



NEWSLETTER 20TH MAY 2015

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Dates for your diary

Summer 1

Wednesday 20th May

Thursday 21st May

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Friday 22nd May

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Last Streetdance before half term

9.00am Year R Assembly

Last Sports Challenge before half term (Year 2)

Non-Uniform Day - BOTTLE DONATIONS PLEASE

12.25pm Last French Club before half term

School finishes at 3.00pm for half term

Summer 2

Monday 1st June

Tuesday 2nd June

Wednesday 3rd June

Thursday 4th June

Thursday 4th June

Friday 5th June

Tuesday 9th June

Saturday 13th June

Monday 15th June

Mon 15th - Wed 17th June

Thursday 18th June

Monday 22nd June

Wednesday 24th June

Friday 26th June

Monday 29th June

Thursday 2nd July

Tuesday 7th July

Wednesday 8th July

Thursday 9th July

Thursday 9th July

Mon 13th - Fri 17th July

Monday 13th July

Monday 13th July

Tuesday 14th July

Thursday 16th July

Friday 17th July

Friday 17th July

Monday 20th July

Wednesday 22nd July

Summer 2 begins at 8.45am

Sports Challenge continues (Year R and 1)

Belinda's Streetdance continues (all year groups)

Year 1 trip to Blue Reef Aquarium

Sports Challenge continues (Year 2 only)

12.25pm French Club continues (Year 1 and 2)

Art Club begins - 2nd course (Year 2 only)

PTA Summer Fayre

3.00pm - 3.30pm Skoolkit Uniform Sale

3.00pm - 4.00pm Book Fair

3.00pm - 3.30pm Skoolkit Uniform Sale

8.45am - 9.15am Sharing Time

Year 2 trip to Hillier Aboretum

PTA Cake Sale - Year 1 to donate cakes please

INSET Day - children not to attend school

9.00am Parent Forum

Last Art Club for 2nd course (Year 2 only)

Last Belinda's Streetdance (all year groups)

2.00pm - 3.30pm Open afternoon

School Disco

Activities Week

9.00 am Sports Day (back up date Friday 17th July)

Healthy Schools Day

Last Sports Challenge (Year R and 1)

Last Sports Challenge (Year 2 only)

PTA Cake Sale - Year R to donate cakes please

9.00am Civic Award Assembly

9.00am Year 2 Leavers Assembly

School finishes at 3.00pm for Summer holiday

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>

It doesn't seem 5 minutes ago since we came back from the Easter Holidays - we have packed so much into the last 5 weeks that everyone is ready for half term! Let's hope that the weather picks up and we can enjoy some sunshine like last weekend.

Year R really enjoyed their school trip to the farm and are looking forward to sharing their learning with you in their class assembly on Thursday. Years 1 and 2 will be going on their trips after half term. We will be welcoming our new parents and children for September shortly and the Year 2 children have already been on a visit to the Junior School.

In the last newsletter we asked that children bring a coat to school at the moment as the weather is so changeable. We do carry a few spares but today 10 children were without a coat and we were unable to accommodate them. We try to get the children outside as much as possible so that they can run off some energy so please could you ensure that your child comes with a coat each day.

On a slightly sadder note, Mrs Bradshaw will be leaving at the end of this week. I am sure that you will join me in thanking her for all of the hard work and dedication that she has given to the school over the many years that she has been here and wish her all the best.

Parent Forum

We held a parent forum meeting a couple of weeks ago.

- There were a couple of queries around Inset Days for next year and holiday dates. We have put up the holiday dates for next year on our website and these can also be found if you google holiday dates Southampton. The dates for 2016/2017 are also on the Southampton website. We have an Inset day on the first day back in September (1st) and as soon as we have agreed Inset days with the Junior school we will let you know
- One parent has fed back that the milk is too cold for their child to drink. We have had a lot of problems in the past with milk going stale so it is necessary for us to keep it in the fridge until just before the children have it. It is usually at room temperature for 5 to 10 minutes before the children have it
- There have been a couple of requests for children to have napkins at lunchtime. We have looked into this but it is not viable due to cost and mess. If your child has a pocket, I suggest that you give them a piece of kitchen roll or a tissue that they can use at lunchtime.
- There was some feedback about difficulties in getting parents to be able to come and help with cooking and reading as they are only able to get in in the morning. This can be due to the difficulties if children miss parts of numeracy and literacy. We will look at this and try to ensure that children cook in the morning if parents are able to give up their time then
- Thank you for the very positive feedback from the Ofsted report - we were very pleased with the comments

Non-uniform Day - Bottle Donations required please



A reminder that children are invited to dress in non-school uniform this Friday 22nd May, and in return we would like parents/carers to donate full bottles (these must be in date) for use on the Bottle Tombola stall at the Summer Fayre. The bottles could be anything from soft drinks or alcoholic drinks, to ketchup or bubble bath.

Adopt a Teddy Bear stall

For the Adopt a Teddy Bear stall at the Summer Fayre we require donations of teddy bears or other soft toys. These do not have to be new but should be of good quality. Please bring donations to your child's class or the school office.



Parent and Staff Choir Rehearsals

The parent and staff choir at our first JET Prom Concert last Summer was a great success and we are hoping this year's will be even bigger and better! All parents/carers are welcome and we will be holding 2 rehearsals on the following dates at Upper Shirley High school:

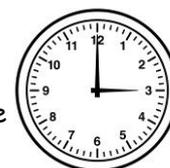
Friday 26th June - 4.00pm-6.00pm
Thursday 9th July - 4.00pm-6.00pm

If you would like to come to the rehearsals please confirm your attendance to Philip.griffiths@ushschool.org

The JET Prom will be held on Monday 13th July. This is open to all children in Year 2 - please find details in a separate letter in book bags today.

End of School Day collection

The school day ends at 3.00pm daily, at which point children should be collected by parents/carers from their class room, unless they are attending an after-school club that day or are due to be collected by Kidz Play. If the designated person is running late for any reason and will not be at the school at 3.00pm, it is essential that the school office is informed of this and what time they will be there to collect.



We appreciate that there will always be the odd occasion when something unexpected causes a delay in you getting to school, but this should not be a regular occurrence and we need to be informed as soon as possible. We cannot guarantee that there will be a member of staff available to look after your child / children and children can understandably become upset if they do not know why they are late being picked up.

If a child has not been collected, and we are unable to contact anyone, then this could result in us having to inform Social Services.

Sending money into school



From time to time, parents/carers need to send money into school for various reasons, for example, clubs, trips, PTA events, charity donations. In order to ensure your money reaches the office safely, please ensure you send the money into school in a sealed envelope, labelled with your child's name, class, amount of money and reason. The envelope should also include the relevant permission slip or form if there is one. Thank you for your co-operation.

Attendance

W/C	Foxes	Hedgehogs	Squirrels	Rabbits	Badgers	Owls	Overall
04/05/15	100%	97.8%	98.7%	100%	95.1%	99.2%	98.5%
11/05/15	99.0%	95.5%	96.8%	97.3%	95.0%	97.3%	96.8%