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Headteacher's Newsletter April 2017



Dear Parents and Carers,

It is the end of another busy term and we are already two thirds of the way through the school year! Your children have been working extremely hard, as always, and they have taken part in many exciting events this term. Each year group has shared some of their exciting work and photos in this newsletter for you to enjoy, including the amazing Easter Treat Day, organised by our talented RE leads across the Trust. It was very evident from the many smiling faces, that your children enjoyed this special day and all the exciting activities that had been arranged for them, to celebrate this time of year.

As always, our school curriculum has been, as you can see from the photos, a really engaging and exciting aspect of school life and we hope that your child has been enjoying their learning. Needless to say, the summer term is also filled with exciting topics and events, such as sports days, performances, residential trips and days out – and I am positive your child will continue to love coming to school!

We are looking forward to each of the schools having a brand new website, which will be coming in the next couple of weeks, to help you to keep up to date with school life. They have been completely re-designed to be more user friendly and reliable – so when they are online, please feel free to give us feedback about whether you find that this is indeed the case.

In addition, next term, our Pastoral Teams will begin an extensive programme of transition work for our pupils –both for our Year 2 and Year 6 leavers - which will inevitably ease their transition to junior and secondary school, but also for our new Early Years and Year 3 children, starting in September 2017. We will, of course, know which pupils will be joining us in Early Years and Year 3 during the Easter holidays, and our transition work for these pupils will then be in full swing throughout the summer term.

As a Trust, we are always proud of our hard working teaching team but particularly this term when two of our teachers were nominated, out of hundreds of applications, for a teaching award organised by the Evening Echo. Both Anna Ward (Haymoor Junior School) and Sam Clark (Canford Heath Junior School) came 2nd and 3rd place in the Middle School Teacher of the Year category, which, I am sure, you will agree, is an amazing achievement.

Although a sad reflection of life today, you will be relieved to know that the Trust leadership and the Estates team have been working hard on creating a clear and detailed procedure for dealing with any critical incidents or emergencies within our schools or in our surrounding local area. As many possible emergencies or incidents that could occur in our schools have been considered, and much thought and preparation has been put into ensuring we manage any events, such as this, with a clear and sensible approach, to protect our whole school community. In any case, we hope that this is a policy that we will never have to put into place, but for our children's safety, it is always best to be prepared.

Finally, please do remember that your child may come to school in their summer uniform after the Easter holidays – details of which are both on the school website or later on in this newsletter. Let's just hope the weather demands it!!

I hope that you have a fantastic break over Easter, and I look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 24th April, raring to go for the Summer Term. Best wishes and thank you for all your support and commitment to our schools.

Kate Carter

Kate Carter
Executive Headteacher



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Headteacher's Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers

The old adage time flies when you're having fun undoubtedly applies to this academic year so far! As you will see from this newsletter, every year group has engaged in a rich, rewarding curriculum and it has been a pleasure to spend time with every class looking at the quality of learning taking place.

Off-site visits including a local bus tour, The Oceanarium, Dorchester Museum and the Science Museum in London have all added to our pupils' educational experiences. In school, we have enjoyed performances from visiting companies as well as our own Year 5 production, Dragon.

A highlight for me personally has to be the Rights Respecting week which was held across all four schools in the Teach Trust. It was a pleasure to see our pupils developing their understanding of children's rights and the ethos that we instil in our schools. For both Ad Astra and Haymoor, receiving notification that Unicef had awarded us the 'Commitment to Rights Respecting Award' was a timely addition to our celebrations.

Another event which led to a great deal of enjoyment and learning in our schools was the Fantastic Book Fortnight. Visits from an author, shared reading with adults and peers, and a delightful day of dressing-up all contributed to developing our love of learning.

Many of these events have involved parents sharing our learning, helping with off site visits and, of course, supporting pupils at home. The parents' associations of both schools have played a key role in supporting the school and raising funds for re-vamped book corners and new reading books. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for your invaluable support.

Other exciting news that I am delighted to share with you is that Mrs Chandler and Mrs Ward are both expecting babies! Congratulations to them both!

I hope you have an enjoyable Easter break and look forward to seeing you next term!

Mrs K Spratt





FROM THE GOVERNORS



Dear Parents and Carers

The long winter seems to finally be lifting and spring feels here now! Since I last wrote to you, we have continued the business of the Trust, supporting the senior leadership team via our committee structure. I thought I would explain a little about what we do and how the Trustees and Governors contribute towards the running of four schools of the Trust. We have regular committee meetings covering the following areas: Scrutiny, IT/E Safety, Premises, Business Development and Finance and Audit. I'll focus on scrutiny in this newsletter.



The Scrutiny Committee meets twice a term, and is made up of a mix of Trustees and Governors, as well as the Senior Leadership team of the Trust schools. Its job is to monitor school standards, analyse performance data, and advise the main Trust board with the overall picture of educational standards in the schools. To do this, we look at data from a variety of sources, including national and local official performance statistics, the schools' own self-evaluation and independent inspection and moderation reports amongst others. The committee reviews the extensive and comprehensive Self Evaluation documents that the Executive Headteacher and the Heads of School produce, which include detail on the priorities each school are working on in order to raise and maintain standards. Our own self-evaluation of standards is backed up by external moderation - for example CHJS was recently visited by an independent team from an outstanding Trust in Southampton who spent the whole day at the school and whose report will be compared in a future Scrutiny Committee meeting to our own self-evaluation.

