

## NEWSLETTER 10<sup>th</sup> May 2017

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### Dates for your diary

#### Summer 1

Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	2.30 pm - Art exhibition in school
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	School Census
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	6.30pm - 7.30pm New Year R September 2017 parents meeting
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	8.45am - Year 2 sharing time
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	2.00pm - 3.00pm New Year R September 2017 parents meeting
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Non School Uniform day - Please bring a bottle
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	3.00pm - Break up for half term

#### Summer 2

Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	8.45 am - School starts for Summer 2
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#### INSET days 2016-2017

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2017

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2017

#### 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
- Lunch boxes to be labelled with your child's name and class and please do not include sweets, chocolate bars, nuts or products containing nuts e.g. Nutella
- Children must be registered with Cool Milk ([www.coolmilk.com](http://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 hope you all had an enjoyable long bank holiday weekend last week. This summer term is already going very fast and it isn't long before half term which is at the end of the month.

We are still seeing an increase in Leave of Absence requests and I therefore need to bring to your attention the Government requirement that children in Year 2 will be assessed in May and Year 1 phonic screening is in June. **May and June are key months for assessing all Year groups;** if children miss school during this time period it could lead to a miss-assessment due to lack of up to date evidence. The teachers work very hard in ensuring your children reach their full potential and we would ask that you support them in this by ensuring that your child / children are in school apart from unavoidable illness. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

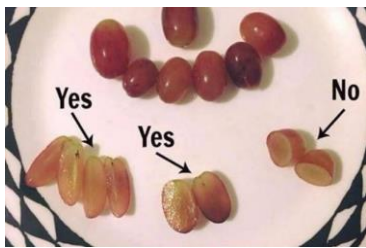
#### Late Arrivals

Please be reminded that if you are bringing your child in through the office in the morning and signing them in, a proper reason must be given in the late book and not just "late". This along with all of our attendance figures is audited and a reason of "late" is not acceptable. If a reason of late is written in the book, you will be asked to provide a fuller explanation. Thank you for your co-operation.

#### Maths Day

Please note this is no longer going ahead on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. A revised date will follow shortly.

#### Grapes and food in lunch boxes



We are still seeing that grapes are being sent in lunch boxes, without being cut. Please could we ask all parents to cut grapes in half lengthways if you are going to be providing these in your children's lunch boxes. Grapes are a choking hazard and shouldn't be given to young children whole. Even if your child is used to eating them whole at home, we'd appreciate them being cut for school due to the amount of children being supervised in the dinner hall.

May we take this opportunity to remind all parents that the school is a nut free school as we have several children with a severe nut allergy and no nut products should be brought onto or consumed on the school premises. This includes Nutella in sandwiches. Any items containing nuts will be returned home.

#### Changes in menu

Please be aware that on Week 2 of the menu, Jerk Chicken will be replaced with Butter Chicken Curry following feedback. Also the Pineapple Upside Down Cake will be replaced by Sultana Sponge.

#### Art Display

Please note that tomorrow, there will be an art exhibition in school for you to view Art work the children have prepared. You are all invited to come and view this work and we have tried to ensure all children have a piece of work displayed. Please note, your children will be in classes learning at this time, so will not be accompanying you when you come in.

#### Year 2 sharing time

All parents are invited in on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May, when you drop your children off in the morning to see what the children have been learning about this half term. We look forward to seeing you there.

### Uniform

A reminder that dangly earrings are not permitted in school - only stud earrings - and we have also noticed an increase in the amount of girls wearing the large fashion bows. If your child is wearing one of these in school, they will be asked to take them off. Small bows that are attached to hair ties are acceptable.

### Sports Day

Please note this year's sports day will be taking place at Southampton Sports Centre at 11am on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June. Please keep a look out for a letter being sent out shortly.

### Weather

Although we have been having some nice, dry days, we are still experiencing windy and wet conditions. Please ensure children have a coat or anorak in school every day. Pupils play outside twice a day and will only be kept inside in very wet conditions. We now only have a couple of spare coats and currently don't have enough for all the children that require them. Even on days when the weather starts well you never know when the next shower is coming!



### Sainsbury's Active Kids

It's that time of year again when Sainsbury's are issuing Active Kids vouchers with every shop (one voucher for every £10 spent/£5 at Local stores). We will once again be collecting vouchers, which last year we used to purchase various new PE equipment. The voucher collection box is in the school office.



### Second Hand Uniform

We have a large selection of good quality second hand uniform which is for sale at £1 an item. These items will be for sale every Thursday at 3pm.

### JET Prom

It's coming up to that time of year when the JET Prom will be held. This year it is on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July at 7pm and a letter has been sent home to all year 2 pupils inviting them to take part in this. Please note that replies to this are needed no later than Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May, otherwise your child will be unable to take part.

### Office and Reception area

Please can we ask that if parents have questions first thing in the morning that they drop their children into their appropriate classrooms before coming into the office. We are experiencing a large amount of children going in through the office in the morning which should not happen. It is important that all children go in through their classrooms and not through the office.

W/C	Foxes	Hedgehogs	Squirrels	Rabbits	Badgers	Owls	Overall
24/04/2017	97.0%	93.7%	95.0%	96.7%	99.3%	97.8%	96.5%
01/05/2017	90.8%	99.2%	99.2%	96.3%	97.8%	96.8%	96.6%