤️ **COMPASSION**

Some people bring such incredible light to this world that even after they are gone the light remains.

BEE RECOGNISED

In our Bee Book and in Celebration Worship this week the following children were recognised:

This week we welcomed our Bumblebee children to Celebration Worship for the first time!

Bumblebees: **Jago M** for his amazing storytelling skills when performing the 'We're Going On a Bear Hunt' story in English this week - well done!

Felicity J for enthusiastically joining in with our singing and music lessons - keep up the great learning!

Honey Bees: **Sophie R** for writing a fantastic sentence when making predictions about our new book. You explained your thinking using 'because' to link your sentence and used the picture to help you.

Oscar L for bee-ing a super listener in our computing lesson. You listened to and followed all of the instructions and were able to make a brilliant shape picture.

Carpenter Bees: **Teddy B** for settling in beautifully into Carpenter Bees with a smile on your face. Your contributions to all areas of your learning have been incredible and we are excited to have you in our class. Keep up the super work.

Year 3: **Marcus K** for making a super start to your story. You have created your new characters and pets and I can't wait to read the ending!

Hattie B for bee-ing so enthusiastic in shared reading. You listened carefully to the story and were able to make some fabulous contributions to what you thought might happen next.

Year 4: **Elijah M and Alexis R, Will H and Fraser M, William G and Nikolas M** for bee-ing excellent writing partners in English this week. They have all worked co-operatively to begin 'new pet' stories. They have carefully constructed sentences including imaginative word choices and high quality vocabulary.

Year 5: **Ray G, Olivia Y and Ettie D** for writing fantastic conversations with description and punctuation.

Beekeepers: **Lucy W, Cecily W and Ivy B** for their excellent and thoughtful contributions in all lessons, they offer interesting ideas and help to move everyone's learning forward.

OPEN AFTERNOON



A very big thank you to everyone who joined us this afternoon for the grand opening of '**Norma's Garden**'. It has been a busy couple of weeks with the delivery of materials, dumper and digger's to-ing and fro-ing across the playground and several skips arriving and departing! The children have dealt with the changes brilliantly and, whilst fascinated with the work going on, have kept themselves safe at all times.

Today, we welcomed **Tim Day** who cut the ribbon after a sprinkle of fairy dust, and declared the garden open. He had also spoken to the fairies in his garden and 2 of them agreed to relocate to our new, forthcoming bee friendly garden. **Gabriel C**, as our eldest child, helped **Phoebe H**, one of our youngest children, to carefully place them into the garden after Tim sprinkled them with some extra magic dust first!

Bishop David also joined us, along with **Charles Louisson**, our District Councillor and **Josh Wright** from East Hants District Council, who was instrumental in helping us successfully submit our bid to the Community Infrastructure Levy for the funding for Norma's Garden and also the KS2 canopies which will start to be built next week. Members of our local community also joined us along with parents new, current and past. Photos of the event are on our website. The Herald Newsgroup will also be publishing an article in the local newspapers.

A very big thank you, also, to our amazing FROGS who provided a huge spread of delicious cakes and biscuits, tea and coffee and a BBQ which provided a welcome opportunity after school for new parents to meet and

chat with existing parents. There are a number of fantastic events coming up this term, **see page 2 for details and save them in your diary!**





HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday to all the children who have their birthday in this week

Evie DB
Henry R

Felix M
Thom C
Ivy B

Theo H
Arthur M

Thank you to Theo H and Henry R who have donated fantastic books to the library for their birthdays. Mrs Howling will add a sticker to the front with their names on it.

If you would like to donate a book for your child's birthday, the link to our wishlist is:

<https://amzn.eu/bXvpSme>



FROGS EVENTS COMING UP!

FROGS have an amazing event calendar to kick off this year's fundraising. Pencil them into your diary as they are sure to be fantastic:

Wednesday 18th October at 3.15pm

PUMPKINS AND POPCORN

Buy your carving pumpkins, decorative gourds and enjoy hot chocolate and popcorn after school



Friday 24th November

SANTA'S GROTTO AND CHRISTMAS MARKET



Lots of exciting Christmas fun for everyone including a magical Santa's Grotto!

Tuesday 5th December
CHRISTMAS WREATHS

Back by popular demand. Lunch and evening sessions will be available, plus takeaway boxes!



Friday 2nd February

EVENING SOCIAL AND PUB QUIZ

Teams of 6, lots of prizes and no doubt some fierce competition!



PHOTOS

Your child's individual school photo proof was sent home in book bags yesterday. Please ensure that you place your order online by **FRIDAY 27TH OCTOBER**. Orders placed by this date will be sent to school, free of charge, to come home with your child. Orders placed after this date will incur a £4 delivery charge to be sent to your home address. If you have lost the proof card, or need a 2nd copy to send to a parent at another address, please let us know as we are able to email the proof card directly.

