



NEWSLETTER 6TH JANUARY 2016

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Dates for your diary

Spring 1

Friday 8 th January 2016	9.45am - Prospective parents for September 2016
Thursday 14 th January 2016	9.00am - Parent Forum
Monday 25 th January 2016	2.30pm - Maths day (games) Parents are invited to join us
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	Parent's evening
Thursday 11 th February 2016	Parent's evening
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.

Happy New Year to everyone and I do hope that you all had a really good break.

We have a couple of events coming up this half term to give you an opportunity to find out more about the curriculum and share some learning with the children, including another maths day and some sharing time. In this half term, we will also be holding parent's evenings and an internet safety workshop for parents/carers, details of which will follow shortly.

Pupil Premium

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>

Contact Details

If you have recently moved, changed phone number or email address, please update the office as soon as possible as it is imperative we have all up to date details for all pupils and parents/carers. This can be done on email and sent to - info@hi.jetrust.org

PE Kit Reminder

PE kits should now be returned to school and include the following named items:

T-shirt
Shorts
Tracksuit
Trainers



For girls, it is also useful to provide a pair of socks, in case they happen to be wearing tights on PE day!



After School Clubs

All after school clubs resume w/c 11th January.

School Applications



If you have a Year 2 child due to move to junior school from September 2016, or a younger child due to start infants at the same time, the closing date for school applications is **23.59 on 15th January**. Applications made after this deadline will be classed as late, and will not be processed until all on time applications have been offered.

To apply, visit www.southampton.gov.uk and click on 'Apply for a school place'. For your information, you can change your preferences as many times as you wish up until the deadline, just remember to submit once you have made your changes.

If you have any queries please speak to the school office.

Site Manager Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a Site Manager to look after both the Infant and Junior Schools. The hours are 37 hours per week, 52 weeks per year with holidays to be taken outside of term time. For more information, including specific duties and pay range, please view the vacancy on our website www.hollybrookinfant.co.uk

Cookery

This term the children will be baking Falafel - the recipes are available in reception and on the School website. Cooking is run by the PTA and in order for the children to take part we need volunteers. Please be aware that new volunteers will need to be DBS checked before they can take part - these forms are available from the school office.



This recipe should take about 30 minutes with a group of 4 children - anyone with an hour to spare could do 2 groups and the kitchen will be stocked with ingredients by Thursday 7th January. Each class has an allocated time and day to use the kitchen, details of which are displayed by each classroom entrance.

If you are interested in volunteering, please speak to your class representative.

Attendance

We will shortly be rewarding all children with attendance over 97% for the Autumn term with a certificate and badge.

As a school, for the Autumn Term our attendance stood at 96.5% which is unfortunately down against a figure of 96.8% for the same time last year. Whilst we would like to thank everybody who has supported us in obtaining this figure so far, there is still a lot of hard work to be done in order for us to reach, and surpass our yearly target of 97%.

Our attendance figure plays a big part in our Ofsted rating and to ensure that as a school we maintain our Good rating, and to help us reach an Outstanding rating, we really do need all your support in ensuring your children attends school daily, and also that they arrive on time. Whilst we realise that sometimes circumstances are beyond your control and being late cannot be avoided, this should not be a regular occurrence.

W/C	Foxes	Hedgehogs	Squirrels	Rabbits	Badgers	Owls	Overall
07/12/15	94.7%	98.0%	95.5%	95.0%	92.7%	97.3%	95.5%
14/12/15	95.0%	91.7%	95.2%	98.0%	94.0%	94.0%	94.6%