



NEWSLETTER 24TH FEBRUARY 2016

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Dates for your diary

Spring 2

Thursday 25 th February 2016	9.00am - Parent Time with Dylan Wrixon
Monday 29 th February 2016	2.30 pm - Year 1 parents to read with children
Tuesday 1 st March 2016	School Nurse - talk on Teeth hygiene
Thursday 3 rd March 2016	9.00am - Parent Forum
Thursday 3 rd March 2016	World Book day - children to dress as book characters
Thursday 10 th March 2016	9.00am - Year 1 parent assembly
Tuesday 15 th March 2016	9.00am - Year 2 parent assembly
Friday 18 th March 2016	Walk/run a mile for Sports Relief
Friday 18 th March 2016	Year 1 visit to Blue Reef Aquarium, Portsmouth
Monday 21 st March 2016	2.15pm - Year 2 SATS meeting
Monday 21 st March 2016	Arts Week
Wednesday 23 rd March 2016	9.00am - Year 2 SATS meeting
Thursday 24 th March 2016	2.30pm - Year 1 Big Sing - parents invited
Thursday 24 th March 2016	Easter Egg Hunt
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
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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.

Welcome back to everyone for what is looking to be quite a short, but, 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!!

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. This is a challenging year for teachers, especially in Year 2, as the way that children are being tested this year is changing and this is very much an interim year. We are holding two information sessions for Year 2 parents to explain this in more detail. After much deliberation, we have decided on a morning and an afternoon one as we find that there is low attendance for evening meetings. Year 2 parents please look out for separate letter.

The Governors and myself would like to express our gratitude to the PTA Committee members and to all parents who help to organise and run PTA events. As a result of these, and the generosity and support of parents, the PTA have donated £4,500 to the school. £900 is used annually to subsidise the coaches for the main school trip so that costs are kept down for parents. We are looking to spend the rest on Learn Pads for each class - these will benefit every child and the school would not necessarily be able to fund these out of our ever diminishing budget.

I am pleased to say that we have appointed a new Site Manager, Graeme Staddon, who will be working across both the Infant and Junior Schools. We are hoping that he will be able to start just before Easter. I would like to thank Lucien who has been doing the Caretaker role in the interim.

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

Parent Time with Dylan Wrixon

Parent Time is our new monthly drop in for all parents with children in Hamwic Trust schools. The idea of these sessions is to get parents together to share ideas and concerns that they have. The informal drop in style will also give parents access to the Trust's Family Support Team who can offer help and advice on many issues. Once established 'Parent Time' will allow parents to come and share their own experiences of parenting, get ideas from other parents and also suggest topics for workshops to be run by the Trust.

We hope that at 'Parent Time' you will gain some ideas as well as help to make other parents feel supported.

We remind you that the next session is on Thursday 25th February at 9.00am.

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.



Term Dates 2016-2017

Please see below term dates for the academic year September 2016 - July 2017, which have been added to our website:

Autumn Term 2016

Term: Monday 5th September - Friday 16th December

Half Term: Monday 24th October - Friday 28th October

Inset Days: Monday 5th September (remaining inset days to be confirmed)



Spring Term 2017

Term: Tuesday 3rd January - Friday 7th April

Half Term: Monday 20th February - Friday 24th February

Inset Days: To be confirmed



Summer Term 2017

Term: Monday 24th April - Tuesday 25th July

Half Term: Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June

Inset Days: To be confirmed



Please note Monday 5th September is the only confirmed inset day at present. The remaining inset days are still to be confirmed and we will inform you as soon as we know.

Attendance Matters

We are continuing to notice an increased number of pupils arriving at school after the doors have closed and being collected late from the office. Please be reminded that school starts at 8.45am and all children should be in class and ready for lessons at this time. It is not acceptable for children to be arriving on a regular basis 5, 10 or 15 minutes late as this has a significant impact on not only your child's learning, but also the other children in their class.

In addition, the school day finishes at 3.00pm and all parents should be in the relevant playgrounds waiting for their child. If you have more than one child at the school in different classes, please collect the younger child first before walking round to the older child's playground to collect them. We are happy to arrange for the younger child to be at the front of the queue coming out of class and the older child at the end of their queue coming out of class so that this gives parents time to walk round to the relevant classrooms.

We are also noticing parents are regularly late in collecting their children. Whilst we understand unavoidable delays of 5 to 10 minutes can occasionally happen, this should not be on a regular basis and the school office should be informed. We would ask all parents who experience difficulty in collecting their children on time to collect a leaflet from the school office for the after school club which should be used. Our staff in the office are very busy and cannot look after your children until you arrive.

W/C	Foxes	Hedgehogs	Squirrels	Rabbits	Badgers	Owls	Overall
01/02/16	97.0%	97.0%	92.1%	98.9%	97.7%	94.3%	96.2%
08/02/16	96.3%	97.1%	100%	98.3%	97.1%	91.4%	96.7%