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WELCOME TO MEON JUNIOR SCHOOL

Dear parents/carers,

We are very excited to welcome you to one of our Portsmouth Thinking School Academies.

The Thinking Schools Academy Trust (TSAT) is a non-profit making charitable trust that has successfully grown over the past few years. The lead academy is the Rochester Grammar School which is not only an outstanding school but has a rich history and inspiring reputation as one of the country's leading grammar schools.

As TSAT has grown our ambition of what we expect to achieve has grown with us. From the outset we have been a cross phase Academy Trust and our success is due to our excellent understanding of thinking, learning and outstanding teaching.

We believe our greatest asset is our children and young people and we are proud of their many achievements and their personal growth. Our pupils develop into responsible, happy and confident young people. Through the high quality of education they receive and the support and care from home and school working together, they will literally have the best life chances possible.

We believe that children only thrive when they are happy and feel safe in their environment. Therefore all our schools are dedicated to ensuring;

- There are high expectations for every child
- Every lesson matters therefore they should be exciting and motivate children to think and learn
- Every child is treated as an individual and with dignity
- Children learn to play and learn together understanding moral values of mutual respect, tolerance and personal responsibility



At Meon Junior School our vision is to provide an engaging, inspiring and relevant curriculum in which all children make excellent progress.

I am incredibly proud to be the Headteacher of Meon Junior School and would like to welcome you and your child to our school. Meon Junior School is a friendly school where children are taught by hardworking staff and are exposed to learning experiences in which children can flourish, become confident and capable students who are well prepared for life in modern Britain.

We look forward to working in partnership with you during your child's time at Meon Junior School.

Sara Paine, Headteacher

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OUR CURRICULUM

Our aim is to immerse the children in a curriculum that is exciting, creative and relevant. High standards in English and Mathematics, are vital in our school along with a strong emphasis on cross curricular learning opportunities.

Children will be able to apply the knowledge and skills learned in one subject in a range of contexts which will reinforce their learning and increase their understanding, independence, confidence and love of learning.

National Curriculum

Your child will gain a range of knowledge and skills, following the National Curriculum, in English, Mathematics, Science, Computing, History, Geography, Art and Design, Design Technology, Religious Education, Music, Physical Education and Personal, Social and Emotional Education.

Thinking Skills

Our curriculum promotes cognitive education and thinking skills by providing our children with a range of tools and techniques to structure their thoughts. Thinking maps are embedded within our curriculum, used within pastoral work and help with decision making at different levels throughout the school. We are also currently developing other thinking tools to further embed these skills.



READING AT MEON JUNIOR SCHOOL

At Meon Junior School we have a continued commitment to high standards in reading. We promote reading in many different ways and in particular place a great emphasis on reading for enjoyment. We use Accelerated Reader to support children's love of reading for pleasure and understanding.

Children choose books at an appropriate level and read them at their own pace. When finished, they take part in a short quiz on the computer. Passing the quiz is an indicator that your child has understood what has been read.

How are parents involved?

As parents, you will be able to be fully involved by logging on at home to:

- See your child's progress towards their reading goal
- Review results on the quizzes
- View the number of books your child has read
- Conduct book searches using Accelerated Reader bookfinder





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SCHOOL CLUBS

At Meon Junior School we attach great value to providing the children with as wide a range of extra-curricular activities as possible, including a variety of sports clubs, food technology, karate and gardening.

To help the children enjoy their lunchtimes at school a range of activities are offered.

These include:-

- Access to the school library, where children can choose and read books
- Sports coaching
- ICT Club



PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

We welcome parents into school as often as we can to be involved in their child's learning and to attend various events during the academic year.

There are regular opportunities throughout the year for parents to meet with staff to review their child's progress and a detailed written report will be provided half way through the year.

We pride ourselves on being very approachable and are always keen to talk about any concerns you might have. We have an open door policy, so if you have any queries about your child's education, please make an appointment to see the class teacher.



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