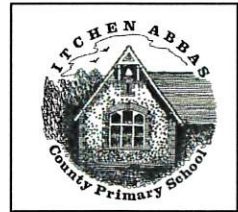


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Dear Parents

It has been a busy week! Thank you very much to all the parents who attended Parents Evening this week – 100% take up! We always have an incredibly high attendance rate at our Parent Meetings and are appreciative of how engaged you are in your children's learning. Mr Bogan also ran a year 6 SATs information evening for parents. We thought you might enjoy a challenge, so here are a couple of last year's year 6 SATs questions to have a go at!

Circle the four **verbs** in the passage below.

There were hundreds of gulls circling in the sky.

They gathered near the dock, searching for scraps.

1 mark

Circle the four **prepositions** in the sentence below.

On a mountain bike, you can cycle across rocky ground, along muddy paths and over harsh terrain.

1 mark

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The length of a day on Earth is 24 hours.

The length of a day on Mercury is $58\frac{2}{3}$ times the length of a day on Earth.

What is the length of a day on Mercury, in hours?

Show your method

hours

2 marks

32 $9^2 - 36 \div 9 =$

1 mark



Harvest

Thank you for all the generous donations for our Harvest Festival this year. Your donations have gone to Winchester Basics Bank to support people in need in our local community. The Church was packed; it was great to see so many of you there listening to our children's super singing and Rev Alex's service!



Hedgehogs Class Assembly

Hedgehogs class assembly was a great success and again, very well attended with an excellent audience. The children are studying the Titanic through an enquiry approach. They have been asked to research and justify their answer to whether the Titanic was a tragedy or whether the lessons learnt made it a triumph in engineering. This approach to teaching is far more challenging and children are required to take greater ownership of their learning. We trialed this approach last year and now all classes are using it. We have noticed that the children are finding this methodology more interesting and exciting.

Visit from Steve Brine, MP

Today we had a visit to school from Steve Brine, MP for Winchester and Chandlers Ford. He spent time with me discussing the education system and then met with our School Council. They had prepared some very challenging questions for him and he also taught us about what it is like to be an MP and why the House of Commons is set up like it is. Thank you, Mr Brine, it was interesting and informative!



This Week Around the School

Foxes making Greek clay pots



Otters making board games (and challenging Foxes)



Squirrels learning maths through bubble play



Hedgehogs re-creating the Titanic in DT (work in progress!
Thank you Caro for your help!)



Remembrance Day and Poppies

After half term we will be selling poppies in school for the British Legion. If your child would like to buy one, please send them in with a donation for the Poppy Appeal. We also have a limited number of wrist bands for a donation of £2 or more.

Christmas Fayre

Although it seems far too early to discuss Christmas, I wanted to remind you of the date for our Christmas Fayre. It will be held in Itchen Abbas Village Hall on Saturday 17th November from 3.00 -5.30pm. We were unable to book the village hall for Friday evening this year, hence the later time. The Friends need to ensure they have properly prepared for Father Christmas' arrival!

Money from the Friends really does support us. Their money is enabling us to purchase more resources for across the school, including a sound system for outside, recording devices to support literacy for the whole school, updating science and geography equipment and developing a new role play area in Squirrels. Any support you can provide for the Friends is always gratefully received.

Library

Thank you to the parents who, following my last email, have offered help in the library. After half term, the library will be opened during lunchtimes.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Aimée Dear'.

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