DIARY DATES

New dates or changes in bold

Mon 9th Oct	Year 6 Residential to Avon Tyrrell
Fri 13th Oct	Year 6 return from Avon Tyrrell
Tues 17th Oct	Yr R & 6 Height & Weight Parents Evening, 3.30pm - 6.30pm
Wed 18th Oct	Nasal Flu Vaccination, All Years FROGS Pumpkins & Popcorn, 3.15pm Parents Evening, 3.30pm - 6.30pm
Fri 20th Oct	Break for Half Term
Mon 30th Oct	Return to School Autumn 2
Mon 13th Nov	INSET Day
Fri 3rd Nov	House Cross Country
Fri 17th Nov	Children In Need Day
Wed 22nd Nov	Full Governing Body Meeting, 6pm
Fri 24th Nov	Santa's Grotto & Christmas Market
Fri 1st Dec	House Cross Country, 2pm
Tues 5th Dec	FROGS Christmas Wreath Workshops

SNACKS



We promote healthy eating at school and, as you know, KS1 are offered a piece of fruit, that is from the



Government Fruit and Veg Scheme, at morning snack time. We ask that if KS2 children bring a snack that it is healthy and our preferred option is a piece of fruit, such as an apple or banana.



We do, however, recognise there are other snacks that are healthy such as:

Rice cakes, some cereal bars, cheese etc



These are acceptable examples of a healthy snack. We do not accept crisps or chocolate as a snack and no food should contain nuts. Thank you for your support in this matter.

THANK YOU

This week sees another very generous donation of £200 from Charlie Chute and house. Partnership from the proceeds of another recent house sale in the BisMonRopTis catchment. Do get in touch with Charlie for more information on house sales in the area or how you can help our school (he's a FROG now, you know!) cchute@housepartnership.co.uk www.housepartnership.co.uk

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PARTNERSHIP

MENU CHANGE

TUESDAY 10TH OCTOBER

Green choice on this day will be:

Nacho bites in a wrap with chips and baked beans

Please make a note in your diaries.

Rotary Shoebox Scheme

www.rotaryshoebox.org

Suggestions for filling your shoebox

Child ~ For young children

Cars, trucks, etc, balls, complete jigsaws, action figures, colouring books, pens, crayons, yo-yo, bubble blowers, wooden and plastic toys, pencil case, pencil sharpener, dominoes, playdough / plasticine & cutters, fluffy toys, dolls, stickers, writing pads, skipping rope, scarf, mittens / gloves, hat, harmonica, games, cards...

Teenagers ~ up to 18 years age

Sportswear, scarf, gloves, socks, hat, football memorabilia, writing materials, games, playing cards, tennis ball, tooth brush & paste, roll-on deodorants, comb, mirror, costume jewellery, make-up, hair brush, toiletries, school stationery, clothing repair kits, sketch pad, coloured pens / pencils...

Household Goods ~ For older folk & families

Scarves, gloves, hats, wrapped soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, disposable razors, shampoo, soap flakes, pan scourers, antiseptic cream, bandages, face or body creams, cosmetics, pens, writing pad & envelopes, T-lights, candles, sewing kit, scissors...

Baby ~ Age up to 12 months

This is given to new mothers and can include baby wipes, baby shampoo, baby oil, talc powder, bonnet, booties and mitts, baby grow, baby blanket, small soft toy or plastic rattle...

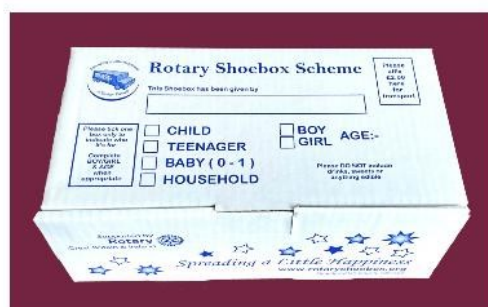
WHAT NOT TO INCLUDE IN ANY BOX

Do not include any sweets, chocolate, drinks or food of any kind

(They are against Customs regulations at country borders)

Battery operated toys, conflict related items, matches, inflammable liquids, inflammable aerosols (eg: deodorants & hair spray), seeds or any other living material, automatic washing machine powders

Please securely sellotape tops of liquid containers.
Protect anything sharp and do not put anything sharp into a CHILD box



- It is important to indicate on the box lid, who the box is for.
- The contents are of good quality.
- The box should be completely filled.
- Remember that the recipient will be opening the box in eager anticipation, and especially with the toys for the children, quite possibly the first real gifts they have received for a very long time.

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Hampshire County Youth Bands OPEN DAY



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Saturday 14 October 2023, Perins School - Alresford

10-12 (Junior and Training Bands)

9.30 - 12.15 (County Band)

- Brass and Percussion players welcome
- Junior Band- Grade 2+
- Training Band- Grade 5+
- County Band- Grade 7+

MAKE NEW FRIENDS



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EVENT

FRI 27 OCT 2023
10AM-4PM
HSDC ALTON COLLEGE

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TRANSPORT
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ARE YOU LOOKING
TO VOLUNTEER? CONSIDERING A
CHANGE OF CAREER?
WANT TO RETRAIN?

