

HALF TERM NEWS

The Enterprise group, who have called themselves 'Team Saturn', have started a new project creating Valentine's Day cards and gifts to sell within school. As part of the project, they had to present their proposal to the Headteacher and the Chief Executive Officer, to gain investment. This was very successful and they presented in a professional and mature way – great work Team Saturn! Gifts and cards will be available for students and staff to purchase on the 9th February.

This half term KS4 students studying BTEC Health & Social Care have been learning about Early Years Provision at Barn Tots Nursery. They also visited a Memory Club for people suffering with Dementia where they spent time with the elderly learning what it is like to work in the care sector. The students designed activities for both groups as part of their coursework.



The KS3 Forest School groups have been using whittling skills to make pens out of sticks and have been developing their cooking skills on an open fire. They have also used various building techniques to make dens in the school grounds.

Finally, in C&G Catering a group of KS4 students went to Manydown Farm to watch a demonstration of butchery skills. They enjoyed learning about the different cuts of meat and the tools used by an experienced Butcher.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS

Building improvements are set to begin during March to replace external windows and doors. Whilst a lot of the work will be carried out during the school holidays there may be some minor disruption and classroom changes during term time. Please be aware of this and help us support your child if they are feeling anxious about the changes.

DIARY DATES

12th-16 February	Half Term
19th February	Students start at 10.30am
26 th March	Work begins on new windows
30 th March	Good Friday (school closed)
2 nd April-13 th April	Easter Holidays
16 th April	Students start at 10.30am
7 th May	Bank Holiday (school closed)

KEY STAGE 4 EXAM DATES

19 th -23 rd March	Yr11 English Functional Skills
26 th -29 th March	Yr11 GCSE Spoken Language
26 th -29 th March	Functional Skills speaking, listening & communication skills

Please impress on students that they must respect the needs of others and not disturb those who are taking exams.

CHRISTMAS MARKET

On the final day of term all students were invited to bring a small amount of money to school to purchase gifts for family and friends at the first Coppice Spring Christmas market.

The students enjoyed shopping for items ranging from 25p to £1 and staff were on hand to help wrap the gifts so they could be taken home without spoiling any Christmas Day surprises.

Gifts ranged from sweets, DVD's, toiletries, books, jewellery and toys as well as treats and toys for special pets.

We would like to say a big 'thank you' to all the parents that kindly gave their children money to spend, as well as the parents and local companies that donated gifts for sale such as Bunnings, Tesco and Morrisons. We also received many donations from the congregation of St Mark's Church in Basingstoke.

The market raised a fantastic £98.80 which has been added to other donated funds and will be used in the future to purchase outdoor equipment as suggested by the Student Council.

FUTURES FAIR – Tuesday 13th February, 1.00pm–3.00pm

We would like to take the opportunity to advise you of an event taking place at Dove House School Academy during the Half Term holiday. Please take advantage of the advice and information available to support families in the local area. If you would like further information on this event please contact Dove House School directly.

Do you or a family member have a learning disability or learning difficulties?

Do you have questions about the future?

Come along to our event or contact us:

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TED@dovehouse.hants.sch.uk



SAFER INTERNET DAY PRESENTATION



On Tuesday 6th February we held an information event with a presentation by Barnardo's and our local PCSO to help parents protect themselves and their families when using the internet.

The presentations were very well received and everyone agreed they learned a lot about the types of dangers, how we can be vulnerable even when we think we are being careful and how the police assist when things do go wrong. One parent commented on their evaluation form "A big eye opener for me! Definitely made me more aware of what is occurring".

Parent Information Packs are still available from school if you would like one and the Barnardo's presentation can be sent by email. If you are interested in receiving a copy please contact Kirstie Harvey, Family Support Worker at Coppice Spring School on 01256 336601.

PARENT SUPPORT

A special 'thank you' goes to the parent of one of our Year 10 students who recently donated over a dozen new books to support students throughout various areas of the curriculum. It was a lovely surprise and we are sure the students will enjoy using them.

REQUEST FOR RESOURCES

We would be grateful for any suitable magazines which students can read during breakfast club. They do not need to be the latest issue, just in good condition. If you have any available please send to the Admin Office for the attention of Karen, SENCo Assistant.