



NEWSLETTER 29th MARCH 2017

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Dates for your diary

Spring 2

Thursday 30th March

3pm Second hand uniform sale

Thursday 30th March

3pm Mini Easter Table Top Sale Junior Playground

Friday 31st March

9.15am - Year 1 PE Cluster at USH

Tuesday 4th April

2.15pm - Year 2 SATS meeting

Tuesday 4th April

4.15pm-5.15pm PTA School Disco at Hollybrook Junior School

Wednesday 5th April

9.00am - Year 2 SATS meeting

Thursday 6th April

3pm Mini Easter Table Top Sale Junior Playground

Friday 7th April

3.00pm - Break up for Easter holidays

Summer 1

Monday 24th April

8.45am - Summer 1 starts

Monday 8th May

Class Photographs

Tuesday 9th May

9.00am - Year R assembly

Thursday 18th May

School Census

Monday 22nd May

Maths Day

Wednesday 24th May

New Year R September 2017 parents meeting

Thursday 25th May

New Year R September 2017 parents meeting

Friday 26th May

3.00 pm - Break up for half term

INSET days 2016-2017

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
- Lunch boxes to be labelled with your child's name and class and please do not include sweets, chocolate bars, 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.
- 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 nearly at the end of another busy term and as we break up for Easter next week, 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.

Uniform

Please be reminded that children should wear school uniform every day, including proper school shoes. This is for health and safety reasons and does not include fashion boots, coloured sparkly shoes, pumps or trainers.

Grapes and food in lunch boxes



We are still seeing that grapes are being sent in lunch boxes, without being cut. Please could we ask all parents to cut grapes in half lengthways if you are going to be providing these in your children's lunch boxes. Grapes are a choking hazard and shouldn't be given to young children whole. Even if your child is used to eating them whole at home, we'd appreciate them being cut for school due to the amount of children being supervised in the dinner hall.

May we take this opportunity to remind all parents that the school is a nut free school as we have several children with a severe nut allergy and no nut products should be brought onto or consumed on the school premises. This includes Nutella in sandwiches. Any items containing nuts will be returned home.

Sainsbury's Active Kids

It's that time of year again when Sainsbury's are issuing Active Kids vouchers with every shop (one voucher for every £10 spent/£5 at Local stores). We will once again be collecting vouchers, which last year we used to purchase various new PE equipment. The voucher collection box is in the school office.



Second Hand Uniform

We have a large selection of good quality second uniform which is for sale at £1 an item. These items will be for sale every Thursday at 3pm.

Comic Relief

Thank you for all your donations for this year's Comic Relief and for all the children dressing in red. We made a fantastic amount of £160.47!

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.

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.



School Attendance Matters

We have recently noticed a big increase in requests for Leave of Absence and pupils taking unauthorised days off. We would therefore like to take this opportunity to remind parents that there is no entitlement to holiday or leave of absence during term time.

Whilst we understand that sometimes, in exceptional circumstances, absence has to be taken, having time off, especially at this time of year with tests and SATS in years 1 and 2 really has an impact on your child's learning. Further as previously advised, no leave of absences will be authorised in May or June.

What does absence equate to in terms of pupils and their learning?

- **99.5% attendance = a pupil has 1 day off per whole school year**
- **97.0% attendance = a pupil has 6 days off per whole school year**
- **94.7% attendance = a pupil has 2 weeks off per whole school year**
- **90% attendance = a pupil is classed as a Persistent Absentee and will lose 4 whole weeks of school**
- **85% attendance = a pupil will lose nearly 6 weeks of school time, which equates to a whole half term**

W/C	Foxes	Hedgehogs	Squirrels	Rabbits	Badgers	Owls	Overall
13/03/2017	95.2%	98.7%	94.8%	94.0%	95.0%	98.5%	96.0%
20/03/2017	98.0%	98.0%	99.7%	96.0%	97.5%	98.5%	97.9%