Find many local opportunities at
New Directions on Friday 27 October.
Visit: easthants.gov.uk/new-directions



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about AMONG US

A multiplayer 'social deduction' game set in outer space, Among Us enjoyed a surge in popularity in 2020, and has since maintained a dedicated fan-base (globally, around 60 million regular players each month) thanks to its unique nature, simple premise and ease of access across numerous platforms. The game's on-screen action revolves around danger, disguise and deception – and there are certain parallels to be drawn with some of the real-life risks that parents and carers of young Among Us players need to be aware of.



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

SENSITIVE PREMISE

In Among Us, up to three players are secretly assigned to be alien imposters, tasked with murdering their colleagues while the survivors try to unmask them. While the concept's not far removed from traditional games like *The Traitors*, some parents may feel uncomfortable about their child playing a video game in which deception and killing are prioritised.

VIRTUAL VIOLENCE

The on-screen death of characters may be fundamental to the gameplay of Among Us, but the majority of the animations depicting this are deliberately cartoonish and only appear very briefly. However, it is worth bearing in mind that the game has a PEGI age rating of 7 – meaning that certain elements (however heavily stylised they may be) could still upset some younger players.

CHAT BETWEEN PLAYERS

With up to 15 people participating in each game online, a large part of Among Us' appeal is speculating with fellow players who the imposters might be and making accusations. This dialogue through the in-game text chat can occasionally become heated – and could, of course, involve your child being put into contact with people (including adults) who they don't know in real life.

GOING OFF PLATFORM

While Among Us provides basic ways to communicate, many gamers prefer to use external services such as Discord: a popular app which offers voice and video chat functions. These undeniably make cooperation easier, but also create a potential route for children to hear inappropriate language – or for strangers to message them privately in an environment which isn't regulated by the game itself.

IN-GAME PURCHASES

Among Us is free to download on mobile devices, and costs less than £5 to obtain on console and PC. A related longer-term pitfall, though, is that the game also includes options to pay for upgrades such as removing ads on the mobile version or adding cosmetic touches to characters (such as different costumes). It's certainly possible that a child could spend a significant sum without realising it.

Advice for Parents & Carers

CONSIDER SOFTER ALTERNATIVES

Although Among Us is hugely popular with young gamers, it's possible that some children might find the murder themes unsettling. If so, plenty of similar social deduction games are available (in both digital and traditional board game formats) which downplay the potentially grislier elements: some centre around undercover spies, for instance, and there's even a Marvel superhero-themed variant.

CHAT ABOUT CHATTING

You might feel it's prudent to talk to your child about the risks associated with voice chat while gaming, explaining in particular that strangers online aren't always who they claim to be. Keeping the conversation relaxed will reinforce your child's confidence that they can always come to you with any online concerns – not just about Among Us, but any potential future issues as well.

DISCUSS DISCORD

In general, Discord is an excellent app for keeping online communities together because of its use of dedicated individual servers, which allow comprehensive control over who can join – and who can't. Once you're familiar with the platform, you could set up a secure server for your child and their friends to communicate during games of Among Us, with no access for people they don't know.

AMONG US, AMONG FRIENDS

When your child and their friends get together, they can enjoy a private game of Among Us by choosing a 'local' lobby – that is, only people connected to the same WiFi (your home network, for example) can enter. This prevents any random online users – who may be total strangers – from joining and removes the need for voice chat, as the players are all physically in the same location.

STOP SURPRISE SPENDING

If you're concerned about the possibility of your child racking up an unexpected bill on Among Us' microtransactions, you could consider using a prepaid card with a set limit. Likewise, you could specify in the game's options that adult authorisation is required for every purchase – or you could make sure that no payment methods are enabled on the device that your child plays the game on.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is Editor in Chief of gaming and esports site *GCRecon* and has worked in the gaming media for around four years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent who understands the value of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have been published on influential sites including *IGN* and *TechRadar*.



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PUPIL PREMIUM FUNDING

Every year, the Government allocates funding to schools to help address the national trend that disadvantaged students do not attain as highly as non-disadvantaged students. This valuable extra money is allocated to schools to provide additional or enhanced provision, so that no child is left behind in their education as a result of financial circumstances. This can include subsidising after school clubs and trips as well as providing additional learning support or resources in class, for example.

Eligibility criteria

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Parents and carers can check eligibility simply and easily by visiting:

<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/hants/>

and clicking on 'New Application'. Once you have input your details it will return an instant result and notify the school office electronically of your eligibility. If you would prefer us to check on your behalf, please email Mrs Burr with YOUR name, YOUR date of birth and YOUR national insurance number. We would like to reassure you that all applications made are confidential and no child is identified as a Pupil Premium child in any way in their day to day school life. Equally being entitled to free school meals does not mean your child has to eat a meal every day!

Even if your child is in Year R, 1 or 2 and already entitled to Universal Free School Meals, if you think you might be entitled to this benefit please complete the form. This valuable extra funding ensures that we can offer many different types of support throughout the years your child is at our school and will ensure they continue to receive free school meals as they move into KS2.

**Just one day of qualifying entitlement = 6 years of funding!
Current funding = £1455 per child per academic year**