

## Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to take the opportunity to congratulate our Year 2 pupils for their positive attitude and eagerness to complete their 'King Charles' Challenges!' this week.

KS1/2 teacher assessment judgements and/or test results will be reported to parents by the end of the summer term.

It seems difficult to believe that it's half term already! It has been lovely seeing the children playing on the field at playtime and enjoying the sunshine.

I hope the sunshine continues for you all over half term. The team looks forward to welcoming you back to school on **Tuesday 4th June**.

Just a reminder that I will begin my secondment at Shipton Bellinger from Monday 3rd June. Please contact Mrs Miller ([j.miller@westerndownland.hants.sch.uk](mailto:j.miller@westerndownland.hants.sch.uk)) or the school office if you have any queries or concerns.

Kind regards

Mrs Tubbs

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## Cashless School

We have been working towards cashless school status for some time with most transactions now going through the Scopy system.

There are a number of payments for school lunches, trips and visits & nursery charges which are outstanding. We would be grateful if outstanding payments could be settled and accounts kept in credit.

Please let me know if you have any queries or difficulties settling outstanding balances.

## School Day 2024-2025 Consultation

You will have received a letter detailing proposed changes to both the infant & junior school day to ensure we meet the minimum expectations set out in new government guidelines. If you have any comments please contact us at

[adminoffice@westerndownland.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@westerndownland.hants.sch.uk) by 7th July 2024. After this time, we will share the comments with various stakeholders in preparation for the 2024 - 2025 academic year.



## Stars of the Week

**Year R— Dolcie-Mae Warner & Tommy Bailey**

**Year 1— Robert Harding & Lily Fryer**

**Year 2— Poppy Taylor-Firth & Harper Miller**

**Year 3— Eddy Herrington**

**Year 4— Penelope Olde & Mrs Langford**

**Year 5— Darcey Krainz**

## Staffing update

I am delighted to announce that we have successfully appointed **Miss Paige Hanson & Mrs Kathy-Anne Vincent** as KS2 Class Teachers from September. You may remember Miss Hanson; she joined us for half a term as a student teacher working alongside Mr Gilbert in Year 3. Mrs Kathy-Anne Vincent will work part time whilst she completes her initial teacher training. She has a wealth of knowledge & experience and I am delighted that the school can support her on this exciting learning journey.

I feel extremely fortunate to have secured such fantastic appointments and look forward to embarking on a new school year. Staffing arrangements for September will be shared after half term.

## Pupil Premium

If your income has reduced significantly you might be eligible for pupil premium. You can check your eligibility using the link below: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/freeschoolmeals/juniorsecondary>

You only need to do this once and it will last for the duration of your child's time at their current school. This will ensure that our school and the children we serve are as well funded as possible.

## Online safety

Managing children's access to technology can be very challenging. It is not always possible to deny children access to technology in order to keep them safe since it is central aspect of our lives. Best practise to help guide children through the world of technology is through honest and open conversations and supervision.



To help supervise your child on their devices (particularly smartphone devices) there is an app that you can use to help you do this. The app is called MMGuardian and is designed to help you monitor your child's activity including online activity and messages/pictures sent. AI programs are used to track key words and send you notifications should there be any concerns you need to be aware of. If you are interested, here is a link to information on MMGuardian: <https://www.mmguardian.com/>

Just for your information, a reminder about age ratings on social media apps. Most apps have an age limit of 13+ including TikTok, Youtube, Instagram and Whatsapp has an age rating of 16+. It is advisable that children should not have their own accounts on these sites (perhaps being linked to another account where possible) in order to keep them safe from inappropriate content and the possibility of encountering bullying or hateful comments.

School Diary	
SUMMER HALF TERM HOLIDAY 27/5/24—31/5/24	
Monday 3rd June	INSET DAY
W/c 4th June	Multiplication Tables Check
Thursday 6th June	Friends Meeting, 8pm The Compasses—change of date
w/c 10th June	Year 1 Phonics Check
Tuesday 11th June	Bag2school
Thursday 20th June	Whole School Sports Day
Sunday 23rd June	Damerham Dash—5km and children's colour run
Friday 28th June	Sponsored Walk
Thursday 4th July	School Production (TBC)
Friday 5th July	Moving Up day
Saturday 6th July	Friends Coffee Morning @ Martin
W/c 8th July	Year 6 Wales Residential
Wednesday 10th July	Reports due home
Friday 19th July	Year 2 End of Year Awards & Little Foresters Graduation
Monday 22nd July	Leavers Lunch
Tuesday 23rd July	Leavers Service @ St Andrews Church, Rockbourne
SUMMER HOLIDAY—24/7/23	