Any ideas from scrutiny to raise and maintain standards are suggested to the Senior Leadership team and where these have a financial impact, items may be raised to the Finance committee for consideration. I'll discuss finance next time. I hope you all have a good Easter holiday.



Greg Neilson, Chair of Trustees, TEACH Trust



HOT SCHOOL MEALS



The transition from Forerunner to Chartwells has been very smooth and successful. The children are enjoying a very varied and nutritious menu.

Research shows that not only does having a hot school meal encourage positive eating habits, but will also help improve concentration and raise educational performance.

Please be reminded that it is never too late to sign up for hot school dinners. Information is available on each school website and at Chartwells - <https://dorset.mealselector.co.uk>. Please do contact the school office if you need any help or assistance signing up.





EARLY YEARS



Well what a fantastic Spring term EYFS have had so far. The children have been really enjoying the topic of 'Wheels, wings and other things' and have had 2 very special treats. We got to have a real life look at a bus that is used to train bus drivers and a talk from a real life bus driver. We also had a tour of Canford Heath in a double decker bus! A huge thank you to the parents who helped organise these special treats for the children; it really does help the learning come alive for them.

We have been very busy learning in Moons, Stars and Suns and have recently started sending spellings home for children to learn. These are 'tricky words' that can't be sounded out and we just have to know them! Thanks to parents for supporting their child's learning at home by practising their spellings with them; it really does make a huge difference. Hopefully the children have enjoyed bringing their certificates home to show you if they got all their spellings correct.

This week we really got into the spring mood with a visit from some gorgeous spring lambs. The children were enthralled by them and did some fabulous writing about the special visitors! The Spring term is when the children make so much progress so we are all looking forward to lots more exciting learning after Easter.



Mrs Vincent, Miss Day, Mrs Ashby, Mrs Bailey, Mrs Lewis, Mrs Palmer, Mrs Doherty and Mrs Campbell



YEAR 1



What a busy Spring term we've had in Year 1, beginning in Spring 1 with our incredible inspiring Gadgets and Gizmos! We learnt all about Brunel and his amazing feats of engineering (we also heard about him keeping his sandwiches in a very strange place, just ask the children!). You've also no doubt heard about the wonderful visit we had from local engineer Graham Knott which now means almost everyone in the year group aspires to be engineers when they are older!



In our 'Under the Sea' topic we have thoroughly enjoyed learning facts about sea creatures and of course had our exciting trip to the Oceanarium. Here the children were able to have "hands on" experience of all the things we've talked about in school. The children have gained so much from these visits and we hope you've



heard all about it! All of these exciting opportunities have enabled us to write some wonderful stories and information texts continuing to use our 'High 5' writing top tips. Most of the children can now use full stops and capital letters correctly and we've begun using different conjunctions (and, but, so, because) and adjectives (describing words) to make our writing EVEN better for our audiences to read. You may have also heard that some lucky children, as promised way back in Autumn term, have even begun to join their handwriting, having attended the much anticipated 'joining club' which we are sure you can appreciate, is highly exciting!



Once again, thank YOU so much for your ongoing support at home with reading, practising our weekly spellings and for fully embracing the Year 1 home learning challenges. The 100 reads party will no doubt have taken place by the time you receive this information; well done to everyone who managed to make it but don't give up if not, we look forward to our Summer term 150 reads party so keep up the effort at home! There will be no spellings sent over the holidays but we will be sending a summary list of the Year 1 Common Exception words that your child still needs to work on (a reminder that this is a requirement, to be able to spell these words correctly in written work to achieve the Y1 expected standard by the end of the academic year). We will also send some more real and alien phonics words for you to practise so keep an eye in book bags for these.

We hope you have a lovely Easter break and look forward to returning afresh to a jam packed, learning filled Summer term!

Mrs Flay, Mrs Moody, Miss Duff, Mrs Wilson, Mrs Cross, Mrs McDonald,
Mrs Mannering, Miss Warren and Mrs Di Marco





YEAR 2



Year 2 have had a busy but exciting start to 2017.

We started the year off with our 'Great Fire of London' topic. The children discovered what it was like to live in London during the 1600s as well as learning about how the fire started and spread. This fantastic topic ended with our Great Fire of London Day; all the children came into school in costume and completed a range of activities. They even got to meet Samuel Pepys!



After the half turn break, we started our next topic, 'Dazzling Dahl'. All the children took part in a hunt for golden tickets and when all of them had been found Willy Wonka himself paid the children a visit. Throughout this topic, the children have been learning about the life of Roald Dahl and they have even been making their own dream potions.



Best Wishes for a lovely Easter break.

Mr Bailey, Miss Freshwater, Miss Foot, Mrs Walker, Ms Preston, Mrs Poore, Mrs Gibbins, Mrs Crossley, Mrs Saunders, Miss Warren, Miss Frampton and Mrs Evetts, cover supervisor at Ad Astra.



