



NEWSLETTER 1ST APRIL 2015

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Dates for your diary

Thursday 2 nd April	School finishes at 3.00pm for Easter break
Monday 20 th April	Summer term begins at 8.45am
Tuesday 21 st April	Art Club - First course begins (Year 2 only)
Wednesday 22 nd April	Belinda's Streetdance begins (all year groups)
Friday 24 th April	Sponsored Sports
Tuesday 28 th April	Sports Challenge begins (Year R and 1)
Thursday 30 th April	Year R trip to Longdown Activity Farm
Thursday 30 th April	Sports Challenge begins (Year 2 only)
Friday 1 st May	12.25pm French Club begins (Year 1 and 2)
Monday 4 th May	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 5 th May	Maths Day
Thursday 7 th May	9.00am Parent Forum
Friday 8 th May	PTA Cake Sale
Tuesday 12 th May	Class Photos
Wednesday 13 th May	2.15pm Maths Sharing Time
Tuesday 19 th May	Art Club - First course ends (Year 2 only)
Tuesday 19 th May	Last Sports Challenge before half term (Year R/1)
Wednesday 20 th May	Last Streetdance before half term
Thursday 21 st May	9.15am Year R Assembly
Thursday 21 st May	Last Sports Challenge before half term (Year 2)
Friday 22 nd May	Non-Uniform Day
Friday 22 nd May	12.25pm Last French Club before half term
Friday 22 nd May	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>



Looking back to January we seem to have packed in an awful lot of learning and activities so it is no wonder that both staff and children are certainly ready for the holidays. The children are currently enjoying their art activities week - it is especially nice to see all of the ages mixed up so that the older children can support the younger children (or in some cases vice versa!). Thank you to the army of

parents who are coming into school this week to support us. It makes it so much easier and we really appreciate the help even though, in some cases, you might not have worked with your particular child.

In case you are not aware, many other counties have already broken up for the Easter holidays and come back to school a week earlier than us. This includes Dorset, although Bournemouth and Poole have the same as us, so places like Moors Valley might be a bit quieter the second week of the holidays.

Following our Ofsted this term and the very positive comments, I would really like to thank everyone who works in school to make it such a happy place to work. I would also like to thank parents for their support. We don't always get it right but we try to make it the best possible place for children to thrive and learn and I think that the following two statements from the report sum this up;

"Excellent relationships at all levels strongly support pupils' outstanding behaviour and love of learning."

"The school provides a very safe, caring and supportive place for pupils to learn. This helps them to thrive both academically and personally."

I would like to wish everyone a very happy Easter and look forward to seeing you back on Monday 20th April.



School Dinner Menus



Dinner menus to begin on Monday 20th April have been sent home in book bags last week. Menus to cover specific dietary requirements or allergies will be sent to the necessary children as soon as possible.

Cookery

Fiona Burton and Kerensa Thorne will be taking over as cooking reps from Naz and Andrea. We would like to thank them for all their hard work over the past few years. During the Summer term Reception classes will be baking Butterscotch Cookies, and Year 1 and 2 will be making Peppermint Cream. As always we require parents to help with the cookery, if you are interested please speak to your class rep. The new recipes will be uploaded onto the website and the paper copies will be available from the office.



Traffic Congestion



Some road works have begun on Luccombe Road from Monday 30th March, which have closed the road. This is causing extra traffic and congestion on Winchester Road and surrounding roads so please ensure you allow extra time for your journey to and from school. The work is expected to last 2 weeks so should be complete when we return after Easter. Above all, please drive safely.

Cake Sale

Thank you to Year R for all your generous donations of cakes for the recent Cake Sale, and of course to all the people who bought the cakes too. The sale raised a fantastic £116. Anna Babington also raised £54 for JDRF Diabetes Charity by selling the popular water bottle holders.





Attendance Reward Badges

A reminder that the Attendance Reward Badges that were given out in January now need to be returned to your child's teacher or teaching assistant in order for us to reward children for the Spring term after Easter. Badges should be returned to us no **later** than Wednesday 22nd April please.

Attendance

W/C	Foxes	Hedgehogs	Squirrels	Rabbits	Badgers	Owls	Overall
16/03/15	91.4%	90.8%	94.7%	97.5%	97.5%	97.9%	95.0%
23/03/15	97.6%	92.6%	99.2%	93.0%	95.8%	99.3%	96.2%