



NEWSLETTER 28TH JANUARY 2015

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Dates for your diary

Friday 30 th January	January Disco 4.45pm-6.00pm
Monday 2 nd February	9.00am PTA AGM
Friday 6 th February	3.00pm PTA Cake Sale
Monday 9 th February	8.45am Sharing Time
Tuesday 10 th February	Parent's Evening 3.10pm-6.30pm
Wednesday 11 th February	Parent's Evening 3.10pm-5.30pm
Thursday 12 th February	2.15pm Maths Open Session for parents/carers
Friday 13 th February	School finishes at 3.00pm for half term
Monday 23 rd February	Spring 2 begins at 8.45am
Monday 23 rd February	Healthy Schools Day
Thursday 26 th February	9.00am Parent Forum
Mon 2 nd - Fri 6 th March	Literacy Week
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day
Friday 6 th March	9.00-9.30am Sharing Time
Wednesday 11 th March	Year 2 Trip to Winchester
Friday 13 th March *Date amended*	Comic Relief (more info to follow)
Friday 13 th March	3.00pm PTA Cake Sale
Friday 20 th March	Inset Day
Tuesday 24 th March	9.00am Parent Forum
Thursday 2 nd April	School finishes at 3.00pm for Easter break
Monday 20 th April	Summer term begins at 8.45am

Important things to remember

- Everything your child wears or brings into school must be labelled
- All children require a water bottle in school every day
- PE kits must be in school at all times and include a tracksuit and trainers for outdoors
- Children must be registered with Cool Milk (www.coolmilk.com) in order to receive milk in school, even if they are entitled to it free of charge. This includes children who are entitled to free milk until the term before they turn 5.
- Could you qualify for Pupil Premium? If you are in receipt of certain benefits your child could be entitled to 2 free jumpers/cardigans per year, free milk in school every day, all trips and 1 club per term funded by the school. Apply online at:
<http://www.southampton.gov.uk/learning/schools/schoolmeals/fschm.aspx>

I am delighted to announce, for those parents who have not seen it on the website, that Mrs Clifford had a baby girl on Sunday. Her name is Evie Frieda Clifford and she weighed 7lb 4oz. Both mother and baby are very well and are now at home. It was great to get such lovely news and we all send her many congratulations.



You will notice from the dates that we are having a Healthy Schools Day on the first day back after half term. We made the decision to have bespoke days for teaching the children about keeping healthy as well as the learning that they already do within the curriculum through Science and PSHE. The theme of the day in February will be looking after teeth and general hygiene. The school nurse will be coming in to speak to each class about looking after their teeth as part of the day and each

child will be given a toothbrush and toothpaste to bring home. Each class will also be making posters which will be put up around the school and we will put pictures of the day up onto the website.

Thank you to all parents who joined us for the Curriculum Information Evening led by Nigel Ash. The talk focused on the way that we approach learning rather than on specifically what is taught each term. I have asked Mr Ash to e-mail me the PowerPoint so that we can put it on the website for parents who were unable to attend to look at. For specific information on what we teach please refer to the website, especially the topic flyers that should be put on half termly.

On Monday 2nd February the PTA are having their annual general meeting. I would just like to say how much we benefit as a school from the fundraising and general support that we get from the PTA. Feedback from class reps at Parent Forum helps us to build on good practice and respond to ways in which we can make things even better for the children. Please do join us for the meeting - everyone is welcome.

I look forward to seeing you in school over the next couple of weeks at Parent's Evenings, at the Maths sharing time, PTA meeting.

Parent's Evening



Thank you to everyone who has already booked appointments for Parent's Evening. If you have not yet booked an appointment, you can do so online by visiting <https://hollybrookinf.youcanbook.me>. If you do not have internet access please call the school office who can book the appointment for you.

The teachers would really like to meet with a parent/carer of every child as they have key information to share regarding targets.

Health & Safety Concerns

Year R Playground - outside of school hours

We are concerned at the amount of rough play we witness in the Year R playground, before and after school. This could obviously cause injuries to the children involved and also makes them think this is an acceptable way to behave in the playground during school time. Please can you ensure your child(ren) do not behave in this way. Thank you for your cooperation.



Car Park



We'd like to remind parents/carers that the school car park does get busy at both drop off and pick up times, and therefore children should not be allowed to walk or run across it. If you leave the school on this route please advise them to walk along the edge/the pavement. It can be difficult for a reversing car or the school dinner van to see a small child.

Christmas Performance Donations

We have received confirmation that your donations at the end of the Christmas performances raised £171.39. This money was passed onto Southampton City Mission for Basics Bank. Thank you to everyone for their generous donations.



Cake Sale



A reminder that there will be a cake sale on Friday 6th February after school, with cakes baked or bought by Year 1. A more detailed letter will be sent to Year 1 children from the PTA.

Menu Change - Friday 30th January

There will be a menu change to the **vegetarian option** this Friday 30th January. Instead of Penne Pasta Bake we will be offering **Sweet & Sour Noodles**. The Salmon Fish Cake and Jacket Potato options remain unchanged. We apologise for any inconvenience.



Attendance

W/C	Foxes	Hedgehogs	Squirrels	Rabbits	Badgers	Owls	Overall
19/01/15	98.3%	98.7%	90.5%	92.4%	95.0%	99.6%	95.8%