

NEWSLETTER 16TH DECEMBER 2015

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Dates for your diary

Autumn 2

Wednesday 16 th December	Christmas Shopping Day
Wednesday 16 th December	1.30pm Year 2 singing at Sunrise Senior Living
Wednesday 16 th December	Christmas Shopping and Christmas Lunch
Thursday 17 th December	Christmas Party
Friday 18 th December	Last day for French Club this term
Friday 18 th December	Christmas Jumper day
Friday 18 th December	3.00pm Break up for Christmas Holiday

Spring 1

Monday 4 th January 2016	8.45am - Spring 1 term begins
Friday 8 th January 2016	9.45am - Prospective parents for September 2016

INSET Days 2015-2016

Friday 12th February 2016
Monday 27th June 2016
Wednesday 20th July 2016

Important things to remember

- Everything your child wears or brings into school must be labelled
- Children require a waterproof jacket - with arms and hood
- All children require a water bottle in school every day - this must ONLY contain still water - no fizzy drinks or squash
- 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, nuts or products containing nuts e.g. Nutella
- 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 know from all of the comments from parents and grandparents that everyone agreed with me that the Christmas performances were fantastic. The children were so confident and the singing was outstanding. Once again, I would like to thank all of the staff for the hard work that they have put in this term to ensure that the children get the best opportunities possible. I would also like to thank all parents / carers for your support and the positive comments that you have made.

I would also like to welcome back Mrs Clifford after her maternity leave - it is great to have you back in School!

It just remains for me to wish everyone a very Happy Holidays and we look forward to seeing everybody fit and well on January 4th 2016.



Party Clothes - Thursday 17th December

Children are invited to wear their party clothes or non-uniform on Thursday for our Christmas Party in the afternoon. Normal rules still apply to jewellery and sensible footwear should be worn.

Christmas Jumper day - Friday 18th December

Following our recent letter, a reminder for all children to wear their Christmas jumpers on Friday together with non-school uniform in exchange for a voluntary donation to charity.

This year, we are raising money for Archie Adams whose brother, Lewis was a pupil here and currently attends Hollybrook Junior School. We would ask you to please either donate to the school on Friday or directly to Archie's fund raising page at www.gofundme.com/ArchieAdams.

If your child doesn't have a Christmas jumper, please don't feel the need to go and buy one. It is easy to decorate a plain jumper or wear something else Christmasy!

Attendance Rewards

As usual, we will be rewarding children with excellent attendance in the first week back of term in January and we would be grateful if all those children who have attendance badges from summer term, to return them to the office as soon as possible in readiness for these awards.

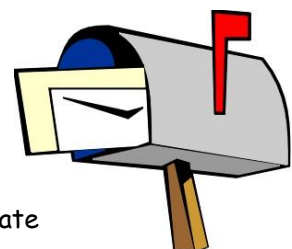


Christmas Performance Donations

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the collection at the end of each performance last week. Your generous donations raised £201 for the Basics Bank, who I'm sure will be very grateful particularly at this time of year.

Office Postbox

A reminder that there is a postbox in the reception area for use for parents/carers to insert permission slips, money and letters in an envelope with your child's name and class clearly marked. This is emptied on a daily basis.



Please do not wait to hand items over to Ms Atton in the office in the morning as this is a particularly busy time with the phone ringing and children coming in late and it will save you time waiting for her.



Facebook

Another reminder for parents to return your signed policies if you would like access to the parent discussion pages on Facebook. We still have a lot of policies which have been signed, but parents/carers haven't actually requested to join the page via Facebook. Please be advised you cannot be added to these groups until you request to do so through Facebook. If you are unsure how to do this, please contact Mrs Smith in the office.

Weekly Communication

As you are aware, every Wednesday, a weekly communication is emailed which includes a reminder of upcoming dates for your diary, confirmation of any letters sent out and every other Wednesday it also includes a Newsletter.

Please check your email inbox every Wednesday to read these, and remember to let the school office know if you change your email address so we can update our records. We can email to multiple addresses, therefore, if you have a grandparent or family member who, for example, regularly collect your children, and you would like them to also have these communications and Newsletters, please let us know.

Please note, Newsletters are also uploaded to the website.

Poppy Appeal and Bottle Holders

We are really pleased to announce that this year we raised £122.34 for the Poppy Appeal!!! What a fantastic result? Thank you so much to everyone for your support.

Also, Mrs Babington has raised an amazing £255.00 by making bottle holders for water bottles, which will be donated to Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

Attendance

A reminder that if your child is going to be absent from school for any reason, you must inform the school office by 9.30am that day. We have a voicemail facility, but please make sure you leave a detailed message including child's name, class and why they are off. Saying 'unwell' does not provide us with enough information. We attempt to make contact with parents when we are not notified of a reason for absence, but if we do not hear back from you the absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

W/C	Foxes	Hedgehogs	Squirrels	Rabbits	Badgers	Owls	Overall
23/11/15	99.2%	99.2%	95.4%	100%	95.0%	98.3%	97.8%
30/11/15	98.3%	96.7%	93.4%	96.7%	94.7%	95.3%	95.9%

All the staff at Hollybrook Infants would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

