



FRIDAY FOCUS

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Friday 15th November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,



Remembrance Parade

On Monday, I took the School Councillors into Totton to join other school children, members of the armed forces and veterans for the Remembrance Parade. It was a very sombre moment and the children behaved impeccably. Noah and Leo laid a poppy wreath on behalf of the school. Well done to all of the children.

Sportshall Athletics

Yesterday evening, the school took a team of eight Year 5 and 6 pupils to Testwood to take part in the first Sportshall Athletics league meeting. Across the year, the school will compete on 3 separate evenings and against schools from the New Forest area. The pupils were superb in one of the most challenging and daunting of competitions. With many eyes on them - parents and other schools - they competed in standing long and triple jump, speed bounce and shot put as well as the track events of one, two and three lap sprints. Following last night's results, the team are sorted into a new division where they will compete for a gold medal. We will now practise at school so that we are ready for the next round in January. Well done to Bonnie, Isla, Henry, Clay, Robin, Erin, Leo and Zach!



Security

Following last week's notice of having seen a teenager hanging around the school grounds early in the day, a reminder that we strongly recommend bikes and scooters are locked up if brought into school. Thank you to those of you that have equipped your child with a lock. As well as guarding against theft, it is also teaching children a strong message about taking responsibility and care of their own property. We continue to monitor our CCTV but have to reiterate that all bikes and scooters are left at your own risk. The school is not responsible for them.

Please be vigilant. Thank you.

Breakfast Club drop off

With workers already on site and working at the infants early each morning, can we politely remind any parents that drop their child off at breakfast club, to park in the community centre car park and then walk into the school site. It is a busy but also darker time of the day with pupils, staff and external groups all accessing the site so would appreciate your help in reducing traffic and therefore any risk to visitors.

ADVICE

Signposting for parents/carers regarding money worries and mental health:

- Mental Wellbeing Hampshire: [Money and Debt webpage](#)
- Connect to Support Hampshire: [Cost of living and money worries](#)
- Young Minds guide for parents: [Money and mental health](#)
- [YGAM Parent Hub](#): Providing parents with knowledge and resources about gaming and gambling
- [BigDeal](#): Gambling advice, information and support for young people
- Mental Wellbeing Hampshire also has links to local and national mental wellbeing support for [Children and Young People](#)

Naming Uniform

As you can imagine there are lots of blue school jumpers and cardigans in school. We ask, therefore, that you clearly name your child's uniform so they can be reunited with their uniform if they lose it. Thank you.

Calmore Junior School 12 Days of Christmas

To spread some Christmas cheer over the month of December, we will be once again running the Calmore Junior School 12 Days of Christmas draw.

Parents have the opportunity to buy tickets at £2 per ticket or 3 tickets for £5 for children to be entered into the 12 Days of Christmas draw. Then, every day from Monday 2nd December to Tuesday 17th December, a child's name will be drawn from the Christmas Wheel during assembly and the winner can then choose a prize from the prize box each day.

The more tickets that a parent buys for their child, the more times that child's name is entered into the draw.

Parents will also have the option to purchase and donate a ticket to another child in the school to allow them to have the opportunity to be entered.

You can purchase tickets at the school office from Wednesday 13th November.



Email contact with school

To contact the school, please use adminoffice@calmore-jun.hants.sch.uk Thank you.



What have we been learning this week?

Each week, we share what we have been learning in class.

Year 3 - In English and grammar, we have been learning about sentences, clauses and phrases. We are particularly focusing on simple sentences to create clarity in our writing. More importantly, we are trying hard to use a capital letter and the correct punctuation. In Maths, we have been learning about denominator and numerator and learning how to order fractions with the same denominator. We have also used bar models to find equivalent fractions such as one half being equal to two quarters. Our science enquiry question this term is about magnetism and we have been learning the skills that scientists need to carry out investigations. Children can bring in an empty plastic bottle any time up to Friday 22nd November for their exit point activity.

Please remember that library books need returning on Fridays. Thank you.

