

Dear Parents & Carers,

Learning – Laughing – Achieving

A week in the life of 4SH

4SH have been very busy lately learning all about time in maths, empathising with a character in Toro Toro and practising for the Portsmouth Music Festival. On Thursday 13th June they took part in Spanish day. They learned all about bullfighting and the annual bull running race in Pamplona before tasting some Spanish food in a healthy eating workshop. Take a moment to ask them about the 'eat well plate' and the type of food needed to keep them healthy – they have some really impressive knowledge. They finished a thoroughly enjoyable day with some flamenco dancing.



Goodwood Dairy Farm

Last Friday, I had the great pleasure of taking 14 children from across year 5 to Goodwood Dairy Farm, where they experienced life on a working farm. It was an incredibly enriching experience filled with gorgeous animals, beautiful weather and fascinating, learning. As soon as we got off the bus they were immersed into the country life with a 2km walk through Goodwood's enchanting forests and its abundance of wildlife; we saw grouse and birds of prey as well as intricate groups of badger sets. From there, we strolled through the fruit filled orchards until we came across the fields of oat, wheat and barley. The children then got to experience grinding these grains to make their own flour. We were then whisked to the dairy part of the farm where we learned of a cow's journey from birth, and the different routes they would take. The cows were stunning, and seeing the children getting licked and tickled to near death by inquisitive calves is an image that will stick with me forever. I've never heard Max and Oliver giggle and guffaw as much as I had that day. Our intrepid farm apprentices were then able to experience milking a cow themselves, albeit a simulation. But what to do with all that milk? Well a refreshing drink then a turn making our own butter to eat on crackers after a thoroughly enjoyable day in the country.



Mill Rythe owe a massive thank you to Goodwood dairy farm and also to the Country Trust who organised the event. It was lovely to talk to them and speak with enthusiasm and joy about how we've started to set up our own farm at school. However, this paled into comparison when I was told by the organisers just how wonderful and magnificent our children had been. They were a credit to the school and more importantly, themselves. Year 5 never fail to make me smile and beam with pride to be their teacher. **Mr Darby**

Matilda

Year 5 and 6 had a brilliant trip on Thursday afternoon to the Mayflower Theatre, in Southampton, to watch Matilda. The cast delivered a stunning show and it was brilliant to see the looks on our childrens' faces as they watched in awe at the singing, dancing and acting performed by children as young as themselves. So many children left the theatre inspired to go away and work hard on their own theatrical skills; something that I know Mr Ogle will enjoy developing further with them as they transition into the Hayling College. I would like to thank Miss Cull and the office team for all of their hard-work that went into organising the trip and all of our staff who ensured it ran so smoothly on the day.



Havant Cricket League

This week we competed in the Havant Cricket league for the first time as a school. On Tuesday and Thursday mornings before school, Mr Robinson has been working really hard with a large squad of children who have expressed an interest in cricket; it has been lovely to see the progress they have made and in the year in which we host the Cricket World Cup it was important that some of these children had the opportunity to compete against other local schools for the first time. In our first match against St Thomas Moore we ran out winners by 7 runs before following this up with another impressive performance as we beat Bidbury Junior School by 9 runs. Across both games, the team's fielding, accuracy of bowling and running between the wickets really stood out. I am looking forward to them now playing in the finals in a couple of week's time. Well done to Alex, Albie, Daniel, Jacob, Freddie, Oliver, Kai and Lucas on a great evening of sport.

Young Farmers

Our first young farmers have done a brilliant job looking after our farm this week. They have been fantastic with children who have visited the farm at lunchtimes as well as demonstrating great responsibility for their daily duties. I am sure Anastasija and Mimi will do a super job next week as they step into the role.



And finally...

We have an Instagram account for the school which will enable family and friends to follow on a regular basis different aspects of school life. The account can be found by searching for **millrythejunior**. There is another account called millrythejunior but this **is not** the current account for our school. **The school account is not for children to follow on their own Instagram app as this is not meant for children under the age of 13.**

Have a lovely weekend.

David Bessant

Headteacher

Items available in school:

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| Swimming hats | £1.20 |
| Recorders | £2.50 |
| Water Bottles | £1.50 |

Inset days for the academic year 2019-2020

4th and 5th September 2019

4th November 2019

6th January 2020

1st June 2020

Key dates for the academic year 2018 – 2019 confirmed so far:**Summer 2**

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| 21 st June | Yr 6 Kitesurfing Armada |
| 25 th June | Yr 4 Portsmouth Schools Music Festival |
| 28 th June | Yr 6 Paulton's Park |
| 1 st July | Yr 3/4 Sports Day |
| 2 nd July | Yr 5/6 Sports Day |
| 4 th July | Yr 5 Winchester Science Museum |
| 10 th July | Transition Day |
| 12 th July | Yr 6 Enterprise Day |
| 17 th July | Yr 6 Leavers Disco |
| 22 nd July | Winning House Reward |
| 23 rd July | Yr 6 Leavers Assembly 10am |
| 23 rd July | Last day of term |