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Friday 6th December 24

Newsletter



Dear Parents –

As you are aware, we had two Ofsted inspectors arrive at the Junior school this week to perform a two day inspection on our school. The children did us so proud and the inspectors were very complimentary of their attitude and behaviours towards learning. I wanted to personally say a big thank you to the children and all the families that have supported the school during this time and shared so many positive comments in their Ofsted survey. We will notify you of the final report when it is ready.

Lots of exciting things happening for the children as follows

- ❖ Thursday 12th December – Christmas Jumper Day (normal uniform with a Christmas jumper)
- ❖ Wednesday 18th December – Christmas Disco (free of charge, held during the school day)
- ❖ Thursday 19th December - Christmas lunch (either order on the day or through the Arbor App)
- ❖ Friday 20th December – Last day
- ❖ Monday 6th January 25 – Inset Day
- ❖ Tuesday 7th January 25 – Children return



SMOKING/VAPING: Can I please remind parents/carers that the whole school site including just outside the gates is a no smoking/vaping area. There is no safe level of exposure to second-hand smoke and this is particularly true for children - whose lungs and immune system aren't as well developed as adults - as well as pregnant women and those with pre-existing health conditions.

Online Safety: WhatsApp users can create groups and send messages to lots of their friends at the same time. If you're experiencing bullying, threats, or harassing messages you can **block specific contacts to stop unwanted calls and messages at any.** To be eligible to sign up for this service, you must be at least 16 years of age.

Nursery: Owlets: The Christmas tree has arrived in Owlets which was very exciting for all of the children. They have enjoyed helping to decorate it with colourful tinsel.

Owls: Christmas is in full swing in Owls with the children having helped decorate the huge tree in the home corner. Throughout the week they have enjoyed seeing extra decorations appear and are talking about who has got decorations up at home. We would love to see some photos of how you celebrate Christmas on Tapestry.

Year R: Christmas has appeared in Reception! The Robins and Puffins have loved seeing all the Christmas decorations set up by the cheeky magical elves. In maths we have been looking at shapes such as circles and triangles. We have been using this to make Christmas cards. We have also been learning more about Nativity, and why it is such a special story. Finally, we have been busy using our phonic skills to write key words and sentences about Christmas, Nativity and much more. Well done, Reception.

Year 1: Year one have worked really hard this week revising some of their maths skills such as adding, taking away and multiplication. They started their new English journey on Wednesday by receiving a message from the Head Elf at Lapland giving them a challenge! In Science, they sorted trees into whether they were deciduous or Evergreen and in RE they looked at the birth of baby Jesus in the Nativity story.

Year 2: This week the children have been using their research on Emperor penguins to write their own fact sheets, ready to prove to our text author that elephants are not the most important animals of all. The children have particularly enjoyed finding out interesting facts ready to write under 'Did you know?' In maths the children have revised their knowledge of the features and properties of 3D shapes and have completed sorting activities using this knowledge. In PSHE the children have been learning the importance of teamwork. They loved playing 'Stuck in the Mud' and used their experience playing this to explore their thoughts and feelings about being left out. In history the children learned about the explorer Captain Scott and his intrepid journey to the South Pole, they had huge admiration for this brave team of men and their animals.

Year 3: In Year 3, we have continued to read the text 'The Iron Man' and located and retrieved information to draw a picture of the space-bat-angel-dragon. The children's pictures were incredibly detailed using their information they had located to support them. In Maths, we have continued our learning in fractions by adding and subtracting with the same denominator. The children have showed great resilience during this. In Music, the children have learned about quavers and have used their previous learning of different note lengths to listen to rhythms and to play music using the glockenspiels.

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Year 4: English, the classes collected and generated rich vocabulary around our new book 'A walk in London'. They then started to think about using the vocabulary alongside fronted adverbials to retell parts of the story. In Maths, the students have been focusing on measurement. This has included them measuring a variety of objects before adding and subtracting measurements. During P.E, the classes have continued to build on their football skills and next week will begin to apply the skills learnt into small sided game. Finally, during the science lessons, the students looked at a variety of different musical instruments to see how they could change the volume and pitch that each instrument created.

Year 5: Year 5 have been learning how to use the short division method in maths. In English they have continued finding out about Matthew Henson, the first black man to reach the south pole, and in PSHE they have been learning about Rosa Parks. Both classes have enjoyed developing their street dance skills and tag rugby in PE. In science the children have been designing and making parachutes to test which material will be the most effective at using air resistance to land slowly.

Year 6: In Year 6 this week, pupils have been extending their multiplication knowledge, multiplying decimals numbers by integers. In English, students have been exploring non-fiction texts and identifying the purpose of key features within them. In Science, learners have been observing the refraction of light within their own experiments and recognising why refraction occurs. In Music, Year 6 have been practicing their performance skills, preparing for their ukulele concert.