YEAR 3



We have had a wonderful term in Year 3 and it is hard to believe it's the Easter holidays! Since Christmas we have been finding out all about the Romans and how they lived in Britain. A highlight of this topic was our visit to Dorchester. While we were there we visited the Dorset County Museum and made rubbings of real Roman Mosaics. All of the children were also very excited to explore a Roman town house. In English we have done lots of marvellous writing, including a recount of our school trip.



To end our topic we made our own Roman bread and shared it with you during our exhibition after school on Wednesday 5th April. We hope you enjoyed the bread!



Mr Brunton, Miss White, Mrs Chandler, Mrs Riding, Mrs Coles, Mrs Sims, Mrs Goodbody and Miss Foulkes.





YEAR 4



The spring term has flown by and children have worked incredibly hard and in a very positive way. We have had an amazing variety of home learning during our “Vicious Vikings” topics and it was lovely to see so many parents supporting the children. The children have also had fun learning about the Vikings and understanding how they lived.



This half term, we have been particularly proud of our children’s reading and the frequency with which they have been reading at home. We are looking forward to holding our second party for all the children that have managed to read 5 times a week for 5 weeks. Well done everyone; we will see you there.

After Easter we start our new topic “A Basket of Apples” where we will be learning about the impressionist Paul Cezanne. We have been extremely fortunate to manage to arrange for an excellent local artist, Heidi Stellar, to come into school for a day. She will be teaching the children about colour theory and how to paint in the style of Paul Cezanne.

On behalf of the Year 4 team, we would like to take the opportunity to thank you for your support with your children learning and remind you that if you have any concerns please let us know. We hope that you all have an amazing Easter and look forward to welcoming the children back for the summer term.

Mr Sawyer, Mrs Ward, Mrs Quale, Miss Byrnes, Mrs Adams and Mrs Way



YEAR 5



This term, Year 5 have been busy rehearsing their ‘Dragon’ performance. The children learnt new songs and enjoyed getting into character in their different roles. It is great to see such a high level of talent amongst the year group and there are a spectacular number of actors and singers.



Some children opted for more technical jobs like lighting and sound direction, whilst others are enjoyed taking more creative roles in helping design and create stage props. It was wonderful to see the children enjoying taking part in a remarkable show and they were excited, and a little nervous, about showing their final performance to parents/carers and the entire school. Year 5 did a great job on the day and we are confident you were mesmerized by a truly spectacular performance!

In core subjects, writing focused initially on information texts. After being inspired by a visit from a guest, who has become known as ‘The Bird Man’, children have written about birds of prey; some chose to write about falcons and others chose owls as their focus. More recently, the children have been completing short burst writing tasks to develop their setting and character description skills. In their maths lessons, the children have been using bar modelling to get to grips with fractions – if you were to peek into any of the Year 5 classrooms, you would no doubt see a huge variety of mathematical representations displayed over the walls and hanging from the washing lines!

Many thanks for your continued support. If you wish to discuss anything at all, please do not hesitate to make an appointment or speak to one of the team after school.



Mr Butt, Mrs Kerour,
Mr Sidwell,
Miss Clark,
Mrs Yeatman,



Mrs Thornton, Miss Morgan and Mrs Purbrick



YEAR 6



We cannot believe how quickly this year is going! We started 2017 with our topic 'The Carnival of the Animals'. We were looking at the Artist Henri Rousseau, and analysing how he interpreted the carnival of the animals in his wonderful and colourful art work. The children produced some super masks, and composed some excellent music and dances.



The final topic in the Spring term is 'Wonderful Me!' The topic's main focus is science-based, where the children learnt all about how their body works and how to keep it healthy. Of course, our visit to London's Science and History Museums was a huge event for the children! Not only did they have to get up and be at school at some

ridiculous hour of the day, they experienced the wonder of the Human Body Exhibition and also learnt a lot more about what our bodies are made up from by the very entertaining 'It Takes Guts' show!



We are very proud of all the extra revision your children are doing in preparation for their SATs. It shows just how much their education means to them and how aware they are of their own learning. This will, no doubt, set them up brilliantly for secondary school!

Finally, we would like to thank you for all your continued support with your child's education. Mrs Mawer, Mrs Pike, Mr Salisbury, Miss Livermore, Mrs Mellows, Mrs Dohniack and Mrs Way.



ACCESS TO HJS



We have been in discussion with both Magna Academy and Ashdown Leisure Centre regarding safe guarding and security concerns over the opening and closing of the gates to the side of the Leisure Centre, as well as the gate to the rear of Magna Academy, onto the playing field.

Although neither set of gates are under the ownership or control of TEACH Trust, the ability for unauthorised persons to access the site whilst our pupils are in school, is of concern. The children's safety is of the utmost importance to us and as such, the decision to facilitate the request for the gates to be permanently closed, has been taken. Given this decision by us, Magna and Ashdown Leisure Centre, **there will be no side or rear access to Haymoor Junior School from Monday 24th April.**



To provide some clarity, please be aware that neither gate is on Haymoor property. In addition, Magna Academy no longer use the rear gate and to actively prevent their pupils from doing so (and accessing the school via Haymoor and Ashdown property) they wish to permanently close it. This will initially be by way of a heavy duty padlock and chain, with the gate eventually been removed and replaced with fencing, provided by Magna. As for the leisure centre gate, this is not, and never has been, used by them. It is opened only by the grounds maintenance team or, in an emergency, by leisure centre staff. The opening of both gates has seen people access the leisure centre and playing surfaces whilst pupils (Magna and Haymoor) have been present. Please also note that historically, access via the leisure centre gate has only been permitted since the redevelopment of the former Ashdown site.



