



NEWSLETTER 10TH DECEMBER 2014

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Wednesday 10 th December	Last day for Belinda's Street Dance
Thursday 11 th December	6.00pm Evening Xmas performance
Thursday 11 th December	Last day for Sports Challenge - Years 1 & 2
Friday 12 th December	Last French Club
Wednesday 17 th December	Christmas Shopping Day
Thursday 18 th December	Christmas Lunch / Christmas Party
Friday 19 th December	School finishes at 3.00pm for Christmas
Monday 5 th January	Spring Term begins at 8.45am
Thursday 15 th January	9.00am Parent Forum
Wednesday 21 st January	7.00pm-8.00pm Curriculum Info Evening
Friday 23 rd January	Inset Day
Friday 30 th January	January Disco
Monday 9 th February	8.45am Sharing Time
Tuesday 10 th February	Parents Evening (time TBC)
Wednesday 11 th February	Parents Evening (time TBC)
Friday 13 th February	Comic Relief (more info to follow)
Friday 13 th February	School finishes at 3.00pm for half term

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>

We have enjoyed seeing so many of you in school this week for the Christmas Performances and look forward to seeing more of you as the week goes on. The children and staff have worked very hard to put on the performance and I am impressed with how well the children have learnt their lines and all of the songs. Hopefully you received a letter yesterday either by e-mail or in book bags detailing the arrangements for bringing and collecting children for the evening performance. As mentioned before, putting on an evening performance was partly in response to some parents finding it hard to get time off work to come and see the performances. I appreciate that this has been met with mixed feelings and we are therefore sending out a short questionnaire to get feedback about this and any other comments that you have about the performance. It would be very helpful if you could find a couple of minutes to fill this in and return it to us by Friday 19th December.

Last week eighteen children from Year 2 sang at the Guildhall along with other Southampton schools. This was a lovely experience for the children and, as usual, they were a credit to the school. I would like to thank the members of staff who gave up Saturday mornings and Tuesday evening to help with this and in particular Mrs Clarke who organised this and taught the children all of the songs.

On a slightly sadder note, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Randles at Christmas. Mrs Randles has been at Hollybrook for eight years and has been a valued member of staff supporting children and teachers in Early Years. Following the successful completion of her degree in the summer, Mrs Randles has been successful in getting a job as a portage worker working with pre school children and families in Southampton. I am sure that you will join me in thanking her for all of her hard work and commitment over the last eight years and wishing her success in her new role.

I am pleased to say that Ms Galton will be taking on the full time role of Teaching Assistant in Foxes. Ms Galton currently works in school as a Teaching Assistant / 1:1 support and is familiar to the children.

Mrs Clifford will also be starting her maternity leave after Christmas. Mrs Clifford is intending to return in September. We will keep you updated!

Christmas Shopping

All children should now have brought in small token gifts for each member of their family, for the Christmas Shopping day on Wednesday 17th December.



Christmas Post Box



The Christmas Post Box is still out, just by the hall. Children who have Christmas cards should put them straight in the post box. Cards will be sorted regularly by year 2 pupils and delivered to children. Please remember to put the child's name (including surname if known) and class.

Unfortunately, due to Data Protection we are unable to give out class lists.

Dinner Menu w/c 15th December

On the hot school meal menu for w/c 15th December, we have amended the choices as below due to our Christmas dinner on Thursday 18th December.

Wednesday 17th December - Mexican Beef Chilli with Rice or Vegetable Lasagne or Jacket Potato

Thursday 18th December - Roast Turkey or Lentil Roast

Children have already chosen their meals for this day.



Attendance

W/C	Foxes	Hedgehogs	Squirrels	Rabbits	Badgers	Owls	Overall
01/12/14	96.6%	94.0%	95.1%	96.6%	93.3%	98.7%	95.7%