

## NEWSLETTER 20<sup>th</sup> April 2016

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### Dates for your diary

#### Summer 1

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2016

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Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2016

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2016

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2016

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2016

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2016

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2016

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Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2016

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Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2016

Earth Day

3.00pm Year 2 cake sale

2.15pm Parent Time with Dylan Wrixon - Managing Challenging Behaviour

2.30pm Year R only parent sharing time

BANK HOLIDAY

9.00am Parent Time with Dylan Wrixon - at Junior School (repeat of Managing Challenging Behaviour)

9.00am Parent Forum

Arts Week

JET Prom staff & parent choir rehearsal at USH- 5.00pm-6.30pm

9.00am Year R Assembly

7.00pm - 8.00pm September Year R intake information evening

2.00pm - 3.00pm September Year R intake information session

JET Prom staff & parent rehearsal at USH - 5.00pm-6.30pm

3.00pm - Break up for Half Term

#### Summer 2

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2016

Summer 2 begins at 8.45am

#### INSET Days 2015-2016

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2016

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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.

Welcome back to the start of a new term. I do hope that you all had an enjoyable holiday. As usual, we have many things planned for this term, which is always a busy one so please keep an eye out for e-mails, newsletters etc so that we can inform you as early as possible about things that are happening in school.

The next parent forum is on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May at 9.00am. This is where the class reps can bring forward comments from parents (both positive and negative!) about any school issues. These should be generic issues rather than something that is more individual. If you have something more urgent that you would like to discuss, or if it is more of an individual concern, then please do not hesitate to contact me either through e-mail, or by making an appointment through the office. We will always do our best to address issues and would rather deal with things sooner rather than later.



### Year 2 - Junior school place offer

Parents of Year 2 children that applied for a junior school place on time, be it Hollybrook Juniors or an alternative junior school, should now have received their offer. Please note, you must accept this place by the deadline of 1<sup>st</sup> May 2016, or the offer will be withdrawn.

### Earth Day

As part of Earth day on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April, we will be planting seeds throughout the school to engage the children in thinking about their environment and how plants contribute to this. We will be also thinking about how we protect our environment through recycling so would like the children to bring in a recycled object that they could use to plant seeds in. This could be anything such as an old welly boot (no longer needed), an old plastic yoghurt pot, or an old small saucepan or teacup. The more unusual the better! Please make sure the container is not too big as we need to be able to fill it with soil. Please bring your child's container in by Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April.



### Polo Shirts

A reminder that children are able to wear either red or white polo shirts with their uniform.

### Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday

As you will no doubt be aware, tomorrow is our Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Year R children have sent a card to the Queen on behalf of the school and after the next half term, the whole school will be taking part in a celebration. Full details will follow in due course.

### Lost Property Table

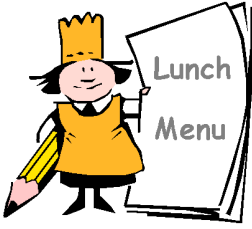
Please be reminded that next Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> April, Mrs Rogerson will be running a Lost Property Table at 3pm - 3.15pm in the corridor outside the hall. All items of lost property will be displayed on there for you to check and claim if they are yours.

### Year 2 Cake Sale

The next PTA Cake Sale will be held on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2016 at 3pm in the Junior playground. At this sale we would like **Year 2** to donate homemade or shop bought cakes - **but they must not contain nuts** please. Any containers should be clearly labelled with your child's name and class and can be collected from the office after the event.



### School Lunches



Please be reminded that the buffet choices are alternating between Jacket Potatoes and Pasta each week. This week it is Pasta and therefore no jacket potatoes are available. Next week will be jacket potatoes, the week after pasta, and so forth. If you are unsure, please check the calendar on the school website.

### Lunch Boxes

We have had a couple of occasions recently where chocolates, sweets and fizzy drinks have been sent to school in children's lunch boxes. May we remind you that these items are not acceptable and should not be sent to school. Also, a reminder that we are a nut free school.

### Weather

Although we have been having some nice, dry days, we are still experiencing windy and wet conditions. Please ensure children have a coat or anorak in school every day. Pupils play outside twice a day and will only be kept inside in very wet conditions. We now only have a couple of spare coats and currently don't have enough for all the children that require them. Even on days when the weather starts well you never know when the next shower is coming!



### Office and Reception area

Please can we ask that if parents have questions first thing in the morning that they drop their children into their appropriate classrooms before coming into the office. We are experiencing a large amount of children going in through the office in the morning which should not happen. It is important that all children go in through their classrooms and not through the office.



### Parent and Staff Choir Rehearsals

The parent and staff choir at our previous JET Prom Concerts were a great success and we are hoping this years will be even bigger and better! All parents/carers, grandparents/aunties/uncles/ex-students are welcome and you will have already received an email regarding this. As a reminder, the dates you need to remember are:-

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May - 5.00pm-6.30pm  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May - 5.00pm-6.30pm  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June - 5.00pm -6.30pm  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June - 5.00pm-6.30pm

Final Practice is on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June - 5.00pm - 6.30pm and the JET Prom will be held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June - 7.00pm-9.30pm.

Ideally, you are asked to attend three rehearsals, including final practice which will be held at Upper Shirley High. We hope to see as many of you there as possible!

### Attendance Trophy

We have a new Attendance Trophy which each Friday will be given to the class with the best attendance for the week before. The class get this trophy to keep for the week, together with a certificate to display in their classroom for the week. On weeks where two classes get the same highest attendance, the trophy will be shared.

## Attendance Assembly



Despite Chicken Pox again in all year groups, although thankfully not as bad as last year and some cases of Scarlet Fever, we have still had quite a good year for attendance. The whole school attendance for the year stands at **96.4%** with our target for the year being 97%.



We have an amazing 59 children that have achieved 100% attendance for Spring Term which is a fantastic result! These are as follows:

<u>Foxes</u>	<u>Hedgehogs</u>	<u>Squirrels</u>	<u>Rabbits</u>	<u>Badgers</u>	<u>Owls</u>
Ethan	Jake	Charlie	Harry B	William	Julia
Emily	George	Elliot	Molly	Arunima	Jasmine
Harrison	Genevieve	Archie	Summer	Kavaldeep	Barney
Erin	Rohan	Michalina	Amber	Oskar	Dominik
Ruby	Sophia	Ava	Reuben	Suzi	Ava-May
Okechukwu	Oscar	Zachary	Alexander	Sophie	Ayati
Benjamin	Benjamin	Benjamin	Francesco	Zoe	Finlay
Oliver S	Jan	Amelia	Millie	Si Yeon	Nadia
		Lara	Daniel	Millie	Henry
				Crystal	Elliot
				Imogen	Arabella
				Ali	
				Dylan	
				Daniel	

In addition, we had 11 children who achieved silver awards and 37 children with bronze. So 107 children achieving over 97% is a magnificent result. All children have been rewarded this week with Attendance Certificates and Badges and also have their names on our Attendance Board in Reception.

Thank you to all of those parents who have supported us so far this year to achieve this attendance figure and with your support I am sure we can reach our target of 97%. Lets do it!!

<b>W/C</b>	<b>Foxes</b>	<b>Hedgehogs</b>	<b>Squirrels</b>	<b>Rabbits</b>	<b>Badgers</b>	<b>Owls</b>	<b>Overall</b>
21/03/16	98.3%	95.4%	96.6%	95.3%	93.3%	97.8%	96.1%