



Dear Parents and Carers.

You should be very proud of your children who have come back to school after lockdown 3 full of enthusiasm and are happy to be back, as I am sure you are happy for them to be back. Attendance is 97% at the time of writing this newsletter which is better than it would normally be at this time of year.

We continue to follow strict COVID secure guidelines through our very comprehensive risk assessment and although it is very restrictive for all of us, there is light at the end of the tunnel. We just want to get back to normality and especially for the children, who for some, are getting tired of being with the same group of children all day long!

**Lateral Flow Test:** Once again, to keep us all safer, I do ask that you take the test twice weekly as we do in school. Primary school aged children **do not** take the test. I have sent a recent letter out but remember you can have them delivered and it is really simple. This is the link to order.

<https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

**Report a COVID Positive test:** If your child tests positive in the holidays, please can you report it to PCC and let them know which school your child is from. They may contact me to complete a Track and Trace if required. Please email [coronavirus.schools@portsmouthcc.gov.uk](mailto:coronavirus.schools@portsmouthcc.gov.uk)



**INSET DAYS:** We have two inset days planned for: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June and Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July.

**Laptops on Loan:** Please continue to keep hold of the laptops that we have loaned your child until further notice. I am sure you will continue to make use of them to support your child's learning.

**HAF FUN POMPEY:** Portsmouth City Council would like to invite children throughout the city to come and have fun this Easter by engaging in our 'HAF Fun Pompey' programme running from Tuesday 6 April to Friday 16 April inclusive.

The programme is designed for all school aged children from 4 –16 years old and is FREE to those who receive benefits-related free school meals (FSM); the programme includes a wide range of activities from sport to lego, performing arts to 'Dining with Dickens', watersports to cooking classes.

Most of the programme is face to face, with some brilliantly inventive remote opportunities too. All FSM participants will have food provided and there is a variety of tasty, nutritious options. This is the link to find out more: <https://www.pycportsmouth.co.uk/haffunpompey/>



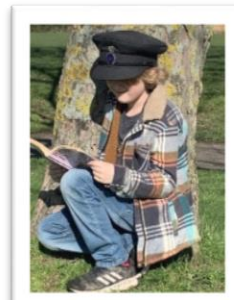
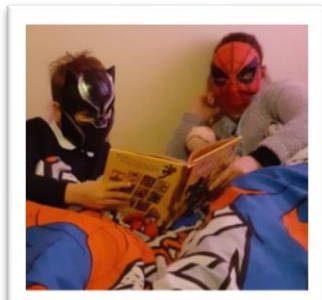


**Care First:** As a Trust, we continue to provide the Care First package to give advice and support on a number of things.

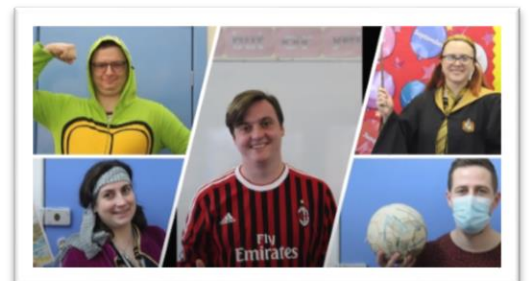
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The website is: <https://carefirst-lifestyle.co.uk/>

**Show us your Shares:** We had some amazing pictures sent to us during lockdown showing you all reading with your children, staff reading with their children as well as children and staff reading to pets! Mr Schillemore ran a competition for the best picture and it went to Esme in 5SW. Great stuff!



**World Book day:** We celebrated [World Book Day](#) both in school and at home during lockdown. There were, as usual, some amazing costumes worn by both children and staff.



**Bug Club Winners:** We ran a competition to see how many books the children could read on Bug Club. It was a closely fought competition and was really great to see so many children reading. Remember, the more you read, the more things you will know!



**Red Nose Day:** We celebrated Red Nose day and raised a fabulous £170. The children came to school dressed in red with some dressed as superheroes.



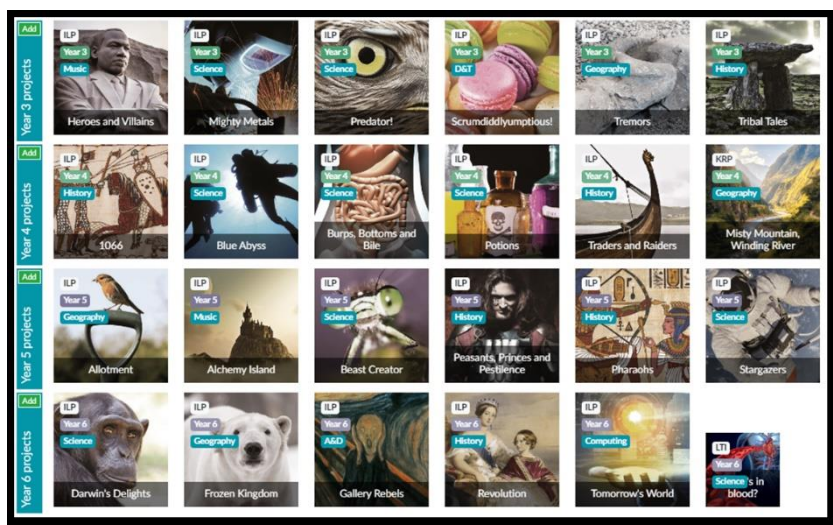


**Parent's Evening:** We had our first virtual parents evening via TEAMS this term which I hope you found useful. It was the quietest parents' evenings in school I have ever experienced but at least you were able to see your child's teacher face to face albeit virtually. Hopefully we can return to normal style parent's evenings next year.

**Clubs:** As you know, we have paused our after-school clubs however we hope to cautiously reintroduce some of our outside clubs in the summer term assuming infections remain low. Watch this space. **Breakfast club** remains running and we do still have a number of spaces. Please contact the office for more information.



**Show Racism the Red card:** As part of PHSE, racism has been covered along with the UN Anti-racism day. We ran a poster and Poem competition with some really great entrants. These were a few of our favourite posters.



**Curriculum Page:** Please take a look at our developing curriculum page outlining what your children are being taught in the year. I think you will find the simple Topic overviews helpful. You will find the page on our website under '[CURRICULUM](#)'

Please see the [term dates](#) that can be found on our website. We are back on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April.

Yours sincerely,

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