



## NEWSLETTER 2<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER 2015

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### Dates for your diary

#### Autumn 1

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October

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Year 1 Curriculum Information for parents 2.30pm

Year 2 Curriculum Information for parents 2.30pm

Year R reading and phonic information at 7.00pm

All children in school full time

PTA new parents welcome coffee morning 9.00am

Healthy Schools Day

PTA meeting 9.00am

1.30pm Prospective parents visit for September 2016 admission

Parent Forum 9.00am

9.45am Prospective parents visit for September 2016

Harvest Festival (TBC)

8.45am-9.15am Sharing Time for all year groups

3.00pm-5.30pm Parents Evening

3.00pm-6.30pm Parents Evening

Diwali

3.00pm Break up for Half Term

#### Autumn 2

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December

8.45am Autumn 2 begins

Maths Day (parents welcome at 2.30pm)

9.45am and 1.30pm Prospective parents visit for September 2016 admission

9.00am Parent Forum

Children in Need (TBC)

Christmas Fayre

INSET Day (children not to attend school)

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

AM - Christmas Performance

PM - Christmas Performance

Evening - Christmas Performance

Christmas Shopping Day

Christmas Lunch/Party

3.00pm Break up for Christmas Holiday

#### INSET Days 2015-2016

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2015

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2016

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2016

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2016

### 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](http://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>

Welcome back to the new school year - I do hope that you all managed to have a lovely summer break despite the somewhat changeable weather!! You have probably noticed that over the summer the work on the new extension to the Year R playground has been started. Unfortunately this is not as far on as I would have hoped due to the recent bad weather but should hopefully be completed over the next few weeks. The top playground has also had new markings put down and a carpeted area for the children to play different games.

We have been planning an exciting year and have included some of the dates in this newsletter. As you will appreciate we do try to set dates well in advance and sometimes need to change them due to unforeseen circumstances so please try to look out for newsletters and keep an eye on the website for up to date information. The website will continue to be a focus this year and we will be adding more information.

You will see that next week there is an information session for the parents of Year 1 children on Monday and for Year 2 children on Thursday. This is an opportunity to listen to and ask questions about the year group and some of the expectations. Please do not worry if you are unable to attend; a hard copy will be e-mailed / sent home. All hard copies of any information sent out to parents is kept in the office. We have an information evening the following Wednesday for parents in Year R to explain how we approach teaching phonics and reading and we look forward to seeing our new parents there.

We are also looking at ways to keep parents more informed about the curriculum and will be doing this via the website and our newly designed topic flyers.

We look forward to working closely with you all this school year - please let us know if you have any concerns and we will do our best to put things right - it is also nice to know what we are doing well!!!

### Phone Lines



Unfortunately, since returning to school following the Summer break all phone lines in the school have been down due to a fault on the line. This has been reported and we were hoping to have everything back up and running today. However, the fault is more serious than anticipated and it could take a few days to repair.

Calls have been diverted to our mobile phone as a temporary measure so you should be able to contact us by phone. You can also contact the school office via email at [catherine.smith@hi.jetrust.org](mailto:catherine.smith@hi.jetrust.org). This will be regularly checked and any queries responded to swiftly.

### Hedgehogs Class

As you may have noticed at drop off this morning, the Hedgehogs class teacher Ms Eaglen is absent today due to illness. It is unfortunate timing due to it being the children's first day but we'd like to reassure you that Mrs Clark who has been teaching Hedgehogs today works in the school permanently and will see the children on a regular basis. She is already known to a lot of the children due to her work at Little Berries. The children have coped very well with this change today and we hope Ms Eaglen will be well enough to return soon.

