

NEWSLETTER 2ND DECEMBER 2015

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Dates for your diary

Autumn 2

Wednesday 2nd December

Thursday 3rd December

Friday 4th December

Tuesday 8th December

Thursday 10th December

Friday 11th December

Monday 14th December

Tuesday 15th December

Wednesday 16th December

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Thursday 17th December

Friday 18th December

Last Belinda Street Dance for this term

Last Team Spirit for this term

4.00pm St James Methodist Church Christmas Festival

Last Art Club for this term

1.30pm - Christmas Performance Dress Rehearsal (Grandparents and younger siblings invited)

9.15am - Christmas Performance

1.30pm - Christmas Performance

6.15pm - Christmas Performance

Christmas Shopping Day

1.30pm Year 2 singing at Sunrise Senior Living

Christmas Shopping and Christmas Lunch

Christmas Party

3.00pm Break up for Christmas Holiday

Spring 1

Monday 4th January 2016

Friday 8th January 2016

8.45am - Spring 1 term begins

9.45am - Prospective parents for September 2016

INSET Days 2015-2016

Friday 12th February 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.
- 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 fast approaching the end of another busy term and we are looking forward to seeing you all at the Christmas Performances. The children and staff have worked very hard to put on the performance and I am impressed with how well the children have learnt their lines and all of the songs. Please see the letter attached to this e-mail detailing the arrangements for bringing and collecting children for the evening performance.

Last night 23 children from Year 2 sang at the Guildhall along with other Southampton schools. This was a lovely experience for the children and, as usual, they were a credit to the school. I would like to thank the members of staff who gave up Saturday mornings and Tuesday evening to help with this and in particular Mrs Clarke who organised this and taught the children all of the songs.

Last week we held our Christmas Fayre at the school, run by the PTA, where Father Christmas attended and lots of fun was had by all including face painting, a raffle, pin the nose on Rudolf and guess the Teacher by baby photos. A big thank you to Mrs Richardson and the rest of the PTA and helpers for giving up their time both on the afternoon of the Fayre and in the run up to it.

Christmas Post Box



The Christmas Post Box has now been put out, just by the hall. Children who have Christmas cards for their friends should put them straight in the post box. Cards will be sorted regularly by year 2 pupils and delivered to children. Please remember to put the child's name (including surname if known) and class.

Unfortunately, due to Data Protection we are unable to give out class lists.

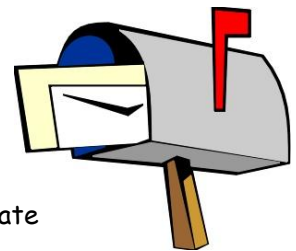
Uniform

Can we please ask parents to return any spare uniform your children have been sent home in belonging to the school as we are running very low. Could we also ask for donations of any uniform your children have grown out of, and also any underwear and boys socks.

Office Postbox

Please 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 wait to hand items over to Ms Atton in the office in the morning as this is a particularly busy time with the phone ringing and children coming in late and it will save you time waiting for her.



Weekly Communication

Just a reminder that every Wednesday, a weekly communication is emailed which includes a reminder of upcoming dates for your diary, confirmation of any letters sent out and every other Wednesday it also includes a Newsletter.

Please check your email inbox every Wednesday to read these, and let the school office know if you change your email address so we can update our records. We can email to multiple addresses, therefore, if you have a grandparent or family member who, for example, regularly collect your children, and you would like them to also have these communications and Newsletters, please let us know.

Please note, Newsletters are also uploaded to the website.

Attendance

A reminder that if your child is going to be absent from school for any reason, you must inform the school office by 9.30am that day. We have a voicemail facility, but please make sure you leave a detailed message including child's name, class and why they are off. Saying 'unwell' does not provide us with enough information. We attempt to make contact with parents when we are not notified of a reason for absence, but if we do not hear back from you the absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

W/C	Foxes	Hedgehogs	Squirrels	Rabbits	Badgers	Owls	Overall
09/11/15	97.0%	92.7%	98.0%	97.6%	90.7%	98.7%	95.8%
16/11/15	96.3%	96.3%	99.7%	97.3%	94.0%	96.3%	96.7%