

We are nearly at the end of January and what a month it has been! It has been so busy with the visitors, reading and visits. The children across the school have been keen to share with me their love for reading and likewise the staff have also shared with the children the books they like to read too. Keep an eye on the school website to see the favourite books of the teachers.

We also have lots of events happening in the coming weeks. Make sure they go in the diary!



Diary Dates

- Monday 31st January:** Sharman Class swimming
- Tuesday 1st February:** Year 1 guide dog visit
- Tuesday 1st February:** Infant parents MHST drop ins (1.30pm)
- Friday 4th February:** NSPCC Number Day

- Monday 7th February:** Children's Mental Health Week
- Monday 7th February:** Sharman Class swimming
- Tuesday 8th February:** Safer Internet Day

Friday 11th February: INSET Day – School Closed

Upcoming Dates

Monday 21st February – Friday 25th February: HALF TERM – School Closed

- Thursday 3rd March:** World Book Day
- Tuesday 8th March:** Parents Evening
- Thursday 10th March:** Parents Evening
- Friday 11th March:** Bags for Schools collection

We would like to remind parents about our start times across the schools:

	Infant School	Junior School
School gates open at	8.30am	8.30am
Doors open at	8.45am	8.40am
Doors and gates close	9.00am	8.50am
Any children arriving after this time will need to enter via the main school office on Crofton Road and will be marked as late.		
Registers close	9.10am	9.05am
Any pupils arriving after this time will be given an unauthorised absence mark.		

Although COVID-19 is still having an impact on attendance, many absence marks could be avoided by ensuring your child arrives at school at the correct time. If a child arrives after the registers close, they will get an unauthorised absence mark for the morning session.

When reporting your child's absence on Studybugs please include a reason.





School Trips

More school trips have been taking place as restrictions have been eased and it is so wonderful to see our pupils getting experiences that they have missed out on in the last two years of education! This week Mrs Bannister-Palmer took a group of children to the Theatre Royale for the Cordelectra Concert.



Year 2 Mystery...



Year 2 were faced with a crime scene when they came to school this week. Rolls, chocolate cake and biscuits were spread all over the floor! We wrote question sentences based on what we saw. Who do you think was responsible for this mess?



COMMUNITY HERO



Our very own Billie in Year 5 has been named as one of Penny Mordaunt's [community heroes](#)!

'Billie Harris, a nine-year-old Portsmouth schoolgirl is passionate about tackling litter affecting our beaches and wants us all to do more to help with keeping our beaches clean. Billie was inspired to act after helping out at an event organised by the Final Straw Foundation last year.'

Watch this space to find out how Billie is going to help us become more environmentally friendly as a school!



PTA UPDATE

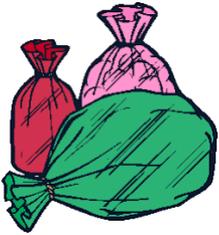


Our next meeting will be taking place online on the 16th February @ 7.15pm, we would love to see you there so please join us using this [link](#).

We are planning a few fundraising activities (details below) over the next few months, however these can only take place if we have help from the wider parent and carers community.



Bags for schools



We have our next bags for school collection on **Friday the 11th of March**. Please ask friends and family for any clothes donations along with keeping anything that you sort out yourselves in order for us to turn your unwanted items into money for resources. We are also looking for helpers on the morning to collect bags on the gates. If you are able to assist with this please email and let us know.

Costume sale for World Book Day

We know that this day can become expensive and after the success of the Christmas jumper sales we would like to introduce a costume sale in time for World Book Day. We will be asking for costume donations to the school by **Thursday the 10th February**. We are looking to hold the events on the **17th and 18th of February**. Costumes will be reasonably priced. We are looking for parents, carers or grandparents who would be available to help out with the event assisting on a stall after school.



Activity Updates

Update on activities from last term

The Christmas Jumper sale was a brilliant success. Not only did we give a huge amount of jumpers and Christmas clothing a new lease of life we also managed to make **£111.80**

Please feel free to contact us at any time at friendsofcpljschools@gmail.com



TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS

Well done to all our Year 4 children who have attended their MTC clubs this week! We are all so impressed with the progress they have already made in such a short space of time!

Don't forget – all year groups need to continue to practice on TT Rockstars to keep their fact recall short and snappy!



On NSPCC Number Day there will be lots of TT Rockstars competitions, including TT Rockstars NSPCC Rocks!

Answer as many questions as possible



Winning class will have the highest number of correct answers per pupil

Play in any game type

Ask your teacher for full details or visit: ttrockstars.com/page/nsppcrocks22

In need of School Uniform?

Hive Portsmouth have lots of our school jumpers and other uniform items available for free their Uniform Share Store. You can order via their online form [here](#).



I know the children are looking forward to NSPCC Number Day on Friday 4th February. I'm looking forward to seeing the outfits as the conversations I am part of show that children are thinking hard about how to impress.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Take care

Mrs Carlyle