This week's house points

Portchester	Wolvesey	Carisbrooke	Donnington
305	295	321	346 

Attendance

You can track your child's attendance on the Arbor App

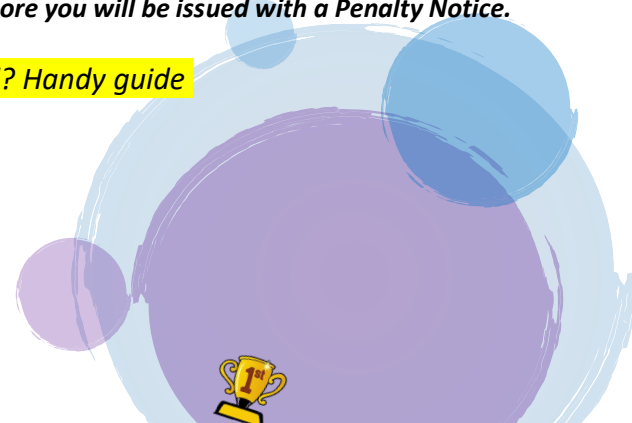


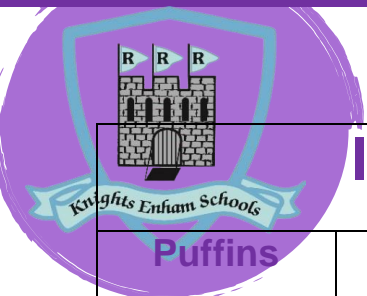
Minutes Late Each Day	Number of school days/weeks missed in a year
If you are late by the number of minutes below each and every day.....	... This is how much learning time you will have missed, by the end of the year
5 minutes	3 school days
10 minutes	6.5 days
15 minutes	10 days
20 minutes	13 days
30 minutes	19 days

Great attendance means that the children have the very best chance of doing well at school and thus enhancing their life opportunities. We are always very grateful for the part you play as families in getting the children into school daily and on time! If you have any questions regarding attendance, you can speak to Mrs Doran or Ms Hardy at the Infants or Miss Trace at the Juniors.

We work in line with Hampshire County Council policy and do not authorise holidays during term time unless it is due to an exceptional circumstance. Should you choose to take a holiday of 5 days or more you will be issued with a Penalty Notice. Further details can be found on our website.

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Infant School Weekly Attendance

Puffins	Robins	Swans	Woodpeckers	Jays	Kingfisher
91.3%	96.09%	91.67%	90.28%	91.67%	94.676%



Junior School Weekly Attendance

Dover	Leeds	Warwick	Windsor	Edinburgh	Highclere	Arundel	Balmoral
89.21%	91.25%	97.37%	95.37%	96.3%	92.45%	94.17%	94.3%



Key Dates

DECEMBER 2024

6 Dec	Xmas Market after school
12 Dec	Xmas Jumper Day
18 Dec	Xmas Disco
19 Dec	Xmas Lunch
20 Dec	Break up for Xmas holiday

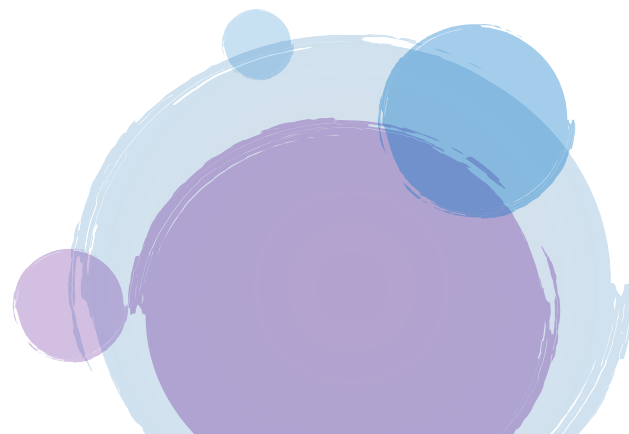
JANUARY 2025

6 Jan	INSET DAY
7 Jan	Children back to school

PTA

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<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/knights-enham-junior-pta>





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Supporting the Community



December Half Term Activity Camp
 23rd December, 2nd & 3rd January

The Mountbatten School, Romsey - 8.30am-4.30pm
 Knights Enham School, Andover - 9am-3pm
 The Norwood School, Eastleigh - 9am-3pm

Activities to include; Giant inflatable obstacle course (Mountbatten only), crafts, multi-sports and many more.

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Spaces are limited so book early to guarantee your child's place!

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23RD DECEMBER AT THE MOUNTBATTEN SCHOOL FROM 11AM TO 3PM
 *WITH DROP OFF & PICK UP LOCATIONS AROUND HAMPSHIRE

Exact Locations can be viewed on the booking form

Sign up for some Christmas fun with a range of activities to keep your teen entertained, making friends and memories that will last a lifetime, from LASERTAG, VR & BUSHCRAFT

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Pop Up Ensemble Winton Community Academy, Andover





JMST Theatre, London Road, Andover, Hampshire SP10 2PS
 Sunday 15th December 9.15 - 13.15

Beginner to Grade 4

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