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Key Dates:	
26 th April – Disco after school	14 th May – Class photos
30 th April – 7.30pm HSPTA meeting	23 rd May - Joint Super Sustainability day with Juniors
6 th May - Bank Holiday	24 th May - INSET day

Communications this week:	
Y1 & Y2 PE Days	Y2 Rounders Club
After School Art Event	Y1 Cricket Club
Free on-line Courses	

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to the summer term! We hope you all had a fantastic break over the holidays. It has been wonderful having the children back and getting stuck straight into their learning! In my assembly this week we found out all about Eid celebrations and two children in Year 2 shared all of their knowledge and experiences from their own Eid celebrations. We hope families had a wonderful time celebrating Eid over the holidays.

Absence Requests Online

You are now encouraged to submit any absence requests through our online form. Please follow the link to submit your online absence request.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Z2S_XD5bmU25rMOYk3oBjhl_WQfxVRhLIX1yWv1N4mtUQVILRjRVWUNMOEYwTjJaWkRGSkhZN0hQRC4u

Free Parent Workshops

There are a range of free workshops for parents ranging from first aid to positive parenting available across the county, please do sign up to these if you feel they could be useful for you and your family. Information was sent earlier this week via email.

Lions Picnic Family Fun Day

Please see the attached poster with information on a fundraising event over the May bank holiday for Hampshire Hospitals Charity. By raising funds, they are supporting a reconfiguration of child health space in Winchester and upgrades in Basingstoke, Andover and Alton. This will allow patients to be seen in an environment that ensures they get the best possible care in a way that suits their needs. Going into hospital can be scary, they want to make sure that whether it's a first-time visit or a routine appointment, children, young people and their families feel comfortable, safe and at ease when visit our hospitals.

Learning Highlights from Each Year Group

Year R

It's been lovely to welcome the children back to school after the Easter holidays, they were keen to share with us the fun that they had! In phonics this week, we have been learning CVCC words (e.g. pond, nest, soft) and the tricky words so, said, have and like. In Drawing Club this week, our text was 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar.' We learnt the words 'ravenous, miniscule, devour, immense and transform.' The children all drew some fantastic hungry caterpillars and their life cycle. In maths, we have been learning about the numbers 11, 12 and 13, recognising that these numbers are made using a 'ten' and some more. We have used tens frames to build these numbers and looked at the numerals that represent them.

Year 1

The Year 1 children have settled well back into school after the Easter break and have shown greater independence and confidence. This half term our topic is called 'Great, Great Britain'. During our Geography sessions the children have practised locating the countries of the UK

(Wales, England, Scotland and Northern Ireland) on a globe and map. We will start to learn about the UK in more detail and start to name the capital cities in the UK and their characteristics. In our English sessions the children have also applied their knowledge of the suffixes 'ing' to verbs in verbal and written sentences, to make sure that they are in the present tense correctly. During our Maths sessions the children have learnt about repeated addition which is the start to the operation of Multiplication. The children have been learning to group in 2's, 5's and 10's. Please help your child to practise this at home with objects and perhaps coins too. Miss Javaid came into each class to talk about the celebration of Eid al-Fitr. It is on the first day of the month of Shawwal (Islamic Calendar) and marks the end of Ramadan (month long fasting) and the beginning of a feast that breaks the fast. We loved hearing about the traditions of this festival, the special clothes that are worn and the ways to celebrate. Some children talked about how they celebrate at home. Thank you, Miss Javaid.



Year 2

It has been wonderful to welcome the children back and hear about their half term adventures! This week in maths the children have started to explore fractions; particularly focusing on halves. They have recapped their knowledge of parts and wholes and equal and unequal parts. It would be wonderful if you could support this concept at home perhaps with food, shapes and quantities. We also introduced the value of different coins and as we are moving into a cashless society it would be helpful if you could encourage the exploration of coins and their amounts. In English, the children have revisited their knowledge of past tense verbs to ensure they are able to successfully write in past tense ensuring it remains consistent throughout their writing. Next week, the children will continue to practise and apply their knowledge of past tense to write for given purposes. In science, we have started to explore and compare the difference between things that are living, dead and things that have never been alive.

Keepers Kitchen Celebrations!



Kind regards

Phillippa Longman

