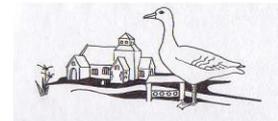
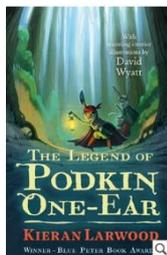


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Dear Parents/Carers,

On Thursday I had the pleasure of escorting Avalon class and Beetles (Hale Year 5/6) to Fair Oak Junior School to listen to Kieran Larwood talk, who is the author of *The Legend of Podkin One Ear*. This author visit forms part of our work across the federation to develop in our children a love of reading and tempt them to try new authors. I can thoroughly recommend this book - one of my favourite reads last year!



Kieran talked of his long journey to becoming a published author and of the determination and growth mindset that was needed to persevere. All great messages for the children (and adults!)

We held an Ash service in school on Wednesday to mark the start of Lent. It was led by Year 6 who 'ashed' the younger children (and adults) with the words 'be a friend of Jesus.' It was a special moment in a busy week and as usual the children were respectful, thoughtful and reflective. All children have made a Lenten promise - ask your child what they are going to try to take on!

School Funding:

Please see attached the letter regarding school funding. Still very much an issue that is at the front of many head teacher's minds - especially so in small schools.

Spirituality:

Spirituality is an important part of any person. Development of spirituality is an important part of our curriculum at Breamore but can be hard to capture and define. Think of a ring doughnut - the doughnut represents the whole child. The outer ring is the tangible (Mind and Body), the hole represents the intangible (Spirit) but if there was no hole it wouldn't be a doughnut. This remains perhaps the best definition of

spiritual development; it is the exploration and development of that hole in our centre that makes us whole.

In school we define spirituality as wanting our children to show openness, to be able to look beyond themselves, have a readiness to question, to be inspired, to experience awe and wonder, to love and be loved.

We use a model of windows, doors and mirrors to help us develop spiritually.

- **WINDOWS:** giving children opportunities to become aware of the world in new ways; to wonder about life's 'WOWs' (things that are amazing) and 'OWs' (things that bring us up short). In this children are learning about life in all its fullness.
- **MIRRORS:** giving children opportunities to reflect on their experiences; to meditate on life's big questions and to consider some possible answers. In this they are learning from life by exploring their own insights and perspectives and those of others.
- **DOORS:** giving children opportunities to respond to all of this; to do something creative as a means of expressing, applying and further developing their thoughts and convictions. In this they are learning to live by putting into action what they are coming to believe and value.

Rock Star Day!

On Tuesday 26th March, the school will be holding their first 'Rock Star Day' in an attempt to launch 'Times Tables Rock Stars', a carefully sequenced programme of daily times tables practice. The aim of this programme is to become a 'Rock Star' by recalling the multiplication tables up to and including 12x12 in less than 3 seconds.

From June 2020, all pupils at the end of Year 4 in England will take an online Multiplication tables check. TT Rock Stars is a strategy the school have adopted to support children in mastering



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multiplication skills. During the day itself Rock Stars (children and staff alike) will rock out in the garage, studio, Festival, Arena and ultimately the 'ROCK SLAM' in a bid to be improve current rock status.

Children are encouraged to wear rock star like clothing to this event. Parents are invited to attend to Mathematics workshop from 3.30pm which will focus on curriculum year group expectations in Mathematics. This will include exploring procedures adopted by the schools calculation policy.

Governor on the gate:

Tricia Goodfellow will be governor on the gate on Thursday 21st March. She will be looking for you to comment on SeeSaw. We'd love your feedback so look out for Tricia.

Mathletics

3 year groups (Yr2, Yr5 and Yr 6) had over 80% completing their 1000 points in Mathletics last week – 55 children altogether. Yr 5 had the highest percentage with 88%. Let's try and beat it this week!

World Book Day

We decided this year that rather than have a dress-up day, we would celebrate our love of reading in more low-key ways, in individual classes. For instance, Avalon attended another of Hampshire School Library Service's 'Meet The Author' events, whilst Aristotle St. 'dipped' into stories of Frog and Toad by Arnold Lobel, all day long! We are really committed to a text-rich life at school **every day of the year**, and we encourage reading for pleasure in many different, sustainable ways. I read an interesting fact yesterday, that some families spend more on elaborate costumes than they ever tend to do on buying books themselves for their children; we'd encourage you to invest in literature every time! Your World Book Day vouchers, entitling your child to a free book, will come home

shortly.. Enjoy hitting the shops and finding a great read!

