



NEWSLETTER 11th JANUARY 2017

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Dates for your diary

Spring 1

Friday 13 th January	Year 1 cake sale
Thursday 19 th January	Year R - dress in national costume/colour of flag
Thursday 19 th January	Census
Friday 20 th January	2.30pm - Year R parents invited in for sharing time
Tuesday 24 th January	Year 2 Assembly
Friday 10 th February	Year 2 cake sale
Monday 13 th February	8.45am-9.15am - sharing time with parents
Wednesday 15 th February	Parents Evening
Thursday 16 th February	Parents Evening
Friday 17 th February	3.00pm - break up for half term

INSET days 2016-2017

Monday 27th February 2017

Monday 24th July 2017

Tuesday 25th 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
- 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>

Happy New Year to everyone and I do hope that you all had a really good break.

We have a couple of events coming up this half term to give you an opportunity to find out more about the curriculum and share some learning with the children and we look forward to seeing many of you there. In this half term, we will also be holding parent's evenings, details of which will follow shortly.

On Monday, we had a Theatre workshop come in to work with the whole school when year groups took it in turns to go into the hall and act out and learn about traditional tales. Judging from the noises coming from the hall, everyone had a fantastic time.

School Applications



If you have a Year 2 child due to move to junior school from September 2017, or a younger child due to start infants at the same time, the closing date for school applications is **23.59 on 15th January**. Applications made after this deadline will be classed as late, and will not be processed until all on time applications have been offered.

To apply, visit www.southampton.gov.uk and click on 'Apply for a school place'. For your information, you can change your preferences as many times as you wish up until the deadline, just remember to submit once you have made your changes.

If you have any queries please speak to the school office.

Unauthorised Absences

We have recently noticed a big increase in requests for Leave of Absence and pupils taking unauthorised days off. We would therefore like to take this opportunity to remind parents that there is no entitlement to holiday or leave of absence during term time.

Whilst we understand that sometimes, in exceptional circumstances, absence has to be taken, our attendance figures have been hit hard in the second half of the autumn term by pupils taking unauthorised absence. This equates to a loss of nearly a whole percentage point, which in turn is **96** sessions lost education, and compared to just 37 sessions lost in the first half of the autumn term, this is a big difference. However, more importantly than any statistics, it has a huge impact on your child's learning.

We really hope with the start of a new term, we will see a return to the attendance of the first half of the autumn term, which was nearly 98%, and that this will continue until the end of the academic year. Thank you for your continued support.

Change in menu for tomorrow and Thursday 19th January

Please be reminded that the roast meat will be chicken again tomorrow and next Thursday.

Collecting from Clubs

Parents are reminded to collect their children from after school clubs from the Owls classroom door which is accessed via the Junior School playground and not from the office. Thank you.

Census - Thursday 19th January 2017

Next Thursday the school is due to file their Census for the Spring term which the Education Department use to set the funding for the next Academic year. One of the areas that helps determine the funding is how many children have a cooked school meal on the Census day.

With this in mind, it is an ideal opportunity for those that usually bring a packed lunch to try a school meal instead! Please support the school by encouraging your child to have a cooked meal.



Please note there is **NO** charge for the lunch.

Year R

Please be reminded that next Thursday children are invited to dress in national costume or colour of their national flag. Also, on the Friday at 2.30pm all parents are invited in for sharing time for the story of Mr Gumpy. We look forward to seeing you.



Cake Sale

A reminder that this Friday is the PTA cake sale with year 1 donating. Please could all donations be given into school first thing in the morning, The sale will take place after school in the Junior School playground - all are invited.

Any parents who are able to help with this on Friday, please let your class representative know asap.

Contact Details

We have had instances recently where we have been unable to contact parents when we have needed to when children are poorly. Please ensure the office have been provided with **at least 3** contact telephone numbers for you. Also, if you have recently moved, changed phone number or email address, please update the office as soon as possible as it is imperative we have all up to date details for all pupils and parents/carers. This can be done on email and sent to - info@hi.jetrust.org

Bottle Holders

As advised before Christmas, an amazing amount of £906.00 has been donated to Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation following the sale of the bottle holders. We have received a thank you letter from JDRF which has been attached to this Newsletter so you can see where your money goes!

PE Kit Reminder

PE kits should now be returned to school and include the following named items:

T-shirt
Shorts
Tracksuit
Trainers - no plimsoles



For girls, it is also useful to provide a pair of socks, in case they happen to be wearing tights on PE day!

Job Vacancy - Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant (Hollybrook Junior School)

We currently have a vacancy for a Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant, to supervise the children in the dinner hall and during their lunchtime play.

This role is ideal for someone who is looking to return to work after taking time out to have children, or someone who is looking to slow down a bit but still wants to continue working. Could this be you or someone you know?

If you think you may be interested, please contact shereen.higgins@hi.jetrust.org for more information including an application form.

Closing date: Wednesday 18th January 2017

School Attendance Matters

We have recently awarded all children with an attendance over 97% for autumn term (providing they have not had any unauthorised absence during the term), with a certificate and badge, which we are pleased to say some of the children are proudly wearing around school. All children that have been rewarded also have their names on our Attendance Board in reception.

It is wonderful to see the children's proud faces when their name is called out and they are asked to stand up in Assembly and last term, we had an amazing 102 pupils receiving an award, which is 59% of all pupils. This is a fabulous result so well done everyone! Let's see if we can make spring term even better with even more pupils coming home with these badges and certificates. The following 60 children all received our gold award of 100% - congratulations to you all!!

Gold Award 100%

Year R

Mollie	Darya	Cooper	Kyle
Archie	Aishah	Casey	Michal
Niamh	William M	Daniel	Gracie
Rosie	Sophia	Jasmine	
Henry	Ruben P	Katie	
Timothy	Maryam	Charlie	

Year 1

Ethan	Kyira	Oscar	Genevieve
Beau	Aaliyah	Thomas	Sana
Emily	Okechukwu	Lewis	
Lottie	India	Benjamin Y	
Louie	Sienna P	Layla	
Enya	Bertie	Jon	

Year 2

Charlie	Aiden D	Alexander O
Carys	Grace	Amelia S
Zara	Archie D	Callum
Molly	George F	Ollie W
Isabelle	Reuben H	Lucas
Liam D	James J	
Mia	Ava J	

W/C	Foxes	Hedgehogs	Squirrels	Rabbits	Badgers	Owls	Overall
12/12/16	97.3%	96.0%	95.5%	92.3%	94.8%	93.5%	94.9%
02/01/17	97.8%	90.0%	96.8%	96.8%	96.3%	97.4%	95.7%