

NEWSLETTER 23rd MARCH 2016

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Dates for your diary

Spring 2

Thursday 24 th March 2016	2.30pm - Year 1 Big Sing - parents invited
Thursday 24 th March 2016	9.20am - Easter Egg Hunt
Thursday 24 th March 2016	3.00pm - 3.15pm Lost property table
Thursday 24 th March 2016	3.00pm - Break up for Easter holidays

Summer 1

Monday 11 th April 2016	Summer 1 begins at 8.45am
Wednesday 13 th April 2016	2.15pm Parent Time with Dylan Wrixon - Internet Safety
Monday 18 th April 2016	Maths day
Monday 18 th April 2016	2.30pm Parents invited to join in Maths time
Monday 25 th April 2016	2.15pm Parent Time with Dylan Wrixon - Managing Challenging Behaviour
Monday 2 nd May 2016	BANK HOLIDAY
Wednesday 4 th May 2016	9.00am Parent Time with Dylan Wrixon - at Junior School (repeat of Managing Challenging Behaviour)
Thursday 12 th May 2016	9.00am Parent Forum
Tuesday 24 th May 2016	9.00am Year R Assembly
Wednesday 25 th May 2016	7.00pm - 8.00pm September Year R intake information evening
Thursday 26 th May 2016	2.00pm - 3.00pm September Year R intake information session
Friday 27 th May 2016	3.00pm - Break up for Half Term

Summer 2

Monday 6 th June 2016	Summer 2 begins at 8.45am
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INSET Days 2015-2016

Monday 27th June 2016
Wednesday 20th 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) 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.

Although this half term has been quite short we seem to have packed a lot of learning into it! The children really enjoyed having an orchestra in to play for them on Monday and some children also spent time afterwards playing the instruments. Please look on the website for pictures of the event plus other learning that the children have been doing. Year 1 also had a really good day at the Sealife Centre last Friday. The Year 2 children, who learn the recorder, are off to Shirley Infant this afternoon to join children from other schools in the Trust for The Big Recorder Bash and Year 1 children will be taking part in the "Big Sing" tomorrow where we hope Year 1 parents will be able to join us.

I would like to thank Lucien for the support that he has given to both schools stepping in as Caretaker for the last few months. Graeme will be starting as Site Manager officially on Monday 11th April and we look forward to welcoming him as part of the team. Graeme has spent some time on the site this week - again thank you to Lucien for showing him the ropes!

As we break up for Easter I would like to thank all the staff for their hard work and all parents / carers for your support. I hope that you all have a very happy and relaxing Easter break and look forward to the summer term.

Collection point for After School Clubs

Please be aware that the collection point for after school clubs after returning from the Easter break will be at the Year R entrance doors. The adult in charge of the club will bring the children to you there. Please do not come into the school office to collect your children as you will be asked to go to the correct door.

Orchestra

On Monday 21st March we had a visit from some very special guests. Six instrumental teachers from Southampton Music Services called to entertain us with their amazing playing and to give us the opportunity to learn about the instruments of the Orchestra. Some of the children even had a go at playing the instruments! Please visit the gallery section of the school website for some fantastic pictures.



Parent Time with Dylan Wrixon

After the success of the internet safety workshop that was held here, we are pleased to be able to offer the session again for those parents that were not able to attend. Dylan Wrixon will also be running further workshops, as stated in the Parent Time letter which will be sent separately.

We look forward to seeing you at these sessions

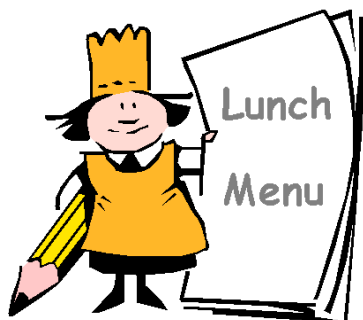
Polo Shirts

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

Lost Property Table

Please be aware that starting from Thursday 24th March, on the last Thursday of every month, 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.

