

NEWSLETTER 18TH MARCH 2015

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Dates for your diary

Thursday 19th March	*Amended date*3.00pm PTA Cake Sale
Friday 20th March	Inset Day
Tuesday 24th March	*Date added* 9.15am Year 2 Assembly
Wednesday 25th March	Badger Parent Lunch
Friday 27th March	Owl Class Parent Lunch
Thursday 2nd April	School finishes at 3.00pm for Easter break
Monday 20th April	Summer term begins at 8.45am
Friday 24th March	Sponsored Sports
Thursday 30th April	Year R trip to Longdown Activity Farm
Tuesday 5th May	Maths Day
Thursday 7th May	9.00am Parent Forum
Friday 8th May	PTA Cake Sale
Tuesday 12th May	Class Photos
Wednesday 13th May	2.15pm Maths Sharing Time
Thursday 21st May	9.15am Year R Assembly
Friday 22nd May	Non-Uniform Day
	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>



Reminder: Cake Sale in the junior playground at 3.00pm tomorrow! Baked or bought cakes to be donated by Year R please. Water bottle holders will also be on sale.

Reminder: This Friday 20th March is an INSET Day, children are not to attend school on this day.



It has certainly been a busy couple of weeks - thank you for your support with everything. We have received positive feedback verbally from our Ofsted visitors and are now awaiting the final report. Thank you to those parents who filled in the questionnaires or spoke directly to the Inspectors.

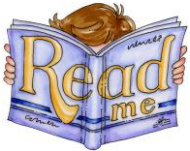
Many parents have now been in to share a hot meal with their child / children. We have had many positive comments regarding the lunches and a couple of suggestions for improvement - we will pass on any that relate to the food to Chartwells.

Year 2 enjoyed their trip to Winchester last week and were very well behaved. They are incorporating this experience into their class assembly which is next Tuesday at 9.15am and we look forward to seeing you there.

Parent Forum

Unfortunately, we have had to postpone the Parent Forum planned for w/c 23rd March until after Easter. If there are any specific issues about your child you would like to discuss then please get in touch with the office who can speak to the relevant person or book an appointment if necessary. The date for the next Parent Forum is Thursday 7th May at 9.00am.

Literacy Week



The children throughout the school did some amazing learning in Literacy Week. In Year R the book of the week was, 'The Monkey Puzzle' by Julia Donaldson. In both Hedgehogs and Foxes the children created some great props for a story sack including paintings of characters, sequencing activities and their own puzzles! In Year 1 the children read 'Albert Le Blanc to the Rescue' by Nick Butterworth and 'The Adventures of Mrs Pepperpot' by Alf Proysen. They followed up their reading with character descriptions, puppet making and reading other books by the same author. In Year 2 the books of the week were both by Julia Donaldson: Room on the Broom and Tiddler. Year 2 wrote book reviews, characters descriptions and came up with some great questions to ask the characters! We hope all those of you who attended the sharing session on Friday afternoon enjoyed seeing what literacy looks like at Hollybrook Infant School. Finally, a big thank you to all of you who helped the children with their fantastic costumes for World Book Day.

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Comic Relief - Red Nose Day

Thank you for all your generous donations for Red Nose Day, and of course for the children's funny faces that day. We raised £135.84 for Comic Relief.

School Nurse

Due to the consistent lack of use, the School Nurse drop-in service has now ceased. If you are concerned about your child, please fill in a referral form which can be found in the school office or visit the school website (www.hollybrookinfant.co.uk) for a link to the School Nurse including contact number. Ali will then arrange to meet directly with you and concerns can be discussed accordingly.



Water Bottle Holders

Last year with your help, Anna Babington raised £162 for JDRF Diabetes Charity by selling water bottle holders to parents/carers. A new batch will be ready for sale alongside the cakes on Thursday 20th March for £2 each. They come in a variety of colours and designs and have proved very popular with the children.



Art Week

Thank you to everyone who has already donated recycled items for our Art Week. We are still collecting the following items:

- Plastic bottle tops (NOT green or blue, any other colour and any type, not just milk bottle tops)
- Empty plastic milk bottles (1, 2 or 3 pint size)
- Cardboard tubes (kitchen paper, wrapping paper, foil, etc. - NO toilet rolls please!)
- Buttons (any colour, any size)

Your help is much appreciated.



Attendance

W/C	Foxes	Hedgehogs	Squirrels	Rabbits	Badgers	Owls	Overall
02/03/15	98.6%	97.9%	96.3%	99.7%	96.6%	100%	98.2%
09/03/15	98.3%	96.7%	96.3%	97.7%	94.5%	98.7%	97.0%