Health and Safety Matters

At the end of last term, we held a fire drill and all children without exception responded quickly and sensibly to the alarm – we tested them at lunchtime to ensure they know what to do when they are in the hall.

If you are in school and hear the alarm, please always vacate the premises immediately via the nearest exit and assemble in the main car park leaving children to assemble and be accounted for in the playground. Please do not stop to find your child as this may add confusion – the children know what to do and are very good at getting out themselves – we test and brief them regularly in different scenarios. For instance today, Breakfast club vacated the building when we sounded the alarm without any prior warning.

If you are in the playground and hear the alarm, you should proceed to the car park and not try to enter the school. Please be assured we have trained Fire Marshalls who check each room. Thank you for your support.

CASA Easter Camp

We are delighted to announce that Coach Paul will be running an Easter sports club at Breamore from Monday 15th April to Thursday 18th April. Please book directly by following this link: <https://www.casacamp ltd.net/events>. We would be grateful for prompt bookings to ensure they have enough children to make the club viable. Please spread the word – siblings and friends from other schools very welcome from age 4 (half day) to age 13.

Eco Tip

Start keeping your calendar digitally. It uses less paper. Instead of Post-it notes, try using your Smartphone's many reminders or list-making apps.



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Fairtrade breakfast

Save the date – Thursday 28th March for a whole school Fairtrade breakfast organised by Atlantis class. More details to follow.

Great Flash Mob

Children will be taking part in our flash mob next Thursday 14th March at 3:20pm in aid of Hulse's charity, Great Ormond Street Hospital. Parents are warmly invited to join in! Children can bring in a voluntary £1 on the day.

Message from FABS

Thank you to the parents of Atlantis class that brought in cakes. However, we had a real shortage of cakes today as only a few parents contributed. This meant one parent had to go home and bake enough for another 30 children. Cake sales are a really good way of raising funds for our children but if we don't get enough in future, we will have to cancel on the day which is a great shame. If you don't like the idea of cakes sales or have any suggestions or comments, please let Amanda know.

Please remember to return your Disco forms by Wednesday 13th March. **If any parents are available to stay and help during the Disco, please let the Office know as the disco depends on parental supervisory support.**

We have another Bags2School collection coming up on the 22nd March so remember to save up your unwanted clothing, shoes and cuddly toys. A full list of what is accepted is available here: bag2school.com/what-we-collect

We're also always on the lookout for raffle prizes so if anyone can help with this either by donating a gift or asking around for vouchers at local attractions for example, we would be very grateful.

Thank you for your continued support.

Diary Dates

Monday 11th March	100 Acre Wood and Aristotle Street to Longdown Dairy
Thursday 14th March	Great Flash Mob! 3:20pm – parents welcome
Monday 18th March	Avalon Assembly - Parents welcome 3pm
Friday 15th March	FABS disco KS1: 5-6pm KS2: 6:15 – 7:30pm
Friday 22nd March	FABS Bags2School – please donate your unwanted clothes
Monday 25th March	Aristotle Street Assembly Parents Welcome 3pm
Tuesday 26th March	Rock Star Day! Children can dress as rock stars. 3:30pm Parents' Maths workshop.
Thursday 28th March	8:50 – 9:30am. Fairtrade breakfast, all welcome, details to follow
Friday 29th March	Non Uniform Day. Children to bring in an item for the Easter fair. Rocksteady Concert 9:10am. Parents welcome 2:45pm FABS mother's day tea and cakes followed by Celebration Assembly. Details to follow.
April 3rd – 5th	Atlantis residential to Hooke Court (Mrs Clark, Miss Coombes, Mrs East, Mrs Foord)
Friday 5th April	Easter Fair after school 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
Thursday 23rd May	Break up for half term
Friday 24th May	INSET day school closed to children



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Monday 17th June	Fair Trade stall 3:30pm
Wednesday 19th June	FABS Bags2School – please donate your unwanted clothes
Friday 12th July	INSET day school closed to children
Wednesday 17th July	Fair Trade stall 3:30pm
Tuesday 23rd July	Break up for summer holidays

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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