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World Book Day Thursday 9th March

We will be supporting World Book Day as usual this year, however, as it clashes with our Cyber Bullying morning, we have decided to celebrate it one week later. For world Book Day the children (and staff) are encouraged to dress up as their favourite book character. The children will spend the day listening to and writing stories which we plan to share and 'publish' with children across other classes.

Friday 10th March

Continuing on the theme from World Book Day, we would like to invite you to come back into school with your child at the end of the day on Friday 10th March. The children will get changed into their pyjamas at the end of the day and will share some of the stories they have written as well as other bedtime stories. The PTA will be there supplying hot chocolate (don't forget your teddy!).

Avon Tyrell

We are inviting all year 5 parents and carers into school on Wednesday 5th March at 3.30pm to listen to a short presentation about the 2017 residential trip to Avon Tyrell. We do hope you will be able to join us to hear about the itinerary, as well as information on the food, accommodation etc. and we will do our best to answer any questions you may have. Once you have heard all about it and wish to reserve a place an initial deposit of £75 along with the permission slip will need to be received in school by Monday 13th March.

My Favourite Book

Thank you for all of the colourful entries for the 'My Favourite Book' art competition! We are really looking forward to decorating our library with them.

Year 6 SATs

That time of year is starting to loom for our year 6 children. To help to give them the very best possible chance in their SATs their teachers are arranging booster classes before school. Please look out for a letter for your child to inform you whether they will be asked to attend the booster groups. If they receive a letter, then please make every effort for your child to attend the sessions as this will really help to build their confidence as they approach the SATs week. We will give them juice and toast to help them through the slightly longer day!

Pencil Cases

Pencil cases are beginning to cause us a real headache in school. A number of children are bringing in their pencil cases full of equipment, and then getting upset when they swap items that they later want returned or they lose or break items. We have handwriting pens and the correct size pencils which we like the children to use. We will ensure that your child is provided with all of the correct equipment in school and so I would like to encourage you to keep the pencil cases at home where they can be enjoyed and kept safe. If pencil cases continue to come into school, in extreme cases where they are causing problems, I will remove them and return them directly to the parent/carer with a request that they are kept at home. Thank you for your cooperation.

PE kits

We are having a large number of children who do not have their PE kit in school. PE is a part of our curriculum and all children are expected to take part unless they have a medical condition or a note from home to exclude them from the session. We will be logging the names of children who continually forget their kit and sending a letter home to inform you. We will also be ringing home to ask you to bring the kit in. Please ensure that PE kits are properly named so that we can try to avoid them going missing and can return them to the rightful owner if they do.

Cyber Bullying Presentation

As part of our regular work to keep children safe, on Thursday 2nd March, we will be having a presentation from the Puppet company 'Praizin Hands.' The puppet show will help children to understand what cyber bullying is, why it is unacceptable and what they can do to keep themselves safe. If you have any questions about the performance, then please speak to your child's teacher who can give you more information. Please make sure you take time to talk to your child about the performance to maximise the impact of it.

Dinner Money Increase

Hampshire County Council has agreed an increase in school meals. From 1 April 2017 the cost of a school meal will increase by 5p, a daily cost of £2.15 per meal, £10.75 per week.

Board Games

The current wet time play time games are in poor condition and missing parts. If you have any board or card games in good condition that you no longer use or are willing to donate to the school they would be much appreciated! Any donations should be left at the school office for us to allocate them fairly to all classes.

School Shoes

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct footwear for School. Trainers are not suitable for wearing as part of the uniform.

Dates for your Diary:

2 March	Praizin Hands Cyber Bullying Presentation
5 March	Avon Tyrrell Meeting
9 March	World Book Day
10 March	Bedtime Stories
28 & 29 March	Parent Consultations
30 March	Non-uniform Day
	Praizin Hands Easter Puppet Show
3 April	Easter Service
7 April	Easter Fair

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www.penningtonjunior.com

Best Wishes

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