We understand that this gate-closure may result in a number of you having to walk around to gain access to the school via a different route, but we are sure that, as parents, you could not disagree with the importance of our children's and the young people at Magna's security and safety. Thank you for your support.





WORLD BOOK DAY



I would like to thank you all for your support with our 'Fortnight of Reading' at the beginning of this half term. The fortnight began with a visit from author David Lawrence Jones, who was booked to inspire and enthuse children, particularly boys, to read. As a reluctant reader himself as a child, he really did show the children how the power of reading can change the outcomes in your life! The children's faces were a pleasure to see as they watched his exciting and engaging showcase. David then came back into school two days later to sign copies of his books purchased by the children. He clearly inspired our children to read as he sold over 200 books!



But the desire for reading new books did not stop there: the book fair also sold a record numbers of books and. as a Result, the commission the school made meant we were given 63 new books for our school library! A special thank you to our Trust Librarian Rachel MacDonald for her hard work in organising the travelling book fair.



The fortnight continued with a host of fun reading events: The popular DEAR time (drop everything and read); teacher swap for 'snuggle up with a story' time; class reading swap to name but a few. One of my particular high-lights was seeing the children designing class reading areas and then working within a budget to create an IKEA order. Our fantastic PTA ladies: Mrs Gibbons, Mrs Whitfield and Mrs Woods hot-footed it to Southampton, to return with a car full of cushions, rugs, canopies and lamps. The car was so full Mrs Whitfield was buried in the back of the car!



By 2pm, the children had collected their orders and the fun part began! The class reading areas now look bright and cosy: definitely a place that the children live to curl up with a book. A special thanks to our site team: Mr Parnall and Mr Toms for assembling and fitting all 24 IKEA bookshelves!

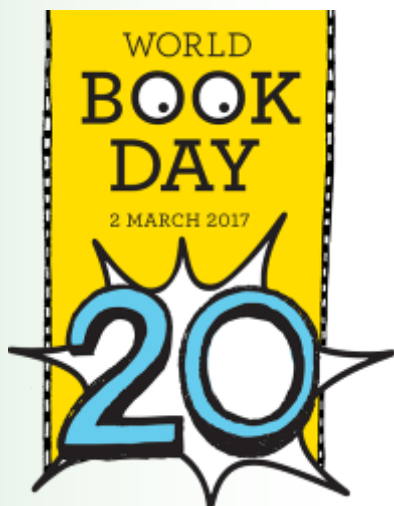


Our fantastic fortnight concluded with our Roald Dahl theme World Book Day. There was a wealth of Umpa Lumpas, Matildas, Miss Spiders, Verucca Salts and Willy Wonkas among many other well-loved book characters.

Book weeks are designed to inspire and promote the enjoyment of reading and I must say, your children have really been a credit to you with all their enthusiasm. Everywhere I look now, there are children reading.... some hanging from trees; others on top of cars and one even on a paddle board in Poole Harbour. A huge thank you to all the children (and parents) who took part in our Extreme Reading Challenge.

The fortnight was a huge success and this would not have happened without the support from you. Thank you so much.

Gemma Mawer
Reading Subject Leader





PASTORAL CARE-



As always, the Pastoral and Inclusion team are here to support you and your children to access learning and to help with any concerns that you may have about your child. If you need any help or advice or just someone to chat to then do let us know. You can give the pastoral workers a call or find Mrs Young at Ad Astra and Mrs Davies at Haymoor out on the playground each morning .

Ad Astra ELSA worker

(Emotional Literacy Support Worker).
Mrs Sandford joins us from Canford Heath Junior School and brings with her a wealth of experience in supporting young children.



Welcome to the Team



Haymoor Medical TA

In addition, we welcome back Mrs Stickley. She has worked at the school before so knows many of our pupils and parents already. She is always available if you need any advice or wish to discuss any concerns about your child's health.



Transition

As we approach the Easter holidays the team are already thinking about next term and beginning to plan for transitions for children both within school and for those moving on to a new school. We prepare all children for change and moving on through our work in PSHCE lessons and provide extra support for those children who need it in preparing for a move. If you have any concerns about your child regarding any aspect of transition then please contact the pastoral team at your school to discuss your concerns.

Please access this useful website for a range of activities and support services in Poole:

www.poolefamilyinformationdirectory.com

Mrs Barker would like to share with you the new additions to the Haymoor Pastoral room, the memory tree and sensory bubble lamp



We wish you all a safe and happy Easter break. Mrs Barker, Mrs Davies, Miss Rowley, Mrs Sandford and Mrs Young.



LOST PROPERTY



We would really love to return some of the lost property we have for our Haymoor children and so we have decided to put all items on display in the school hall on Thursday 27th April 2017.

We would like to welcome parents/carers to come in and have a look for missing items. The hall will be open to parents from 2.45pm. Please put the date in your diaries.



PARKING



We would like to remind you all to park safely whilst on the school premises.

