



NEWSLETTER 27th March 2019

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Dates for your diary

Spring 2

Tuesday 2nd April

4.15pm - 5.15pm School Disco

Friday 5th April

3.00pm - Break up for end of term

Summer 1

Tuesday 23rd April

8.45am - start of Summer Term

Monday 13th May

Class Photographs

Tuesday 21st May

Year R assembly

Tuesday 21st May

6.00pm - 7.00pm New Year R September 2019 parents meeting

Wednesday 22nd May

2.00pm - 3.00pm New Year R September 2019 parents meeting

Friday 24th May

3.00pm - Break up for half term

INSET days 2018-2019

Monday 24th June 2019

Monday 22nd July 2019

Tuesday 23rd July 2019

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>

Hopefully all of you have had a chance to read the Ofsted report that was sent out last Thursday. I am really pleased that the hard work and dedication of the whole school team was recognised. The children are a real credit - the children were picked at random to speak to the inspector and one Year 1 child was able to name all the British Values and what they mean. The ethos of the school is extremely important to us and this was reflected throughout the report. Thank you very much to all those parents who responded to the questionnaire and to all parents who support us throughout the year. I think it is fair to say that we are all ready for the Easter break!

The Year 1 assembly yesterday was fantastic and it was wonderful to see so many mums, dads and grandparents coming in to watch. The costumes and backdrop were amazing and the singing and drumming by all the children was fabulous. Thank you to all the staff, and particularly Mrs Clark, who put together this great performance. Thanks also to everybody who came to watch - it's marvellous to see our hall so full!

This is the last newsletter of this term and there are plans afoot to revamp the newsletters after Easter for both schools so watch this space!!

I would like to wish everyone a lovely Easter and look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 23rd April.

Parent forum notes- 14th March 2019

Thank you to the Class Reps who attended the recent Parent Forum. Here are the points discussed:

- It had been raised by a few parents about the waiting list for the before and after school Kidz Club. The Parent Reps are going to write a letter to Kidz club to enquire about waiting lists and any possible plans to extend numbers although there is a limitation of numbers due to space.
- There appears to have been some milk which hasn't tasted very nice and not been drinkable. We are going to investigate this by doing regularly spot checks on the milk delivered and feed this back to the Cool Milk Company.
- We had some lovely feedback from Arts week about the children and parents all enjoying the learning! Thank you again for all the parents/carers who came in to help! This was a great week in school with lots of creativity seen everywhere!
- There was a comment regarding home learning and to the reasons for not sending home weekly spellings. As a school, we made the decision to stop sending weekly spellings home to practise for a test in school because children were scoring highly but then not applying these spellings in their writing. Home learning is an excellent opportunity for children to gain knowledge about a topic and present their findings in a way which engages them. The most important part is when they come into school and share their new learned knowledge with their peers! Reading with your child at home is also very powerful! We do send home common exception word and high frequency word lists which you could practise with your child. Also look on topic sheets and parent evening targets for other tips on areas of learning you could support at home. We appreciate all the hard work parents put in at home to support your child's learning.
- There was positive feedback about cooking now happening in classes with the PTA- big thank you to Jenny Patrick for organising this and all the parents who have come into help to make this a success!
- Class Reps fed back that the balance of messages from the office and messages from the teachers about your child's learning has much improved on Marvellous Me- thank you for your patience with this!

PTA School Disco

Just to remind you that the school disco is next Tuesday in the Junior School. There is a box in the office where you can put your request and money in an envelope for tickets, or alternatively, the PTA will be in the Junior school playground today and Thursday after school selling tickets. The last day to request tickets is **MONDAY 1st APRIL** - if you have not requested tickets before this time, your child will be unable to go.

Mayflower After School Club

A reminder that due to the success of their after school club, the Mayflower have extended this for the 10 weeks following the Easter holidays. As before, should you wish to book this, please contact them directly.

Clubs

Please ensure that if you book your child in for an afterschool activity that you advise your child's class teacher accordingly. Thank you.

Outdoor Coats

Please ensure your child always comes to school with an appropriate coat with a hood. We encourage the children to be outside at break and lunchtimes and it is a shame if they cannot fully enjoy all the play equipment if they do not have the suitable clothing. This is imperative in Year R where some of their learning is outside based and we do not want any children to miss out on any of their choices of activity. As always, clothing should be labelled.



School Attendance Matters

W/C	Foxes	Hedgehogs	Squirrels	Rabbits	Badgers	Owls	Overall
11/03/2019	95.0%	96.7%	98.3%	98.3%	99.3%	99.3%	97.8%
18/03/2019	91.7%	97.5%	96.1%	95.0%	95.4%	96.7%	95.4%