



**Headteacher**  
**Miss K Greenway**

17<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Dear Parents

Happy Mother's Day to all the amazing Mums, Nannys, Grannys and Auntys – I hope your children give you an amazing day on Sunday by being super helpful and may be even letting you have a lie in!!!

#### Mother's Day Shop

A big thank you for all your donations of gifts and a big thank you to FOPs for organising the Mother's Day Shop so that your children could choose and wrap a lovely gift for you. Enjoy opening this on Sunday. This event also helped raise an amazing £651.97

#### Lunchtime Celebration

It was lovely to see invited parents in school for our second Lunchtime Celebration – the chosen children enjoyed having one of their parents join them for lunch.

#### RE Week      Mon 6<sup>th</sup> – Fri 10<sup>th</sup> March

We had a fun, colourful week celebrating the Hindu Festival of Holi. We enjoyed some Indian dancing, wearing our own colourful clothes, tasting some Indian food and having our faces painted. We particularly enjoyed the Art work linked to this 'Festival of Colour' and enjoyed making our Spring trees and creating powder paint pictures on the playground. We learnt about some of the traditions that surround this religious festival and began to learn about the Hindu deities/gods. We also got to look at some Hindu artefacts. Thank you to all those parents who supported us during this week, especially with the face painting which the children all really enjoyed. We have put some photos on the school website for you to see how much fun we had! (News and Events/Photo Gallery).

#### Go Draw

The children have thoroughly enjoyed participating in the whole school Go Draw event over the past 2 weeks. The second week saw them drawing animals, sport, food, monsters and space. Thank you to all the families that participated in the weekend drawing challenge; we saw some of the monster drawings in school and lots of children told us about the monsters they drew at home with their families. This week, the children will have brought home their drawing books; please take a look through them as the children are so proud of their wonderful drawings.

#### Tea Towel

You will already have received an email from FOPs about their tea towel design to celebrate the King's Coronation. The children have been busy drawing a picture of themselves this week as well as some of them drawing pictures of the grown ups!! These will then all be added to produce the final tea towel.

The tea towels are available to pre order at - <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/fops1> before Wednesday 29th March. They cost £5 each.

### Photo Permission

We are trying to add photos to the Photo Gallery on our school website more regularly so that you can see photos of things the children have been doing. When your child started in Year R, you would have completed a Hampshire County Council pink form, asking your permission to use your child's photo on the website, on social media etc. Many of you said No to social media and some of you said No for website and newsletters. I am very aware that things change and we have not asked you to update these forms.

**It would be really useful for us to know if you still DO NOT want your child's photo used either in newsletters or on the school website. If you feel very strongly about this, please can you let your child's class teacher know by emailing the year group email.** Otherwise, we will assume that you are happy for us to use your child's photo in newsletters or on the website. Thank you.

### Rocksteady Music Workshops

Next Thursday, the children will be taking part in a very exciting music workshop involving electric instruments. They will be learning a new song and working together to perform as a rock band! Following this, the children will be bringing home a letter with details about how they can sign up to weekly 'Rock band' classes where they will have the chance to work together to learn songs and play the guitar, keyboard or drums. Prices and details of how to sign up will be on the letter.

### Golden Rabbit Assembly      Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2.30pm

This is a special assembly once a term, when three children from each class (not Daisies) are presented with a Golden Rabbit Certificate for exceptional academic progress. If your child is receiving a certificate, their class teacher will speak to you the week before. Everyone is welcome to the assembly even if their child is not receiving a certificate.

### Looking Ahead

On Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May from 3.30 – 5.30pm, we are hosting a 'Multiply' free games event for families. Multiply is a new Government Funded programme to help improve numeracy skills especially for adults. The session will be an opportunity to share dedicated time with your children and play games – more information to follow next week including how to book a place.

### Co opted Governor

Thank you to those parents who have contacted us with details of people who may be interested in becoming a Governor. If you know of anyone, please get them to contact the school.

Have a lovely weekend - take care and keep safe.

Miss Greenway

### **Dates for Diaries**

Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	2.30pm L2Me – Yr 2 Music Concert – Recorders
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> March	2.30pm Golden Rabbit Assembly
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holidays
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Back to School
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	3.30 – 5.30pm FREE games event for families – run by Multiply