Unfortunately we have had incidents recently where people have come into school and parked on the grass and also the double yellow lines. We must stress the importance of not parking in this way, should we need the assistance of the Emergency Services, this kind of parking would prevent these vehicles gaining access. Also as a polite reminder, the Borough camera car does come round on routine patrols in this area.





TEACH MUSIC DEPARTMENT



What a busy half term we have had! The music department has been busy expanding the number of clubs and the Infant schools now have a KS1 choir that meets at 8.10am before school – a nice early start! Ad Astra has a Year 2 Recorder club and Canford Heath Infant has a Year 1 Ukulele club and two different lunchtime music clubs for Year 2. Haymoor now has a Year 5 Ukulele club, Year 3 and 4 Recorder Club and an amazing Choir. Canford Heath Junior School has a Djembe ensemble, Choir, Year 3 and 4 Recorder club and a Boy's Choir. The Junior schools have also come together to form a TEACH Trust Samba Band and School Orchestra. I have been very impressed by the dedication and energy that the children bring to the clubs. I nearly forgot the amazing string group and Rock Band, which sound fantastic!



We have also expanded our woodwind departments across the Trust, with 19 new students starting to learn the flute, clarinet and saxophone.

As well as music being seen in lots of topic work, Year 3, 4 and 5 students in both Junior schools have a dedicated music lesson each week. Year 3 and 4 in both schools are learning to play the recorder and the Year 5 students are learning how to play the Ukulele.

45 students from both Junior schools took part in an Orchestra workshop that was led by a musician from the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra. We had an amazing time learning to play together, work on pitch and dynamics and then performing to 100 parents!

Mrs Rebecca Turner



Date for the diary – Lighthouse Concert on July 5th at 7pm

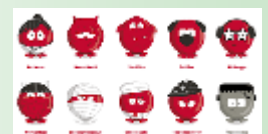


FUNDRAISING



We would like to thank you all for the support shown to our various fundraising events held across both schools.

On 3rd February we held a non-uniform day on behalf of the Newlife Foundation which supports children with disabilities. Haymoor raised £267.26 whilst Ad Astra raised £279.72.



The children had great fun on Red Nose Day trying to get the collection of noses; we even had a few children who were lucky enough to find a Frankinose! The total raised by Haymoor Junior school was £675.60 after purchasing the noses and Ad Astra raised £318.22.





SCHOOLS ONLINE PAYMENT & BOOKING SYSTEM



TEACH have introduced a new school online payment and club booking system to all schools. You can now pay for school items and trips and book your children onto school clubs online by using the School Gateway website or smartphone app.



This offers you an alternative easier and faster way to make payments to school, but is a big step towards us becoming a cashless school. It also means that parents can view what school clubs are running and book their child(ren) onto any desired club sessions, giving everyone a fair chance to get involved in the latest school activities. School Gateway also lifts the reliance of mail reaching the school office via book bags.



Breakfast Club will be available on Schoolgateway. If your child attends this club, you will be able to manage your child's sessions by booking and paying online in advance.

If you have children in more than one of our Trust schools, you can easily link the account so you will only need to log on once.

The introduction of School Gateway negates the all too familiar situation of scrabbling around for the right change, or hunting down the lost club booking form. Parents can access School Gateway at any time, from anywhere.

You will receive a text or email notification of any new information available to action.

Used by over 2,500 schools across the UK, School Gateway is renowned for being easy to use, effective and reliable. It saves schools time and money on a number of administrative tasks and is popular with parents and staff.

Parents can go to www.schoolgateway.com to activate their School Gateway account or download the free School Gateway app from the Apple or Android app store. We are aiming to get 100% of parents/carers using the app. For every parent that downloads and uses the app it enables us to communicate with you at no cost. Please help us to achieve this.



SCHOOL NURSE DROP IN CLINIC



The School Nurse, Sarah Moore, will be attending Haymoor on 17th May at 9.30am and 5th July at 2.30pm.

This is a confidential service offering support with a variety of health conditions ie bed wetting, diet, sleep, emotional support, hearing tests etc

Please make an appointment through the school office.





After a hectic Autumn term, the Spring has been relatively quiet for Haymoor Parents' Association in terms of the events that we've put on, although the Movie Night, Disco and the Easter Bingo have kept us quite busy!

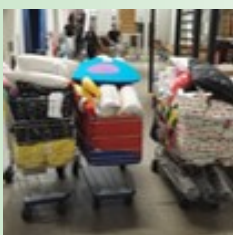


Our focus this term, though, has been to turn the money that you and your children have spent at our events into things that will benefit all the children currently at the school - and hopefully those who will come up to Haymoor in the coming years.

This term, we have been able to do the following for the school:

- * Support the World Book Day celebrations by revamping the book corners in every classroom, Including buying new shelving, lamps, rugs, cushions and new books to give all the children a quiet and cosy corner to read.
- * Renew the wet play games for every class - no more missing pieces! Each class was presented with a box of twelve games, including Guess Who?, Top Trumps Turbo and Connect 4...
- * Provide a bubble tube and sensory equipment to allow the Pastoral team to offer a safe, quiet area for any child who needs time out.
- * Gift a range of equipment to enhance playtime, including basketball hoops, lightweight football goals, skipping ropes and hula hoops to keep the children enthused and active during their outdoor time.
- * Purchase a new camera for each year group to capture some of the fantastic work going on in class.
- * Donate a sum to each year group to subsidise their offsite trips for this year - these trips make such a difference to the learning experience, so we're pleased to be able to help!

