

# Newsletter HWIS 20th March 2026



## Message from Mrs Boorman

What another busy week in school.

### **Governor parent/carer survey**

The Governors are grateful for the 78 responses to the survey. They discussed the feedback last night and will be communicating back with a 'You said ... We did' reply.

### **Easter Spring Day**

This is taking place on Friday 27th March. The children will be accessing a variety of events and activities, including an Easter Egg Hunt for the children who have had this paid for. Arbor will remain open until Monday 23rd March at 12pm to make payments if you have already done so. All children are to come to school wearing their PE kits on this day as it will be a fun filled and action packed day.

### **Before and after school**

Please remind children that they should not play on the play equipment before and after school as they are not covered under our insurance during these times. Please also ask your children to come off of bicycles and scooters as they come on to the playground. We had a 'crash' this morning where a child was hurt. We have also witnessed a number of 'near misses'!!

Please be vigilant with what your child is doing.

## **Communicating with staff**

Year 1 and 2 staff are in the classroom without additional adults in the afternoon. They are always happy to speak to you but please wait until after they have dismissed their class until you approach them – thank you for your understanding.

## **Easter Holidays**

### **School Closes at 2.15pm on Friday 27th March**

Have a lovely weekend.

## *Year R*

The children have become amazing artists this week and have enjoyed creating their Monet inspired pond paintings. We learnt the technique of dabbing and mixing colours to create a new effect. We also opened our loose parts stations this week and the children created their own perfect ponds linked to our drawing club story called Jack and Daisy build a pond. Our drawing club words this week are tadpole, frogspawn, froglet, habitat and metamorphosis. We used our number bond knowledge to act out ten speckled frogs and looked at taking away and making a number smaller. Thank you to those parents who sent in home challenge videos this week. We have loved watching these in class and will continue to look back at them throughout the year.

## *Year 1*

This week the children have been learning about length and height. We have been measuring different objects with cubes and then moved onto using a ruler correctly and measuring in cm. In history this week we have been learning all about queens and comparing them. We looked at Queen Elizabeth I, Queen Elizabeth II and Queen Victoria. In English we have started to design our own lift the flap books with interesting facts about castles. We have been very lucky with the weather this week but please remember to send your child in with a coat as the weather is very changeable. On Thursday can all children be in their PE kit please and remember their shields. Have a good weekend.

## *Year 2*

This week in Year 2, the children have been making puppets and embellishing them using different art materials. They have also made a background setting to enable them to tell stories

with their puppets. In English, the children have been reading a new story called 'The Queen's Hat'. Next week they will write their own story using this as inspiration. The children have been finding fractions of number and problem solving this week in maths. We have been very impressed with their understanding.

## Easter Egg Hunt



## Letters home

**Letters Home** (<https://www.hwis.hants.sch.uk/letters-home/>):

### Whole School:

Easter Fun Day letter

### Year R:

No specific mailing

Year 1:

No specific mailing

**Year 2:**

No specific mailing

## Diary Dates



24.3.26 Parents/Carers Evening

26.3.26 Parents/Carers Evening

27.3.26 Easter Fun Day & Easter Egg Hunt - in school (children to wear PE Kits please)

17.6.26 Year 1 Farm Trip (payment open on Arbor and more details to follow)

8.7.26 Year 2 Beach Trip (payment open on Arbor and more details to follow nearer the time)

## *Inset Days*



### **Inset Days for 2025-2026**

22nd May 2026

6th July 2026

## *General Reminders*



- **Allergies - Please remember we are a nut and shellfish free school. Please ensure items containing these are not sent in to school in your child's lunchbox.**

- **Punctuality** - A reminder that the classroom doors open between 8.45 – 9am to enable a staggered drop off. We have noticed an increase in lateness in some children. This impacts hugely on their learning so please ensure your child is in school on time. If punctuality continues to be a concern, schools have a responsibility to follow this up with possible legal action.
- Please do not play or kick balls or ride scooters on the playground during school drop off or pick up.
- *If your child has a medical appointment and is going to be late in to school you will need to order their lunch in advance. Please let the office know which lunch option they would like at the same time you advise of the appointment (or check with the office the lunch options that day if you need to).*
- *The play equipment **must not** be used before or after school – our insurance is not valid. **Children have been told that if they are caught using the play equipment before or after school, they will lose dojo points.***
- We are looking for some volunteers that may be able to commit to helping in school on a regular basis. This may be to get experience of working in school before completing childcare training or just because you have some spare time on your hands and would like to be involved in school life. You could help with the library, gardening, run small groups or help hear those children that don't read at home. If you are interested in this, please email [parent.mail@hwis.hants.sch.uk](mailto:parent.mail@hwis.hants.sch.uk)<sup>1</sup>. We would need to initiate a DBS (safeguarding check).

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