



NEWSLETTER 25th JANUARY 2017

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Dates for your diary

Spring 1

Friday 10 th February	Year 2 cake sale
Monday 13 th February	8.45am-9.15am - sharing time with parents
Wednesday 15 th February	Parents Evening
Thursday 16 th February	Parents Evening
Friday 17 th February	3.00pm - break up for half term

INSET days 2016-2017

Monday 27th February 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
- 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>

We are well and truly settled into the term and children have been bringing down some lovely examples of their learning to show me. Year 2 teachers have been amazed at the skills that the children have shown with sewing making their puppets and the whole of Key Stage 1 are immersed in various traditional tales. Year R children are really engaged in their topic and there has been some really high quality writing based on "Mr Gumpy's Outing." Thank you for your support with home learning - I know that the children enjoy sharing this with the rest of the class.

We are seeing an increase in Leave of Absence requests and I therefore need to bring to your attention the Government requirement that children in Year 2 will be assessed in May and Year 1 phonic screening is in June. **May and June are key months for assessing all Year groups;** if children miss school during this time period it could lead to a mis-assessment due to lack of up to date evidence. Therefore please ensure that your child / children are in school apart from unavoidable illness. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

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 katringjtrans@gmail.com

Parent's Evenings

You will shortly be receiving a letter regarding the upcoming parent's evenings. We would recommend booking online early if you need particular time slots and you have more than one child at the school and need slots one after the other. As before, if you do not have access to a computer, Ms Atton and Mrs Smith in the office will be happy to book these for you. We would ask that you if you book more than one appointment by mistake, that you delete the duplicate appointment to free this up for another parent.



Office Manager

As you will recall from one of the Newsletters last term, Lisa Richardson has recently been appointment as Finance Manager across both Hollybrook Schools. With this happening, Shereen Higgins is now able to concentrate on being Office Manager for both schools and will therefore, in time, be working half of the week out of each school. You, as parents, will not notice a difference in how the office operates, however, if you have children in both schools, you may notice her if you visit!

Payment to Karate Club

Please note that all payments are to be made directly to Lizzie who runs Karate at the Junior School. No payments are to come to our Office please.

Change to menu - Thursday 2nd February 2017

Please note the roast meat will be chicken and not turkey. Thank you

Change to buffet choice - Monday 30th and Tuesday 31st January 2017

Please be aware that the buffet choice for these two days will be jacket potato instead of pasta.

Donations to Basics Bank

Today we received a letter from Southampton City Mission Basics Bank thanking them for a cheque in the sum of £246.17 which was raised as a result of donations at our Christmas Performances. They advised that in 2016, they fed people 8321 times and clothed 1607 people and your kind donations will help more people experiencing the effects on poverty in our city in 2017.

A big thank you for your continued support!!

Bag 2 School

Thank you all for saving your old reusable clothes. The PTA will send out bags next week, but in the meantime, please see your year group's Facebook page for a list of what you can donate, or visit <http://uk.bag2school.com/>

If you have lots of bags, the PTA will be collecting by car on Thurs 2nd Feb in the sports centre car park and you can bring individual bags to school on foot on Tues 7th at pick up and Wed 8 at drop off.

Please look out for a letter with more information next week.

Eco Warriors

When the weather gets warmer we will be looking to tidy the garden area next to the pond in preparation for growing plants and vegetables. We would be really grateful for any parents who could come in and help for an afternoon. If you can, please let Ms Eaglen (Hedgehog Class) know. Thank you for your support

Contact Details

We have had instances recently where we have been unable to contact parents when we have needed to when children are poorly. Please ensure the office have been provided with **at least 3** contact telephone numbers for you. Also, if you have recently moved, changed phone number or email address, please update the office as soon as possible as it is imperative we have all up to date details for all pupils and parents/carers. This can be done on email and sent to - info@hi.jetrust.org

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!

School Attendance Matters

W/C	Foxes	Hedgehogs	Squirrels	Rabbits	Badgers	Owls	Overall
09/01/17	98.0%	91.3%	100%	93.9%	96.7%	98.5%	96.3%
16/01/17	98.7%	93.7%	97.1%	99.4%	97.8%	96.9%	97.3%