



WELCOME FROM THE HEADTEACHER

I hope you all had a good half term holiday! Thank you for all the positive comments made in private and to the media about the vaccination programme before the holiday. I was so proud of the children and the staff who worked so hard to make sure the day ran smoothly without too many tears. I thought that this first week back might be back to normal but alas that was not the case – on Tuesday we had an unannounced school review conducted by an Ofsted inspector. I know a few of you spoke to the inspector Tuesday morning and were very complimentary – thank you! I will let you know the main findings of the report as soon as I get it – this was not a full Ofsted inspection but a practice run. In the meantime I look forward to working with you to ensure we have another successful half term at school!

Iain C. Gilmore

SPECIAL EVENTS

We have two special events this half term.

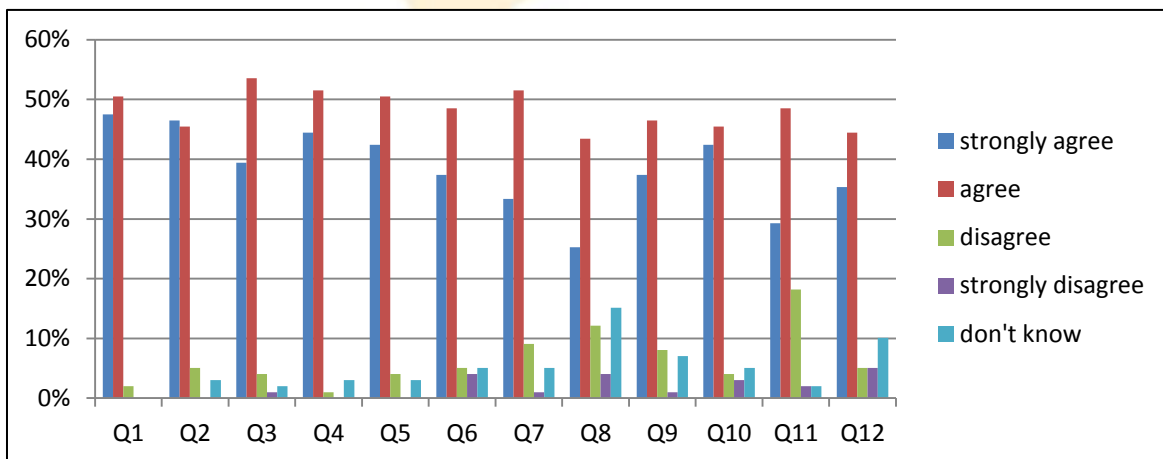
It is **World Book Day** next **Thursday 5 March** and children are invited to come in dressed as their favourite book character if they want.

The week after that is **Red Nose Day** on **Friday 13 March** and for a donation of at least £1, children can come into school wearing something red. Unfortunately we're not able to sell Red Noses this year but they are available in local shops. We will send out text reminders for both events.

Finally we raised just under £215 for the Lord Mayor's Charities with our non-uniform day last half term – thank you very much indeed!

PARENTS' SURVEY RESULTS

Thank you to those of you who returned the parents' survey – we had 99 back which is about 40% of the number on roll. The results are below shown in a graph and in a table:



		strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
Q1	My child is happy at school	47%	51%	2%	0%	0%
Q2	My child feels safe at school	46%	45%	5%	0%	3%
Q3	My child makes good progress at school	39%	54%	4%	1%	2%
Q4	My child is well looked after at this school	44%	52%	1%	0%	3%
Q5	MY child is taught well at this school	42%	51%	4%	0%	3%
Q6	My child receives appropriate homework	37%	48%	5%	4%	5%
Q7	This school ensures children are well behaved	33%	52%	9%	1%	5%
Q8	This school deals effectively with bullying	25%	43%	12%	4%	15%
Q9	This school is well led and managed	37%	46%	8%	1%	7%
Q10	This school responds to concerns I have	42%	45%	4%	3%	5%
Q11	I receive valuable information on progress	29%	48%	18%	2%	2%
Q12	I would recommend this school to another parent	35%	44%	5%	5%	10%

The results were overwhelmingly positive and we are grateful for that. We will need to look at progress in school – 93% of you agree that your children make good progress here but only 77% agree that you get valuable information on progress so we need to sort that out. This will be particularly important in the new world of assessment where levels are no longer used for Years 3 to 5. Watch this space for more details!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 2 March	Year 5 Marchant's Hill Residential
Tuesday 3 March	Governors' Standards and Curriculum Committee
Wednesday 4 March	Remaining Year 5 to Fort Purbrook
Thursday 5 March	World Book Day
Tuesday 10 March	Year 4 Cornet Concert - afternoon
	Governors' Finance, Personnel and Buildings Committee
Friday 13 March	Red Nose Day
Monday 30 March	Year 4 end of topic celebration
Tuesday 31 March	Full Governing Body Meeting
Wednesday 1 April	TimeScape @ Portsmouth Guildhall (Year 5 singers)
Thursday 2 April	Last day of Spring term



We will confirm end of topic celebrations for other year groups as soon as possible!