Year 4 - This week in year 5, we've been busy! We have been describing our dragons using metaphors, similes and personification to bring them to life. In guided reading, we are reading 'How to Build a Bird' and using our inference skills to understand the author's intentions. In maths, we have learned how to solve problems involving time. We have been balancing with our partners in PE whilst still using our finely tuned yoga skills, and learning about how failure is important whilst we set our goals for the future in PSHE.

Year 5 - This week in year 5, we've been busy! We have been describing our dragons using metaphors, similes and personification to bring them to life. In guided reading we are reading 'How to Build a Bird' and using our inference skills to understand the author's intentions. In maths we have learned how to solve problems involving time. We have been balancing with our partners in PE whilst still using our finely tuned yoga skills, and learning about how failure is important whilst we set our goals for the future in PSHE.

Year 6 - In English this week, we have been continuing to become familiar with the key parts of our text, 'Moth - An Evolution Story,' and understand how the peppered moth could be feeling at different points in the story. In Maths, we have been learning about equivalent fractions, decimals and percentages, as well as beginning to learn how to calculate percentages of amounts. In Science, for our Entry Point, we made fossils - we'll need to wait a few weeks before they are ready to be excavated! As well as learning how fossils are made, we have also learnt more about evolution.

Celebration and awards

Each Friday, we have a celebration assembly where we highlight some of the children who have been working really hard and displaying our learning behaviours. The following children were awarded....



Head Teacher's Awards

Yr 3: Lily-Rose & Anaya

Yr 4: Lily N & Dominic

Yr 5: Tyler & Jessica

Yr 6: Alfie H & Ama



ACTIVE Awards

Yr 3: Charlie K & Bella R-T

Yr 4: Theo K & Jake

Yr 5: Henry H & James

Yr 6: Theo W & Aarlo

Vending machine winners.

Congratulations....

.... to these children whose names were pulled out of the 'hat' and who chose a prize from the vending machine this week. All of the children in the draw made it onto the gold section of the behaviour chart during the week. Well done.

3ED - Orla

4AV - Jake

5SJ - Tyler

6HS - Harrison

3CB - Poppy

4LD - Jasmine

5LP - Faye

6JH - Theo

Reading Certificates

BRONZE reading certificates awarded to: Daisy M & Alisha S

Congratulations! Research proves that regular reading has a huge impact on a child's academic future. Those that read more, do better at school and in life.



Diary Dates

RED year 3,

YELLOW year 4

GREEN year 5,

BLUE year 6

PURPLE- all year groups



Event	Date	Time
Christmas Family Fun day (more information to follow)	Saturday 23 rd November	10:30-1
Year 3 exit point	Thursday 28 th November	2.15pm
Flu immunisations	Tuesday 3 rd December	am
Year 4 Nativity	Tuesday 3 rd December and Wednesday 4 th December	5pm
Marcus Dilly in for year 4	Monday 9 th December	am
Christmas dinner and jumper day	Thursday 12 th December	12pm
Year 6 exit point	Friday 13 th December	9am
Year 4 Exit point	Monday 16 th December	9am
Year 5 Explorer Dome - Space	Tuesday 17 th December	9am & 10am
Year 5 Exit point	17 th December	2:30 pm
Testwood Baptist Church service	Thursday 19 th December	10am
Last day of term	Friday 20 th December	-
First day of spring term	Monday 6 th January	8:30am
INSET days 2024/2025	Fri 14 th February 2025 Mon 21 st and Tues 22 nd July 2025	

*Have a wonderful weekend.
Miss Cathy Ingram, Headteacher*

REMINDERS

PE days for autumn 2

Please can the children come into school in their PE kit on these days.

Year 3 Tuesday and Friday
Year 4 Thursday and Friday
Year 5 Monday and Wednesday
Year 6 Monday and Wednesday



Year 3 Parents

Reminder: Our Exit Point is on Thursday, 28th November at 2.15 pm.

For Science this term, every child will need a clean plastic drinks bottle (any size) which should be brought in by 21st November please (sooner if you wish). Many thanks.

Communication



We will communicate most of our information through Parentmail. Unfortunately, we are not able to receive messages back through this or through Arbor or Parentmail so please email us on adminoffice@calmore-jun.hants.sch.uk

