



NEWSLETTER 3rd FEBRUARY 2016

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Dates for your diary

Spring 1

Monday 8 th February 2016	8.45am - 9.15am - Sharing time
Monday 8 th February 2016	7.00pm - Internet safety workshop for parents
Wednesday 10 th February 2016	3.10pm - 6.30 pm - Parent's evening
Thursday 11 th February 2016	3.10pm - 5.30 pm - Parent's evening
Thursday 11 th February 2016	3.00pm - end of Spring 1 term
Friday 12 th February 2016	INSET day

Spring 2

Monday 22 nd February 2016	8.45am - Spring 2 term begins
Monday 22 nd February 2016	Healthy Schools day - Teeth/Hygiene
Thursday 3 rd March 2016	9.00am - Parent Forum
Thursday 3 rd March 2016	World Book day
Monday 21 st March 2016	Arts Week
Thursday 24 th March 2016	Easter Egg Hunt
Thursday 24 th March 2016	3.00pm - Break up for Easter holidays

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.

The last five weeks seem to have flown by and we find ourselves approaching half term which starts at the end of next week. We have had quite a lot of illness in school since Christmas and I would like to thank you for your support in getting your children to school when possible. It is so important that they are in school and I have been really impressed by the quality of the learning that I have seen in all classes. The best parts of my day are when children come down to show me what they have achieved or come up to show me as I visit the classes.

It was lovely to see so many parents join us for the Maths afternoon last week and I hope you enjoyed it as much as the children. We look forward to seeing you this coming Monday for our sharing time in the morning and for the Internet safety workshop in the evening.

As always, please continue to carefully read our Newsletters and weekly communication emails for all upcoming events and important information about the school.

Internet safety workshop for parents

As mentioned above, on Monday 8th February, we are running an internet safety workshop. All children had a flyer sent home with them last week about this, but so far we have only had a handful of parents respond to say they are attending. Please therefore return your slip as soon as possible if you are able to attend.

As we all know, the internet has become one of the most powerful tools in the world and it is important to educate our children in a way that enables them to use it safely. This workshop will show you some ways to get involved and help to promote the safe, responsible and positive use of digital technology for children and young people.

Clothing, hair and jewellery

May we remind you of the following rules we follow with regards to clothing, hair and jewellery as here at Hollybrook, we pride ourselves on our children looking smart at all times. This is also important because of health and safety, particularly when partaking in PE.

1. Long hair should be tied back at all times.
2. All items of clothing should be clearly marked with your child's full name.
3. T-shirts are to be tucked in at all times
4. Jewellery should not be worn to school.
5. No nail varnish should be worn
6. Earrings:
 - Only small stud earrings are permitted; these must be removed for P.E.
 - Pupils with pierced ears may wear one pair of plain gold studs.
 - No sleepers or pendant earrings are permitted.

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.



Parent's Evenings

A reminder of parents evening on Wednesday 10th February and Thursday 11th February. If you have not already booked your appointment, please do so as soon as possible using the link <http://hollybrookinf.youcanbook.me>



Don't forget
Parents'
Evening!

Facebook



Our Facebook pages are all now up and running and are a useful place for you to communicate with other parents in your year group and share ideas, ask questions etc.

For those of you who have already returned your signed policies, please remember you cannot be added to the groups until you have gone onto the relevant page on Facebook and requested to join. If you are unsure how to do this, please contact Mrs Smith in the office.

Playground equipment

Please could we ask all parents to ensure siblings, including those from the Junior School do not play with any of the equipment set up in the Year R playground before and after school, including climbing on the wendy house. This equipment is set up for the Year R children and should not be played with outside of their learning time. Thank you.

Society of St James

Today we received a Certificate of Appreciation from The Society of St James for our donation of £200 which was raised by parents at the collections at our Christmas Performances. They have advised this money will really make a difference to the vulnerable people they support, who are facing homelessness in Southampton. Thank you so much for your generosity.

Attendance Matters

We have noticed over recent weeks an increased number of pupils arriving at school after the doors have closed and being collected late from the office.

So far this week, over 25 children have had to enter the school at the beginning of the day or be collected at the end of the day through the school office. This creates a large amount of congestion in the office and is disruptive to the start and end of the children's day. Whilst we realise that running late in the morning or evenings is occasionally unavoidable, this should not be a regular occurrence, and certainly not on a daily or weekly basis.

We are also seeing an increasing amount of children being taken out of school during the day for various appointments. Whilst we understand some appointments are unavoidable, for instance hospital appointments, doctor's and dentist's appointments should always be made outside of school hours. Please also be reminded that if you are taking your child out of school for an appointment, a copy of the appointment letter must always be provided to the office.

Please can we remind you of the following;

- School doors open at 8:45am. Please aim to arrive at school at 8:45am as children should be in class and ready to begin their lessons at 8:55am
- After 8:55am, children are late and **MUST** always be signed in at the school office to ensure their safety

- We expect ALL appointments, with the exception of hospital appointments, to be made outside of normal school hours
- For appointments from 9:30am onwards, we expect all pupils to attend the school for registration and then be collected and returned within an appropriate time frame.

W/C	Foxes	Hedgehogs	Squirrels	Rabbits	Badgers	Owls	Overall
08/01/16	94.5%	97.2%	98.3%	98.3%	98.7%	98.7%	97.6%
25/01/16	84.1%	93.4%	97.2%	98.6%	97.7%	98.7%	95.0%