Summer term is Monday 20 April to Wednesday 22 July

Year 6 SATs week starts Monday 11 May.

Half term is the week starting Monday 25 May and we are closed for May Day on Monday 4 May.

We have one more INSET day on Monday 1 June 2015.



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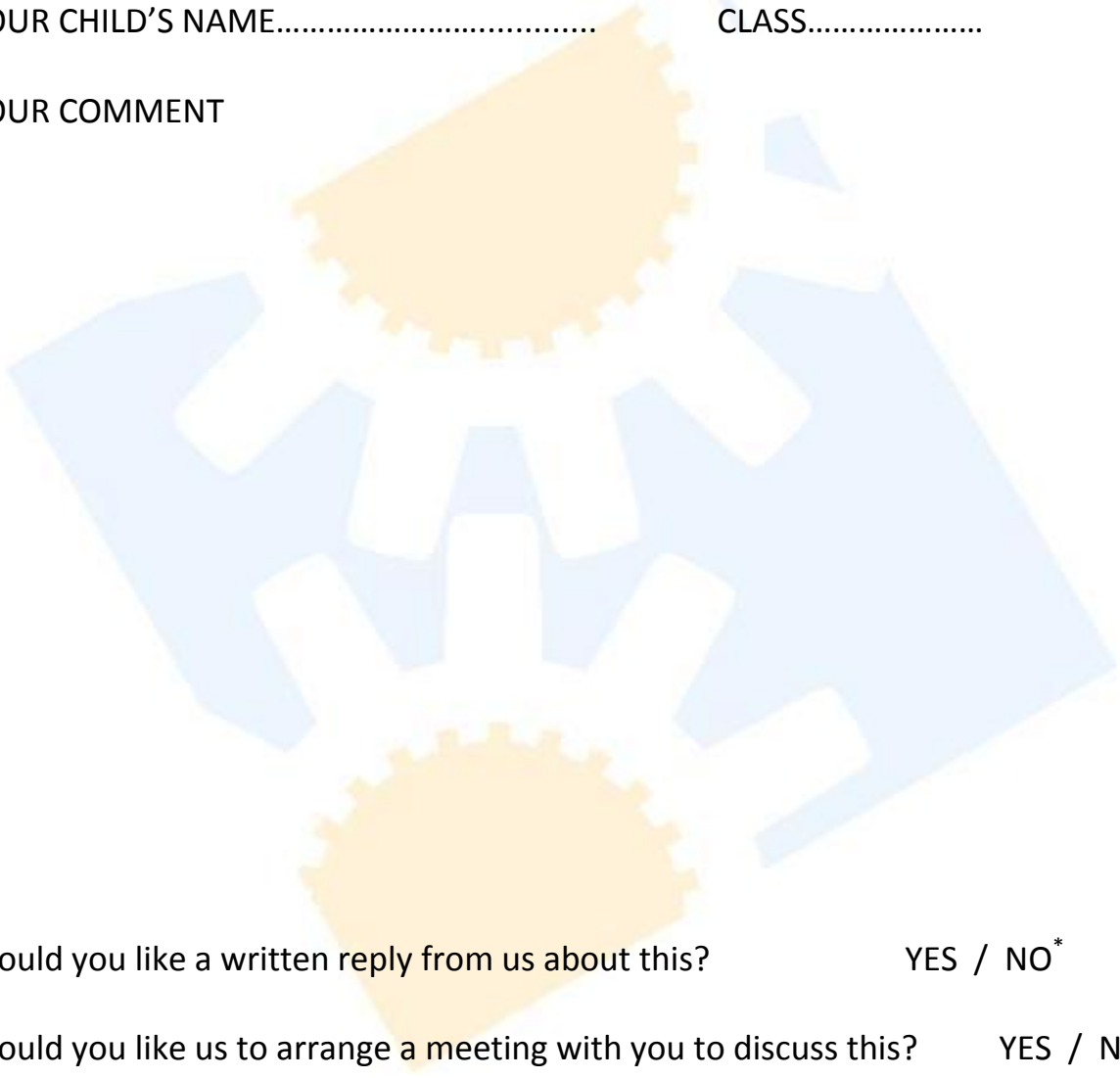
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YOUR NAME.....

YOUR CHILD'S NAME.....

CLASS.....

YOUR COMMENT



Would you like a written reply from us about this?

YES / NO*

Would you like us to arrange a meeting with you to discuss this?

YES / NO*

* please circle your choice

Thank you for taking the time to write to us.