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Week 4 – 25th September

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Kindness at the Gates

We've had another lovely week with our governors visiting this week. It was a great opportunity for them to speak to children, staff and families and see how things are going at our wonderful school. Thank you to everyone who stopped to chat with them.

A gentle reminder: School pick-up and drop-off can be a busy time for everyone. We're all juggling different things and what works for one family might not work for another. A little kindness, a smile or a gentle word towards each other goes a long way. Please try not to judge - we're all doing our best for our children.

Have a lovely weekend,

Amy Hughes (Headteacher)

Our new mascots!

Children have designed and been voting for our new mascots to represent each of our school values. Introducing the Brave Bear, Motivated Monkey, Proud Penguin and Supportive Seahorse! Be prepared to see them around school!



Dojo Champions

Ducklings – Lola and Sehr

Kingfishers – Dylan and Leon

Robins – Yugan and Sienna

Swifts – Hallie and Lilly

Skylarks – Connor and Roha

Jays – Ashlee and Timothy

Owls – Ruby and Dhariya

Kestrels – Ella and Kiran



The winning house this week is...

HEROES!

Golden Book

Congratulations to our Golden Book winners this week. **Our new assembly is at 8:45 on Wednesday morning for Year 1 and Year 2 and on Thursday morning for Year 3, 4, 5 and 6.** We hope this will support more working parents to attend. Our winners are...

Robins – Elsie and Ilia

Swifts – Theo and Rudie

Skylarks – Leon and Veronica

Jays – Amelia and Bodie

Owls – Kian and Jessica

Kestrels – Mishkah and Raya





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Parking

Please park safely and do not park on pavements during drop-off and pick-up. Parking on pavements makes it difficult and unsafe for children, parents with buggies, and wheelchair users.

Please avoid stopping outside the school gates and allow extra time to find a safe, legal space.

Thank you for helping keep everyone safe. Our new parking people will arrive soon to support with safety at the start and end of day.



Football Fans

Our Year 5/6 Football Team ventured off to play St Monica's and Bursledon this week, drawing their first match and narrowly losing the second. The referee and organisers made a special shout out to Bitterne Manor for having the best manners, best sportsperson-ship and best attitude of all the teams there!

Congratulations to our brilliant team and Mr Taylor and Mr Finn.

Thank you, Mary!

A huge thank you to our wonderful volunteer grandmother Mary, who has done an incredible job in our library. She has carefully stamped and labelled every single book and devoted countless hours of her own time to help us. We are so grateful for her dedication and care — our library is brighter and better thanks to her!

PE Days

Mondays – Kestrels

Tuesday – Kingfishers

Wednesday - Jays / Robins

Thursdays – Owls / Swifts

Fridays - Skylarks



Upcoming Dates

- 26th September – National TA Day
- 30th September – Year 5 to the Science Museum
- 2nd October - Football Match @ Valentine
- 3rd October – KS2 Cross Country starts at the Sports Centre after school
- 6th October – New Reception Parent Tours begin
- 8th October – Book Fair
- 10th October KS2 Cross Country at the Sports Centre after school
- 14th October – City Mission Harvest Assembly
- 16th October – Football match @ Valentine
- 17th October – Reading Charter Bronze Award Ceremony at St Mary's Stadium
- 17th October - KS2 Cross Country at the Sports Centre after school
- 20th October - Diwali
- 20th October – Year 6 to Osmington Bay
- 24th October - KS2 Cross Country at the Sports Centre after school
- **25th October – Half Term**
- 3rd November – INSET Day (School closed to children)
- 4th November – children return
- 4th November – Parents Evening 3:30-6:00
- 5th November – Skylarks to Butser Farm
- 6th November – Parents Evening 3:30-6:00