School Lunches



You should all now have a copy of the new menu which has been sent out in bookbags. As previously advised, in addition to the listed food, there will be the extra buffet option as normal. However, the potatoes will now be on an alternative week and Pasta with a tomato based sauce or with grated cheese on the other week. You will be able to check our website calendar for confirmation of which buffet week we will be on and all staff in classrooms will also be aware for when children are picking their lunch option in the morning. However, we will be starting with Jacket Potatoes for the week beginning 11th April and Pasta for the week beginning 18th April and alternate weeks after that.

Bottle Holders

We have received a letter from Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Ltd to thank everybody for the money raised from buying the bottle holders that Anna Babington kindly makes. They have advised that the money you have raised will help scientists search for the cure for type 1 diabetes. It will also help JDRF give a teddy called Rufus to every child in the UK diagnosed with type 1 diabetes and he helps the children to learn about diabetes, their injections, insulin pumps and finger prick tests. Well done everyone!



Year R Cake Sale



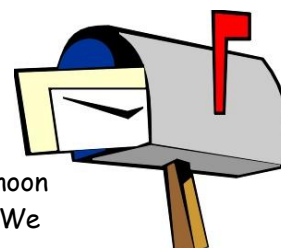
Thank you to everyone who came to the Year R cake sale and bought the items kindly donated by our Year R parents. You raised an amazing £120.05 for the PTA which is fantastic! Thank you!

Sports Relief

Thank you to all the children for taking part in our Sports Relief challenge - which was running a mile round the Year R playground. Together you raised £77.33 which is a fantastic result. Well done!

Office Postbox

Please again be reminded there is a postbox in the reception area for use for parents/carers to insert permission slips, money and letters in an envelope with your child's name and class clearly marked. This is emptied on a daily basis.



Please do not hand items over to Ms Atton in the office in the morning or afternoon as this is a particularly busy time with the phone ringing and children coming in. We will shortly be moving the postbox to outside the front door to reduce traffic into the reception area.

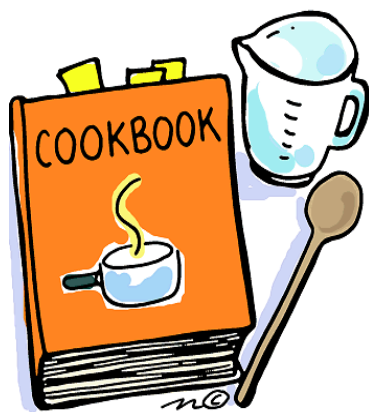
Happily Ever Crafter Club

Please be reminded of the above club for Years 1 & 2 which starts on Thursday 14th April 2016. If you would like your child to take part, please collect a form from the school office.

Medication

As you are aware, if your child is on medication which needs to be given at school, you are required to complete a form to consent to us giving this medication. To assist parents we have now uploaded this form onto our website www.hollybrookinfant.co.uk under the heading Our School and in Key Information. You can then print this off and fully complete the top section, sign and date it and send it into school with your child and the medication.

Cooking



This term the children will be making mini cheesecakes, the recipes are available in reception and on the School website. This recipe should take about 30 minutes with a group of 4 children - anyone with an hour to spare could do 2 groups, the kitchen will be stocked with ingredients by Thursday 14th April.

As a guide each class has an allocated time and day to use the kitchen, details of which are displayed by each classroom entrance, **these times are flexible so please let your class rep know if you are interested.** Cooking is run by the PTA and in order for the children to take part **we need more volunteers.** New volunteers will need to be DBS checked before they can take part, these forms are available from the school office.

Parent Parking

Another reminder for parents not to 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.



Attendance Matters

The Spring term has proved to be difficult with Chicken Pox and Scarlet Fever both in school. We are currently on course to achieve 96.4%, however, this is still somewhat short of our target of 97% for 2015-2016.



As a reminder, children should only be kept off school if they have a high temperature, and in the case of vomiting or diarrhoea they must be kept off until 48 hours after their last symptom. Children should be attending school if they have a cold or a cough, and remember we can administer antibiotics or other medicines in school providing you bring the medication to the office and complete the required paperwork.

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.



W/C	Foxes	Hedgehogs	Squirrels	Rabbits	Badgers	Owls	Overall
07/06/16	98.3%	97.7%	96.9%	91.0%	100%	95.5%	96.5%
14/03/16	90.0%	88.3%	93.4%	95.9%	97.0%	95.2%	93.3%