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Key Dates:	
Throughout October-walktober	8 th October- school individual photos
YR First Class Photos - Daily Echo	10 th October-world mental health day
4 th October-Harvest assembly	21 st & 22 nd October-parents evenings
7 th - 9 th October- Year 1 balance bike sessions	

Communications this week:	
YR Vision Screening Consent Form	
YR Height & Weight measurements	
Census Day menu	

Dear Parents & Carers,

I had the pleasure of joining Year 2 on their trip this week, I was so proud of how well the children behaved and the respect they showed throughout. The hands-on learning experiences for the children were amazing and I know it will enhance all their follow-up learning in school. A small group of Year 2 children also went to Merdon school today to take part in an inter schools football competition with other local schools. Mrs Flood and Miss Osman organised and led the group and were very proud of all the children representing Hiltingbury Infants. We came second overall in the competition - well done to all those who attended!

Walktober

Please see the attached information all about 'Walktober'. Our school is taking part in international walk to school month by joining the Walktober challenge run by the My Journey Team at Hampshire County Council. We would like as many of our children, families and staff to travel actively and/or sustainably throughout October by walking, wheeling, cycling, scooting, using park and stride or public transport.

Attendance

We have a new attendance policy that will be shared separately with further communication. A reminder that we expect children to be arriving at school for 8.45am, we do have a 10-minute window to ensure all pupils are in for registration at 8.55am. We have a new absence request form, a reminder that in only exceptional circumstances can an absence be authorised. Please use the link to complete absence request: [Absence request form](#)

Sickness/Diarrhoea

Just to remind you the school policy states that if your child has had sickness/diarrhoea they must be kept off school for 48 hours following the last bout of sickness/diarrhoea.

Parents Evenings – 21st & 22nd October

We will be having our first parents' evenings of this academic year at the end of this half term. Further information with timings and how to book will be sent out in due course. This is a great opportunity to meet your child's class teacher/teachers and to find out about how they have settled into their new year group.

NHS PIP

Attached is a poster from Southern Health about how you can access and find all health visiting and school nursing records in one place for your child. To sign up they ask you email pip@southernhealth.nhs.uk

YR First Class Photos - Daily Echo

A photographer from the Daily Echo will be in school on Monday to photograph the Year R children in class. These will subsequently appear in the newspaper with other local schools –

we will try and let you know when this will be. Only those with consent will be allowed to be photographed.

Before and After School Club Access

We are looking to ensure our site is more secure throughout all points in the extended school day. Please look out for further communications about new systems for dropping and collecting your children to wraparound clubs.

School Census Day - Thursday 3rd October

Next Thursday is school census day where our funding for the following year is taken from. It is really important that we have a high uptake of hot school dinners on this day due to the government funding for free school meals falling short of the actual costs we have to pay. Essentially the better uptake we have the better funding which means the school will hopefully lose a little less money. We sent out a separate communication earlier today about the meal choices for this day. Even if your child is unsure, they could try a hot dinner this day and still bring their packed lunch as a back up if needed.

Year 2 St Mary's and Gurdwara Visit!

Year Two had an amazing trip exploring the area of St Mary's and also visiting the Gurdwara this week. This supported their learning in RE and geography. They noticed many human and physical features and it was great to compare Chandlers Ford to inner city Southampton. The children learnt about the Sikh faith first hand which was such a valuable experience.



Hope you have a wonderful weekend!
Kind Regards
Phillippa Longman