We're looking forward to the Summer term now, which will include lots of fun things for the children, including our regular disco, but also we will welcome the new Year 3 to their first Haymoor disco, while saying a fond farewell to Year 6 at their dedicated Leavers' event.



As always, we could not do the things we do without the support of everyone who comes to meetings and helps at our events - we are always thrilled to welcome parents and carers, so if you would like to come along, for however long you are able to, we'd love to see you! Keep an eye on our Facebook page for notification of our upcoming meetings.

And finally, thank you once again to all the parents, carers and pupils of Haymoor - your support and donations really make a difference!





This is our new committee's first Newsletter and we are delighted to update you on FOAA events and how much you have helped raise so far this year and what the money is going to be spent on.



So far this year:

In January we did the movie night and despite being so close to Christmas we had a great turnout and the event raised £300 which we are going to use to buy new games and DVD's for the rainy day and inside play boxes.

For World Book Day we held the second hand book sale and did the children's book stickers, which combined made £180.

This money will be divided equally among the three year groups to buy them some new books.

We have also been able to support the school with some of their requests:

Subsidised the year 1 trip to the Oceanarium

Contributed towards the year 2 SATS revision books

Bought the World Book Day Prizes of Book Tokens for the competition of taking a picture of your child reading in an extreme place

Bought every child in school the Special Person Keyrings so that the school had an activity to do for all the children to make a picture keyring to take home for their special person

Bought the Easter Treat Day Prizes

We are working through some other requests from the school and we will update with more details in our next newsletter

Activities coming up next term for your diaries and also if you are able to help support are:

Coffee Morning with FOAA on Thursday 4th May 9-10am – come and have a coffee and catch up to see what events we run and then you also have the opportunity to look around the school and see what your children are up to

Walk to School Week on 15th-19th May and we have arranged some special guests to accompany the children to school

Sponsored Bounce Friday 19th May throughout school day

Movie Night on Thursday 25th May 5-7pm

Summer Fayre on Friday 23rd June 5-7pm

Year 2 Leavers on Tues 18th July 6-7:30pm

The Friends of Ad Astra want to invite anyone who wants to either join the committee or volunteer to help out with the above events, even if only for 1 hour, to get in touch either by leaving your details with the school office or you can email us at FOAAPTA@gmail.com.

Thank you for your ongoing support





SCHOOL UNIFORM



The school holiday is an ideal time to check that school uniform is all in order and up to the challenge of another term's use! I would be very grateful if you could take this opportunity to remind yourself of the school's expectations and ensure that your child is wearing the appropriate uniform. After the Easter break, children are welcome to wear the summer uniform options if preferred:



UNIFORM CHECKLIST	AdAstra	Haymoor
All Schools: Tailored trousers	Grey	Grey
Skirt	Grey	Grey
Pinafore Dress	Grey	Grey
Jumper with logo	Bottle Green	Bottle Green
Cardigan with logo (girls)	Bottle Green	Bottle Green
Socks (boys)	Grey or Black	Grey or Black
Socks (girls)	White or Grey	White or Grey
Tights	Grey/Black or White	Grey/Black or White
Shoes (no heels, boots or trainers)	Black	Black
PE Shorts	Black	Black
Trainers	Non marking	Non marking
Tracksuit trousers (cold weather)	Black	Black or Navy
PE bag with logo	Bottle Green	Bottle Green
School book bag with logo	Bottle Green	Bottle Green
Hairband/scrunch/ribbon	Black or Green	Black or Green



Summer Options	AdAstra	Haymoor
Tailored shorts	Grey	Grey
Polo Shirt	White	White
Checked summer dress	Green & white	Green & white
Short sleeved blouse (girls)	White	White
Ankle socks (girls)	White	White



Infant School Only	AdAstra	Junior School Only	Haymoor
School sweatshirt with logo	Bottle Green	Plain Shirt	White
School t-shirt with logo	White	School Tie (clip or standard)	Green/Gold
Plain PE t-shirt	White	Coloured PE shirt with logo	House colour
Plain jumper/sweatshirt/cardigan	Bottle Green	Football socks	Bottle Green/Black or White





SPRING TERM SPORTS REPORT



Our first competition of the term, back in January, saw us take a mixed Year 5/6 team to compete in an indoor athletics competition, where children took part in a variety of running, jumping and throwing events. While we didn't do enough to qualify for the next round, the team performed credibly, chalking up a few victories in certain events along the way.

In the same month, eighteen children gave up their Saturday afternoons to raise money for three local charities in the annual Poole Lions Club Swimathon, where their challenge was to swim as many lengths as possible in fifty-five minutes, in relay teams of six. All children put in a fantastic performance, and our Year 5/6 Dolphins team were even rewarded with a trophy for most money raised for their age group at the presentation evening in March.

Staying with swimming, as this term also hosted two swimming galas. The first, on 7th February, involved a team of Year 5 and 6 students, who competed admirably to finish in a very respectable 5th place. Exactly one month later, Haymoor returned to the gala with a Year 4 team, who beat off a host of competition to finish in a fantastic 3rd place. Our Year 4 team also scooped the newly-introduced Sports Award in our Celebration Assembly that week, for their encouragement of each other, and of other competitors, at the gala.

