

## NEWSLETTER 15<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2015

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### Dates for your diary

#### Summer 2

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July

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Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

Last Sports Challenge (Year 2 only)

PTA Cake Sale - Year R to donate cakes please

9.00am Civic Award Assembly (Year 2 only)

9.00am Year 2 Leavers Assembly

School finishes at 3.00pm for Summer holiday

#### 2015-2016 Autumn 1

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

INSET Day - School Closed

Autumn 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](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>

Well we are nearing the end of the school year and I feel that we have much to celebrate. The children, as always, have been an absolute credit to the school not least at the JET Prom on Monday evening, where 21 children from Year 2 joined in with around 250 children, young adults, parents and staff from the schools that make up the Jefferys Education Trust for a night of singing and music. It was another truly memorable night and a great opportunity for them to sing in public with children from the other schools. Ms Atton from the office, Mrs Clarke and Lisa Richardson, parent, also formed part of the parent staff choir.

For your information, we will be sending out a newsletter next Wednesday to talk about our final Attendance Assembly of the year, and also providing some key dates for the first half term in September.

### Sports Day

The children enjoyed our Sports Day on Monday and took part enthusiastically. Thank you to all parents who supported us and also to the Year 6 children from the junior school who did a great job helping with the teams and the scoring.

1<sup>st</sup> place - Red team

2<sup>nd</sup> place - Green team



### Parent Forum

We had a very successful parent forum recently with just a few queries.

1. There were questions around how we sorted out the classes when we mixed them up and we were asked why parents had not been told beforehand. We did not want the children to be worried about it and that is why we did it on transfer day so that it was a part of the new experience moving to the next class. All of the children were spoken to individually to find out who their friends are from across the year group - they chose at least 3 friends. We ensured that each child was with at least one friend and also took into consideration ability, boy and girl mix, children who we know learn well together and children who have English as an additional language so that the classes are even. This took considerable time to work out. The children in Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) are together at morning play and lunch time where they can play with all of their friends.
2. There have been a couple of queries over the use of reading diaries particularly in Reception. Teachers should be initialling when the children read and putting in a comment when a child is moved to the next colour. We will ensure that in Reception we will put a colour label in the book to denote the colour of reading book that the children are on so that the children and parents are clear. Guided reading books should be checked by all teachers once a week and if there is a specific comment from parents then it will be answered. We do not write in every child's reading diary every week as this would take up valuable teaching time.
3. There was some confusion over the Year 1 visit to St James' Church! Parents had been informed but because it was on the bottom of the topic flier many had not noticed it! We will send out separate letters about any trips in future and we are re-designing our topic fliers for next year.
4. The majority of feedback about transition to the Junior School was very positive. An observation made by a couple of parents has been addressed.

### School Dinner Menu's

We have had confirmation from Chartwell's that we will be continuing with the current menu in September beginning with week 1. We are expecting new menu's with the dates on but please keep hold of your current menu's until you have these.

On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July, we will be having an American Food Theme Day for the school dinner. The options will be:



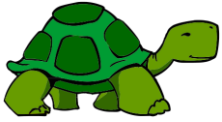
Hot Dogs/Chips/Sweetcorn/Coleslaw  
American Chocolate Brownies

### Art Display in Sainsbury's Local

Look out for our fantastic art work which will soon be on display at the Sainsbury's Local on Hill Lane. This is an opportunity for us to share our talents with the local community. Thank you to Sainsbury's for the support they provide the school throughout the year.



**Can you help?**



We have been asked by a local resident to help find her 90 year old tortoise who has gone missing. If you happen to see her please could you contact Mrs Turley on 023 8079 0501. As you can imagine she is very worried about "Lucy" and wants to know if she is safe.

**Attendance**

<b>W/C</b>	<b>Foxes</b>	<b>Hedgehogs</b>	<b>Squirrels</b>	<b>Rabbits</b>	<b>Badgers</b>	<b>Owls</b>	<b>Overall</b>
29/06/15	95.7%	94.2%	99.1%	98.3%	98.2%	98.3%	97.3%
06/07/15	96.2%	95.0%	91.1%	99.3%	95.4%	93.1%	95.1%