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Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you for all your tweets during SWITCH-OFF week. You've all been up to some very exciting activities in the evening and lots of you have really enjoyed the chance to engage fully as a family. Keep tweeting over the weekend, we love to see them!

Also a very big thank you from Rev Nicky as your kind donations of pencils and stationery have arrived in Uganda ready to be shared amongst the children.

Reasoning in Mathematics

This term we are focusing on increasing opportunities to develop children's understanding of and ability to reason mathematically. Reasoning is defined in the National Curriculum as "following a line of enquiry, conjecturing relationships and generalisations, and developing an argument, justification or proof using mathematical language". When first encountering a new challenge, reasoning helps us to make use of relevant prior knowledge such as how to tackle this 'type' of problem or a particular calculation method that could prove useful. The reasoning involved is complex and unique to the individual, as each of us has a different mix of past mathematical experiences. Making deductions, a key part of reasoning, is similar to making inferences when reading and is all about looking for clues, patterns and relationships in mathematics. Once they have found clues they need to make conclusions based on them, and to then test them out. To be able to make conjectures, generalisations and to follow a line of enquiry, children need to ask their own questions.

Strategies that we use in Literacy prove helpful in developing this mathematical communication with children. Teachers model the communication themselves (both as articulating our own thought processes and also staging conversations with other adults in the room). They give sentence starters to help children construct their argument and also give time in lessons to improving children's expression of their reasoning processes.

Children need to understand how to refine their sentences and chains of reasoning, and how to use appropriate mathematical language. Working walls are used to display examples of reasoning that children can refer to when improving their own chain of reasoning to become more succinct.

Please ask your children to share their reasoning experiences with you.

Titanic Exhibition

Parents of Atlantis class are warmly invited in next Friday at 2:30pm to look at the children's Titanic Exhibition.

FABS AGM

The FABS Annual General Meeting is being held **this Monday, 11th February at 2pm at the School**. We are looking for new faces to share ideas, get involved in organising fund raising events and most importantly, to take on committee roles. The positions of Chair and Secretary will be vacated at the AGM and while we have a succession plan for the Chair, we are looking for someone to take on the role of Secretary. Please consider getting involved in FABS to ensure the PTA can continue vital fund raising activities



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which has most recently enabled the purchase of 10 new iPads for the School. If you would like information about the role of secretary or other ways you can get involved, please speak to our current committee members - Natasha, Vicky or Tara. Being part of FABS is a wonderful way to be involved in school community life, is a fabulous way to make new friends, have some fun and put smiles on our kids' faces!

Sports Report

This week, two teams took part in the Forest School's astro football competition. The girls and boys thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon especially when the 'A' team played the 'B' team. We are extremely proud that both teams came home with medals. Breamore 'A' received gold and Breamore 'B' received bronze medals.

We also attended the Burgate cluster hockey workshop yesterday. Lots of fun was had by all and even though the weather turned, the children wanted to play on demonstrating great resilience.

Well done to all who took part and thank you to the parents for your support and for collecting your children after the event.

What's On for Families

Please find attached the latest leaflet from Hampshire Cultural Trust giving you some great ideas for half term and beyond.

E-Safety Age Ratings

Please take a look at the attached parent's guide for how to assess if a particular film, tv show or game is suitable for your child.

Diary Dates

Mon 11th February	FABS AGM 2pm All Welcome
Friday 15th February	Atlantis Class 2:30pm Titanic Exhibition
Friday 15th February	Break up for half term
Mon 25th February	INSET day – school closed to children
Tues 26th February	Children return to school
Monday 4th March	Fairtrade stall 3:30pm
Thursday 14th March	Great Flash Mob! 3:20pm Parents welcome
Monday 18th March	Avalon Assembly Parents Welcome 3pm
Friday 22nd March	FABS Bags2School – please donate your unwanted clothes
Monday 25th March	Aristotle Street Assembly Parents Welcome 3pm
April 3rd – 5th	Atlantis residential to Hooke Court (Mrs Clark, Miss Coombes, Mrs James, Mrs Foord)
Friday 5th April	Break up for Easter holidays
Tuesday 23rd April	Children return to school
Monday 29th April	Fair Trade stall 3:30pm
Monday 20th May	Fair Trade stall 3:30pm
Monday 17th June	Fair Trade stall 3:30pm



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Monday 17th July	Fair Trade stall 3:30pm
Wednesday 19th June	FABS Bags2School – please donate your unwanted clothes

We try to stick to these dates, however please be aware that there may be occasions when changes are necessary.

Kind regards

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