Jumping back to February, where our Year 5/6 tag rugby team played their first competitive games of the year in an 8-a-side tournament at Poole High School. The team started off extremely well, with a comfortable victory in their first match, followed by a narrow defeat in their second to the eventual winners of the tournament. While the team did not finish in one of the top two spots, as required to progress to the next stage, they had also been competing for Sportsmanship points throughout the day, which were awarded for demonstrating respect, encouragement, discipline and teamwork. I was very pleased to learn that the team finished in one of the top places based on Sportsmanship points and therefore qualified for the Bournemouth Games tournament, which was held at Bournemouth Rugby Club on 31st March. Again, the team represented the school fantastically and scored a great deal of fine tries. If your child is interested in learning more about tag rugby, Rippa Rugby will be hosting a free taster session at Haymoor on 7th April – please see the e-mail that was sent home for full details.



During the second half of the Spring Term, we also took a number of teams to football tournaments at Talbot Primary School. In the first, our Year 5s put in an excellent performance, with one of our teams finishing the day undefeated, and the second team also performing admirably, to qualify for one of the day's finals.

The following week, our Year 4s returned to the grounds where they scooped first *and* second place finishes last time around. Such is the level of interest in Year 4, that we were actually able to take three teams to compete this time around! While they couldn't recreate the heroics of the previous tournament this time, each team represented the school very well, and we came away with a number of victories.

The girls' football club continues to go from strength to strength, with thirty children currently on the books. As such, we were able to take two teams to the recent Year 5/6 girls' tournament, where the squad gained some excellent competition experience, scored a number of goals and bagged a couple of excellent victories against other schools. Unfortunately, the Year 6 tournament that was scheduled for late-March was called off, but I'm hoping to organise some more competitive football for the squad, as reward for their hard-work in training.



Finally, I just wanted to say a big thank you to all of you! The support you have shown your children in their sporting activities has been superb, whether it be helping-out at sporting events, transporting your children to competitions, supporting from the side-lines, or simply by making time for them to take part in extra-curricular clubs and competitions. At the time of writing, over 60% of our children have attended at least one sporting club since September (with many children attending more - let's see if we can increase this number even more during the Summer term!) and a third of children in our school have represented Haymoor in competitive sport this year! In addition, I know that many children attend non-school-run clubs, so it really is hugely appreciated and I'm sure you will agree, it is all worth it to see the enjoyment on their faces as they are taking part in physical activity.

So, thank you once more, and let's look forward to another successful sporting term after Easter!

Joe Stachowiak

Joe Stachowiak, PE Teacher





MORNING RUNNING CLUBS



The morning running clubs have been well attended so we thought we would share a few pictures of this hugely successful event.



AD ASTRA'S MULTI-SPORTS EVENT



We thought we would share a few photographs of our recent multi sports event at Carter Community College.





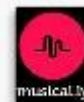
DIARY DATES



Summer Term 2017	Ad Astra Infant School
Week Commencing 15th May	Walk to School Week
Week Commencing 15th May	KS1 SATS in Maths and Reading
Monday 19th May	FOAA Sponsored Bounce
Week Commencing 22nd May	Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar
Wednesday 25th May	FOAA Movie Night
Friday 26th May	Break Up or Half Term
Monday 5th June	EYS Pre School visits all week
Monday 19th June	Inset Day
Wednesday 21st June 6.00pm	EYFS new parents Open Evening
Friday 23rd June	FOAA Summer Fayre
Monday 26th June	EY visits
Wednesday 27th June	All Year Groups watching Treasure Island
Monday 3rd July 9.15am	Year 2 Sports Day
Tuesday 4th July 9.15am	Year 1 Sports Day
Wednesday 5th July	EYFS Sports Day
Wednesday 5th July	TRUST Concert at Poole Lighthouse (rehearsal & performance)
Friday 7th July	Transition Day
Monday 10th July	M&M Performance
Tuesday 11th July 6pm	Open Evening—Meet the Teacher
Wednesday 12th July 9.30am	Year 2 watching Tear 6 performance
Monday 17th July Time TBC	Year 2 Leavers Disco
Thursday 20th July 3.00pm	School Breaks up for Summer Holidays
Friday 21st July	Inset Day



E SAFETY



We are issuing a warning about two popular gaming apps called **Roblox** and **Musical.ly**. This follows concerns in the media regarding the lack of security in the chatroom facility on these apps. The game is aimed at children between 6 and 12 years old but what makes it potentially dangerous is the fact that it is very easy to connect with strangers and to chat on-line through the app.

We live in an exciting age digital technology wise but must put the safety of our children first. E-safety and safe use of the internet is something that we place at the heart of our school curriculum.





