



NEWSLETTER 19TH OCTOBER 2016

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Dates for your diary

Autumn 1

Wednesday 19 th October	3.00pm-6.30pm Parents Evening
Thursday 20 th October	Parent Forum 9.00am
Thursday 20 th October	3.00pm-5.30pm Parents Evening
Thursday 20 th October	3.00pm - 2 nd hand uniform sale
Friday 21 st October	2.30pm - Year R Parent Sharing time
Friday 21 st October	Diwali
Friday 21 st October	3.00pm Break up for Half Term

Autumn 2

Monday 31 st October	8.45am Autumn 2 begins
Tuesday 1 st November	8.45am Individual Photographs
Friday 4 November	2pm - PTA meeting to plan Infant Christmas Fayre.
Monday 7 th November	1.45pm Prospective parents visit for September 2017
Tuesday 8 th November	9.45am and 11.00am Prospective parents visit for September 2017 admission
Wednesday 3 rd November	Travelling Book Fair arrives
Wednesday 10 th November	Travelling Book Fair is collected
Thursday 24 th November	Maths Day - parents welcome at 2.15pm
Friday 25 November	Children to bring in a cake to be sold at Christmas Fayre
Friday 25 th November	Christmas Fayre
Thursday 1 st December	Parent Forum 9.00am
Thursday 8 th December	PM Christmas Performance Dress Rehearsal (Grandparents and younger siblings invited)
Friday 9 th December	AM - Christmas Performance
Monday 12 th December	PM - Christmas Performance
Tuesday 13 th December	Evening - Christmas Performance
Wednesday 14 th December	Christmas Shopping Day
Thursday 15 th December	Christmas Party
Friday 16 th December	Christmas Lunch
Friday 16 th December	3.00pm Break up for Christmas Holidays

INSET days 2016-2017

Monday 5th September 2016
Tuesday 3rd January 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>

We have made it to the end of our first half term - children and adults alike!! I think that it is fair to say that everyone is more than ready for a week off to recharge the batteries. It has been a very successful half term with lots of learning opportunities - thank you for your support with all of this. Harvest Festival was a great success and it was lovely to see so many people there to share it with us. The children were amazing and it is hard to believe that the Reception children have only been in full time for at the most 7 weeks. Thank you also for all of your kind donations which I know will make a difference to local families.

We are busy planning the next half term including, dare I mention it, (?!) Christmas. The PTA is busy arranging the Christmas Fayre which will come round very quickly. I know they would appreciate it if any parents can give up a little bit of time to help on the day or help behind the scenes. This can include things like wrapping presents, sticking tombola tickets on items etc.

I wish everyone a happy half term and look forward to seeing you all on 31st October.

Contact Details

May we remind all parents to advise us of any change in contact telephone numbers immediately these happen. We have recently experienced instances where we are unable to make contact with parents when a child is poorly and requires collection from school, and this can be very distressing for your child. We also of course need these details should we need to contact you urgently in the unlikely event of an injury/illness where your child has to be taken to Hospital.



School Crossing Patrol

As you are aware, we are still without a School Crossing Patrol at the top of Lordswood Road. If you, or anybody you know, would be interested in this position, please call 02380 832271 to discuss this opportunity. Many thanks.

Maths Day

Please note that Maths Day has now been changed to Thursday 24th November and parents are invited to come in at 2.15pm to join their children. Further details will follow nearer the time.

Dropping children off in the morning

If you need to pop into the office in the morning to drop off medication or forms etc, may we again ask that you walk around to your children's classroom door and drop them off beforehand and do not expect to drop them off through the office. All children should be in their classroom promptly at 8.45am to start their learning and to also order their lunch!



Medication

Please be reminded that if you are sending your child into school with medication, this **must** be accompanied by a signed form of consent which can either be downloaded from our website, or you can collect one from the office. Under no circumstances should children be given this medication to "self medicate" as this could easily be used by another child who could be allergic and the medication may have severe consequences for that child. Your child could also overdose on the medication and become seriously ill.

Legotastic Club

All parents of pupils going to Legotastic Club on a Monday should be contacted by Darren at Team Spirit to advise of the new collection time of 4.15pm.

Birthday cakes

We have had a few instances where it is a child's birthday and they have bought a cake into school to share with their class. Whilst this is a lovely thought, unfortunately, due to several children in the school having severe nut allergies, we cannot allow the cakes to be opened and consumed on the premises and therefore the cakes will be sent back home, unopened. We thank you for your assistance in this matter.



Parent Pitch

In your children's book bags this week you will find a letter from Mrs McLachlan who is our Emotional Literacy Support Assistant about an exciting new 4 week programme for parents which is starting after half term. We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible!

Medical Appointments

Wherever possible, medical or dental appointments should be arranged outside of school hours and certainly avoid registration times (9.00am and 1.00pm). For example, for an appointment at 10.00am we would expect you to bring your child to school as normal, then collect them in time for the appointment and return them straight after. We realise there is no choice on times and dates for hospital appointments, but following our guidelines will help to minimise your child's absence.

We would also ask that children are not taken out of school for appointments which are not for them but for siblings or parents as this disrupts their learning. Alternative arrangements should be made for bringing your child to school or collecting them and there is of course the before and after school clubs available.

Parent Parking

A polite reminder to all parents/carers not to park in any of the spaces in Seagarth Close or to block the road when dropping off and collecting children. We would remind you that parking facilities are available at The Sports Centre and there is a pedestrian crossing, with traffic lights, for you to use on Hill Lane.



School Car Park and Playground

Our school car park is a very busy place and is in constant use with deliveries being made. Can we please remind parents **not** to walk their children across the car park and to always use the footpaths provided, even when you do not have your children with you. Please also be reminded that parents are **not** allowed to use the car park to park in, drop off or collect children or just to pop things into the office. We had an incident last week where our gates were hit by a parent reversing out of the car park when a member of staff was trying to park their car. Please could we also remind parents and children that bicycles are not to be used in playgrounds or anywhere on the school premises.

Second Hand Uniform

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



Facebook

A reminder that we have a Facebook page for Hollybrook Infant School and also a parent page for each year group. As stated in the letter regarding Facebook, to access the parent pages, you need to have signed and returned a policy AND requested to join the group on Facebook. Currently we have lots of policies returned, but no requests on Facebook for these people. We cannot add you without you requesting to join the pages. Here are the links again for you to use:-

- Hollybrook Main page <https://www.facebook.com/hollybrookinfant>
- Year R Parent Group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/HollybrookyearR/>
- Year 1 Parent Group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Hollybrookyear1>
- Year 2 Parent Group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Hollybrookyear2pf/>

Outdoor Coats

Please ensure your child always comes to school with an appropriate coat with a hood. We encourage the children to be outside at break and lunchtimes and it is a shame if they cannot fully enjoy all the play equipment if they do not have the suitable clothing. As always, clothing should be labelled.



Attendance

<u>W/C</u>	<u>Foxes</u>	<u>Hedgehogs</u>	<u>Squirrels</u>	<u>Rabbits</u>	<u>Badgers</u>	<u>Owls</u>	<u>Overall</u>
03/10/16	96.6%	96.3%	99.3%	97.3%	99.6%	98.3%	97.9%
10/10/16	96.7%	95.3%	99.3%	97.0%	97.8%	100%	97.6%

A fantastic result for Owls last week with a cracking 100% attendance! Who will get the award next week?