

# Mengham Junior School

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## Newsletter No.8 - 18<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was a real pleasure to see so many of our parents and carers at our parents' evenings last week. These have been impacted significantly by the pandemic over the last 2 years and so it was wonderful to be able to invite everyone back in to share in their child's learning this term. Teachers have been making efforts to contact those who didn't attend by phone. If you have not yet managed to arrange a convenient time for a phone consultation with your child's teacher, then please contact the school office so this can be arranged.

*Edward Harrison and Odele Davies*

### Information for parents and carers on COVID-19 vaccination for at risk 5 to 11-year olds

We have been asked by the DfE to share the following information:

Children aged 5 to 11 years who are in a clinical risk group or who live with someone who is immunosuppressed can get the COVID-19 vaccine, in line with advice set out by the [Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation \(JCVI\)](#). Eligible children include those with diabetes, immunosuppression, learning disabilities, and other conditions as outlined by the [UK Health Security Agency \(UKHSA\) in the Green Book](#).

Vaccinations help to increase protection against COVID-19, which is particularly important for those with underlying health conditions.

Further information is available in the [guide for parents of children aged 5 to 11 years](#)

published by UKHSA. We have published some [frequently asked questions](#) on the vaccination programme including information on eligibility, accessibility and advice for parents of children at high risk from COVID-19. Following [advice](#) from the JCVI, healthy 5 to 11 year old children will also be offered two 10 microgram doses of the COVID-19 vaccine. The NHS will prepare to extend this non-urgent offer to all children during April.

### Year 3 Sleepover

We are delighted to be able to reschedule the year 3 sleepover due originally to have taken place in the autumn term. This will now be held on the 17<sup>th</sup> June 2022. More details to follow.

### Aqua Splash Event Years 3 and 4

On Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March, 10 year 4 children attended an Aqua Splash event at the Mountbatten Centre.

The event included 13 swimming races for the children to compete in. These included relay races, front crawl kick and swimming with a ball to name just a few. The entire swimming team represented our school in the best way possible. They cheered for each other and took part with determination and honesty. We are pleased to announce that Mengham Junior School came fourth in this event.



"I was proud when I competed in the swimming with the ball race because I came first. I was worried when I went in the pool but everyone was cheering my name." **Freddie**

"There were lots of races and my favourite part was the relay float." **Henry**



Trailblazer



"My favourite part was sculling where your hands move and your legs have to stay still."

**Betsy**

"My favourite part was swimming with the ball. You had to shove it with your nose or move it with the waves you create with your hands." **Violet**

### Year 6 Paulton's Park

'We went to a workshop and we learnt about forces which links to our science. After, we went on some amazing rides. We all liked storm chaser it was crazy fast! Then, we took a break and ate our lunch. Then we went on lots more fun rides. The cobra took a lot of scary turns, twists and drops. The day was a blast!

Paulton's Park is a fantastic place to go.'

**William Snell & Skye Stone.**



For more photos visit our website!

### World Sleep Day 18<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Today is 'World Sleep Day' - A day celebrated to raise awareness about the importance of sleep.

Good sleep is essential for your child's physical and mental wellbeing; getting enough sleep not only allows your child to think more clearly and do better in school, it lowers any risks of developing serious health problems and obesity. Junior school aged children require on average 9-12 hours' sleep each night to function correctly. If your child

is experiencing sleep issues and you would like further advise or support, please come and have a chat with me.

**Miss Gornall – Home School Link Worker**



### Dates for your diary

Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> Mar	Birch Fishbourne
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	Oak Fishbourne
30 <sup>th</sup> Mar –	Year 5 Fort Purbrook
1 <sup>st</sup> Apr	
6 <sup>th</sup> Apr	DT Challenge Day
<b>Thur 7<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	<b>School closes at 12pm</b>
<b>Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	<b>Inset day</b>
<b>Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	<b>Easter Holiday</b>
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> Apr	First Day of Summer Term
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 4 Camp
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Queen's Garden Party
<b>Mon 30<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
Thu 16 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Sports Day
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 Sleepover
<b>Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Jun</b>	<b>Inset Day</b>
<b>Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Jun</b>	<b>Inset Day</b>
W/C 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition Week
28 <sup>th</sup> Jun –	Year 6 Fairthorne Manor
1 <sup>st</sup> July	

Tue 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Platinum Award Tea Party
<b>Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	<b>End of Term</b>

### Inset Days:

- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April (School closes at 12pm)
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June
- Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June

### House Point Update

			
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