DIARY DATES



Summer Term 2017	Haymoor Junior School
Thursday 27th April PM & 2.45pm	Clubs fair & parents coming in to look for lost property.
Week Commencing Monday 8th May	SATs Week for Year 6 only
Friday 12th May	End of SATs party—information to follow
Week Commencing 15th May	Walk to School Week
Monday 15th May	Year 4 Cargo Ship visit
Wednesday 24th May	Internet Safety Presentation for parents
Friday 26th May	Break Up or Half Term
Tuesday 6th June 6pm	Sex Education Meeting for parents
Thursday 8th June 9am	Year 6 height and weight checks
Tuesday 13th June 6pm	Residential meeting for parents
Monday 19th June	Inset Day
Week Commencing Monday 19th June	Sex Education week
Tuesday 20th June 9.15am-12.30pm	Yr 5 & 6 Sports Day
Wednesday 21st June 9.15am-12.30pm	Yr 3 & 4 Sports Day
Wednesday 21st—Friday 23rd June	Year 6 Residential Trip to Mill Rythe
Monday 26th June 6pm	Year 3 new parents Open Evening
Friday 30th June	Transition Day
Wednesday 5th July	TRUST Concert at Poole Lighthouse (rehearsal & performance)
Friday 7th July	Summer Fayre
Monday 10th July	PTA Discos Yrs 2 & 3 5.15pm-6.30pm/Yrs 4&5 6.45pm-8.00pm
Tuesday 11th July 6pm	Open Evening—Meet the Teacher
Tuesday 11th July 9.30am	Year 6 performance dress rehearsal
Wednesday 12th July 9.30am	Year 6 Performance to Year 2
Wednesday 12th July 6pm	Year 6 Performance to parents
Monday 17th July 6.00-8.00pm	Year 6 Leavers Disco
Tuesday 18th July 1.30pm	Year 6 Leavers Assembly TBC
Thursday 20th July 3.05pm	School Breaks up for Summer Holidays
Friday 21st July	Inset Day





THE SECRET LIFE OF.....



INVITE FROM CHANNEL FOUR FOR A NEW SERIES

We are currently casting for the next series of The Secret Life of 4 Year Olds and The Secret Life of 5 Year Olds for Channel 4 and looking for a diverse group of children to take part in the new series.



This exciting television series will follow four and five year olds as they take their first steps towards independence and embark on the new challenges of going to school. The series will follow their development from the moment they meet for the first time, through the forming of friendships to learning social rituals and friendly competition. The entire process will be observed and monitored by leading scientists and child psychologists who will provide occasional comment on the children's stages of development.

We are looking for children aged **four and five years old** and their parents to take part in this television series.

Filming is likely to take place at a location in London and the days are led by two highly trained teachers. We cover the cost of travel and accommodation for all children selected to take part in the series. The children are filmed for no more than 5 hours per day and they would be needed for up to three weeks filming over the summer holidays.

If parents would like to apply they can apply here: <http://bit.ly/sloyoapply>

We look forward to hearing from you.



Channel Four



SPRING LAMBS



We were extremely lucky to welcome two extra special guests attend Ad Astra and Haymoor for the afternoon of 3rd April. Having only been born just 10 days before, the children absolutely loved petting and feeding the two orphans who were very well behaved. We would like to say a BIG thank you to Mr Joy for this wonderful experience.





EASTER TREAT DAY



During our Easter Treats Day, the children were able to take part in lots of Easter related activities. In the morning, they were able to plant their own bulbs in the quiet area part of our playground. The gardening club did a wonderful job at showing the rest of the school how to plant the bulbs. When the bulbs begin to grow, they will look delightful, as part of our outside area in our school grounds. Thank you to our wonderful gardening club for all of their hard work.



Throughout the morning, the children also got the chance to make their chocolate Easter nests. With lots of support from our parent helpers, the children used shredded wheat, chocolate and mini eggs to make a tasty treat, which they were able to take home. They really enjoyed this part of the day, as you can imagine! A big thank you to Tesco and our wonderful PTA who provided us with the ingredients for the children to use.

The children also took part in making a class Easter scene, which was displayed in the hall at the end of the day. Thank you for providing your child with a hard-boiled egg to add to this scene. They looked really effective and it was so nice to see the creativity and hard work that went into these Easter scenes. There was also a class winner, who were given an enormous Easter egg to share amongst all the children in that class.



In the afternoon, the children got the opportunity to take part in an Easter parade down Adastral Road to Canford Heath Junior School. They wore their marvellous bonnets, so another thank you to those parents and carers who provided their children with Easter headwear. There were so many fantastic designs and it was a pleasure to see the amount of hard work that had gone into making these wonderful additions to our parade. It was also a pleasure to see the amount of adults who showed up to watch the parade; there was a real sense of community spirit throughout this special day. The parade would not have been able to take place if it wasn't for our enormous amount of parent support, helping the children to keep safe, during their walk down to Canford Heath Junior School. So another huge thank you!

When children arrived at Canford Heath Junior School, the children were able to take part in a number of activities including; Easter Letter Hunt, Pin the tail on the Bunny and Over/Under games (using Easter eggs). They really enjoyed being in another school and were amazed by all the different activities. The day ended by parading back to school and receiving a small Easter Treat for their Letter hunting and awarding them for being so positive and willing to take part in the whole day.

I was really delighted with the children and how well they behaved throughout the day. They really demonstrated great Rights Respecting behaviour and should feel proud of themselves. They definitely left a warm impact on the rest of the community and I am sure they will have lifelong memories from this day.

Thank you again for all your support with such a special and memorable day.

We hope you enjoyed it as much as the children did!

Mrs L Clark, RE lead/Year 5 Teacher

