

NEWSLETTER 1st MARCH 2017

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Dates for your diary

Spring 2

Thursday 2nd March

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Monday 6th March

Tuesday 7th March

Thursday 16th March

Friday 24th March

Monday 27th March

Tuesday 28th March

Friday 7th April

Parent Forum

World Book Day - children to dress as favourite book character

Maths Day - parents invited in at 2.15pm

Year 1 - Blue Reef Aquarium visit

2.30pm - Year R parents invited in for a Teddy Bear Picnic

Red Nose Day

Arts week

9.00am - Year 1 assembly

3.00pm - Break up for Easter holidays

Summer 1

Monday 24th April

Monday 8th May

Tuesday 9th May

Thursday 18th May

Monday 22nd May

Wednesday 24th May

Thursday 25th May

Friday 26th May

8.45am - Summer 1 starts

Class Photographs

9.00am - Year R assembly

School Census

Maths Day

New Year R September 2017 parents meeting

New Year R September 2017 parents meeting

3.00 pm - Break up for half term

INSET days 2016-2017

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
- Lunch boxes to be labelled with your child's name and class and please do not include sweets, chocolate bars, 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>

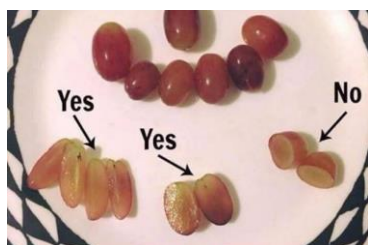
Welcome back to everyone for what is looking to be a packed half term. For this reason it is likely that a lot of information will be coming your way so please make sure that you look out for any correspondence and also that you read the whole of each newsletter so that confusion does not occur over names of meetings!!

This week, Year 1 enjoyed a Science and Materials workshop and Year 2 had a drama workshop about The Great Fire of London. The children all had a fantastic time and both of these events were paid for by funds raised by the PTA.

The Senior Leadership Team have been doing some monitoring across school and we are really pleased with the high quality of learning that the children are producing. Expectations for each year group have been lifted but I am pleased to say that we are not losing the creativity that we are proud of through our topic based curriculum.

I look forward to seeing you all in school for the different events and drop in sessions over the next half term.

Grapes and food in lunch boxes



Please could we ask all parents to cut grapes in half lengthways if you are going to be providing these in your children's lunch boxes. Grapes are a choking hazard and shouldn't be given to young children whole. Even if your child is used to eating them whole at home, we'd appreciate them being cut for school due to the amount of children being supervised in the dinner hall.

May we take this opportunity to remind all parents that the school is a nut free school as we have several children with a severe nut allergy and no nut products should be brought onto or consumed on the school premises. This includes Nutella in sandwiches. Any items containing nuts will be returned home.

Parent Forum

Please be reminded of the Parent Forum which will be taking place Thursday 2nd March at 9.00am. If you have anything you would like to raise, please see your class representatives before this time, or message them on the parent Facebook pages, and they will be able to mention this in the meeting on your behalf. As always, please be reminded this is only to be used for general issues and if you have any specific worries or concerns relating to your child, please speak to your Class Teacher or Mrs Clifford directly.

Sainsbury's Active Kids

It's that time of year again when Sainsbury's are issuing Active Kids vouchers with every shop (one voucher for every £10 spent/£5 at Local stores). We will once again be collecting vouchers, which last year we used to purchase various new PE equipment. The voucher collection box is in the school office.



Opportunities to learn or practise English

Kat Jeffery from the PTA has shared with us a list of free and low-cost English classes in Southampton. These are open to people from any background and any faith. Levels range from Beginner to Advanced. If you would like to know more, please pick up a list of classes from the school office or contact Kat directly on katrinajtrans@gmail.com

Year R Teddy Bear Picnic

On Thursday 16th March, all year R parents/carers are invited in at 2.30pm to join the children in a teddy bear's picnic. We hope you can come along and we look forward to seeing you!

Parent Parking

Please could we ask that no parents park in the school car park at any time as this car park is constantly in use with deliveries and staff coming and going. Please also do not park on the yellow lines along Seagarth Close, or block this close when collecting or dropping off pupils or to park in any of the spaces for residents in Seagarth Close. There are plenty of parking spaces along Seagarth Lane or at The Sports Centre where there is a school crossing patrol at the top of Lordswood Road for you to use.



Bag 2 School

Thank you all for saving your old reusable clothes and bringing them in to the PTA to raise money for Bag 2 School. We raised a fabulous £181.20!!

Fashion show at USH for the PTFA on Friday 31st March 2017

One of the ladies in Shirley Infant School, which is a fellow JET School, is organising a Fashion Show at Upper Shirley High on the above date where you can buy high street clothes at discount prices! Please see the fliers which have been put up around the school.

PE Kit Reminder

PE kits should now be returned to school and include the following named items:

- T-shirt
- Shorts
- Tracksuit
- Trainers - no plimsoles



For girls, it is also useful to provide a pair of socks, in case they happen to be wearing tights on PE day!

Term Dates 2017-2018

Please see below term dates for the academic year September 2017 - July 2018, which have also been added to our website. Details of inset days will be released once finalised by JET Trust:

Autumn Term 2017

Term: Friday 1st September - Thursday 21st December

Half Term: Monday 23rd October - Friday 27th October

Inset Days: To be confirmed



Spring Term 2018

Term: Thursday 4th January - Thursday 29th March

Half Term: Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February

Inset Days: To be confirmed



Summer Term 2017

Term: Monday 16th April - Friday 20th July

Half Term: Monday 28th May - Friday 1st June

Inset Days: To be confirmed



School Attendance Matters

Every half term we provide figures to the Jefferys Education Trust and Governing Body in relation to Attendance. At the end of Spring 1, our attendance stands at 96.8% for the whole year but only 95.9% for Spring 1 term, against an academic yearly target of 97%. Whilst this is an increase upon our figure of last year which was 96.5%, we are still low, which is a shame when we started the year so well with the first half term standing at 97.9% which was an outstanding result. We would really love to beat our target for this year and really hope that Spring 2 is even better! With your support, we know we can do it!

Here are a few figures for you in relation to attendance:-

What does absence equate to in terms of pupils and their learning?

- **99.5% attendance = a pupil has 1 day off per whole school year**
- **97.0% attendance = a pupil has 6 days off per whole school year**
- **94.7% attendance = a pupil has 2 weeks off per whole school year**
- **90% attendance = a pupil is classed as a Persistent Absentee and will lose 4 whole weeks of school**
- **85% attendance = a pupil will lose nearly 6 weeks of school time, which equates to a whole half term**

W/C	Foxes	Hedgehogs	Squirrels	Rabbits	Badgers	Owls	Overall
06/02/17	96.7%	96.3%	95.7%	99.0%	99.3%	90.7%	96.4%
13/02/17	93.0%	96.7%	93.9%	95.5%	95.6%	97.0%	95.3%