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Dear Parents/Carers

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### Tesco tokens

As announced by Miss Rodgers, we were delighted to win our Tesco blue tokens application! Thank you to everyone who voted for us by dropping in their blue tokens, we have won a substantial amount of money to replace some outdated resources and equipment.



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### FPTA Quiz Night

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Hard to believe a month has passed since but we wanted to let you know how FANTASTIC you all are for supporting the Quiz Night on the 7th Feb!

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It was a cracking evening, really well supported and the general consensus was that the chilli was delish, the quiz was brilliant, resulting in lots of fun, laughter and a fair amount of healthy competition! Welcome relief in dreary ol' Feb!

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A huge thank you to all the parents (you know who you are!) without whom this event would simply not have been possible. Also thank you and well done to all the supporters who raised a PHENOMENAL £750 for the school, so well done to you all!

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We hope to host another Quiz Night within the year, so keep your eyes peeled for dates on that one.



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### Sporting events



Well done to all those children who have represented our school at sporting events recently. We are very proud of all of you for presenting yourselves as great ambassadors to the school. A huge thank you should also go to those willing parents who ferry the children to and from these events. Without your assistance, we would not be able to take part, so thank you very much.

One parent did ask us last week how we choose the children ... the answer is it varies. Sometimes it is the children who attend that club (e.g. Hockey), sometimes it is those children who show good skills and want to be competitive (e.g. cross country) and sometimes we choose children randomly just to give everybody a go, (e.g. KS1 gymnastics; and mixed football teams)

### Staunton Country Park

Peacock class had a brilliant day at Staunton Country Park. We learned about plants through different fun games.



For seed dispersal we acted out different types of dispersal with paper planes, pop disks or being birds with bean bags to poop! In the germination game we were flowers, bees pollinating flowers, crows and a scarecrow to chase away the crows.

That was just the morning, we had many more things to do in the afternoon including I spy in the glasshouse and getting to the centre of the maze and back out again.

### D-Day Museum



Kingfisher Class and Golden Eagle Class visited the D-Day museum in Portsmouth this term. The children explored the fascinating artefacts scattered around the museum and enjoyed hunting down the answers to an exciting history quiz.

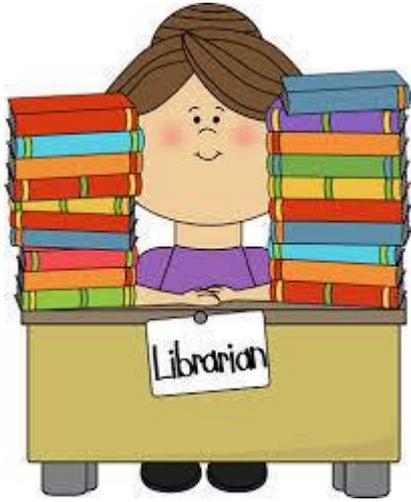
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We learnt about what life was like on the 'Home Front' and children enjoyed re-enacting the various roles involved during an air raid. Back at school the children used what they found out to create their own informative recounts. Thank you to all our parent helpers who came with us! It was fab!

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### New book lending system

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You may have noticed that your children's library book hasn't been changed as regularly over the last few weeks. Mrs Holcombe has been re-cataloguing all our library books to swap them over to a new lending system and with over 5,000 books to re-sticker and sort through, it has been an enormous job!

Thankfully, all our brilliant teaching assistants have helped in Mrs Holcombe's absence, so the job is now done and we can use the new easier system to check books in and out of our library. This system is also fully integrated with our Accelerated Reader programme to check and suggest books based on a readers history.

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Kind regards

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HEADTEACHER

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**Dates For your Diary:**

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**April 2019**

Mon 1<sup>st</sup> – Fri 5<sup>th</sup> Y6 Bikeability (3 morning sessions)

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> Last day of term and service in St James.

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Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Inset day 5/5

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> First day back

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**May 2019**

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> Plant sale & fun day

Mon 13<sup>th</sup> – Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Y6 SATS week

Mon 27<sup>th</sup> – Fri 31<sup>st</sup> Half term

**June 2019**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June First day back after half term

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