



NEWSLETTER 6TH MAY 2015

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Dates for your diary

Summer 1

Thursday 7th May

Friday 8th May

Tuesday 12th May

Tuesday 19th May

Tuesday 19th May

Wednesday 20th May

Thursday 21st May

Thursday 21st May

Friday 22nd May

Friday 22nd May

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9.00am Parent Forum

PTA Cake Sale - Year 2 to donate cakes please

Class Photos

Art Club - First course ends (Year 2 only)

Last Sports Challenge before half term (Year R/1)

Last Streetdance before half term

9.00am Year R Assembly

Last Sports Challenge before half term (Year 2)

Non-Uniform Day

12.25pm Last French Club before half term

School finishes at 3.00pm for half term

Summer 2

Monday 1st June

Tuesday 2nd June

Wednesday 3rd June

Thursday 4th June

Thursday 4th June

Friday 5th June

Tuesday 9th June

Saturday 13th June

Monday 15th June

Mon 15th - Wed 17th June

Thursday 18th June

Monday 22nd June

Wednesday 24th June

Friday 26th June

Monday 29th June

Thursday 2nd July

Tuesday 7th July

Wednesday 8th July

Thursday 9th July

Thursday 9th July

Mon 13th - Fri 17th July

Monday 13th July

Monday 13th July

Tuesday 14th July

Thursday 16th July

Friday 17th July

Monday 20th July

Wednesday 22nd July

Summer 2 begins at 8.45am

Sports Challenge continues (Year R and 1)

Belinda's Streetdance continues (all year groups)

Year 1 trip to Blue Reef Aquarium

Sports Challenge continues (Year 2 only)

12.25pm French Club continues (Year 1 and 2)

Art Club begins - 2nd course (Year 2 only)

PTA Summer Fayre

3.00pm - 3.30pm Skoolkit Uniform Sale

3.00pm - 4.00pm Book Fair

3.00pm - 3.30pm Skoolkit Uniform Sale

8.45am - 9.15am Sharing Time

Year 2 trip to Hillier Aboretum

PTA Cake Sale - Year 1 to donate cakes please

INSET Day - children not to attend school

9.00am Parent Forum

Last Art Club for 2nd course (Year 2 only)

Last Belinda's Streetdance (all year groups)

2.00pm - 3.30pm Open afternoon

School Disco

Activities Week

9.00 am Sports Day (back up date Friday 17th July)

Healthy Schools Day

Last Sports Challenge (Year R and 1)

Last Sports Challenge (Year 2 only)

PTA Cake Sale - Year R to donate cakes please

9.00am Year 2 Leavers Assembly

School finishes at 3.00pm for Summer holiday

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) 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>

I hope you all managed to enjoy the extra day this week end - it certainly threw me a little and I spent yesterday convinced that it was Monday!

Foxes and Hedgehogs spent a very enjoyable day last Thursday at Longdown Dairy Farm. I expect that the children slept well that night - the adults certainly did. Thank you to everyone who helped on the day and to those parents / carers who offered. We appreciate your help and it is unfortunate that we are not able to accommodate everyone who offers.

Every now and then we do an audit of the Library and we are therefore going to collect in all library books next week and children will not take out a book in the week of the 18th May. We would ask please that you search for any library books that you think could be at home. In my personal experience under the bed was often a place where we located school books!! We appreciate that occasionally books do get lost but according to our library system there are quite a number of books that have not been returned. Sometimes children return books without signing them in or they could be in classrooms. We will therefore be checking these places first; if we find that there are still missing books then we will send a letter home asking you to check if it could be at home.

Thank you for your patience with this.

Weather

We were blessed with some beautiful weather just after Easter but it has suddenly taken a turn for the worse, and we are experiencing very windy and wet conditions. Please ensure children have a coat or anorak in school every day. Pupils play outside twice a day and will only be kept inside in very wet conditions. We have a few spare coats but currently don't have enough for all the children that require them. Even on days when the weather starts well you never know when the next shower is coming!



Uniform Sale

Skoolkit will be in school on Monday 15th June and Thursday 18th June from 3.00pm until 3.30pm selling new uniform. There will be 10% off their prices on these days only.



Maths Day and Sharing Time - CANCELLED

Due to the amount of work and events to fit into this short half term, we have made the decision to postpone the Maths Day and Sharing Time that was planned for May until after half term. The new dates will be advised.



Sponsored Sports



On Friday 24th April we held our annual Sponsored Sports event. Pupils were set the challenge of completing 8 sports based activities and were sponsored by family and friends for doing so. The deadline for returning sponsor money was yesterday, Tuesday 5th May, so if your child is yet to return theirs please send it to the office no later than Thursday 7th May. Final figures for money raised will be advised as soon as possible but we have already received in excess of £400 excluding gift aid.

Dinner Menu Change - Thursday 7th May

Due to circumstances beyond our control there will be a change to the meat option offered for school dinners tomorrow, Thursday 7th May. Instead of Mince Beef and Onion Pie, the meat option for tomorrow only will be Turkey Meat Balls. The vegetarian option remains unchanged and jacket potatoes will still be available. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.



Attendance Reward Badges



On Friday 24th April, we held an Attendance Assembly to reward children that have achieved at least 97% attendance for the Spring term. The Spring term was a difficult one for attendance with many children suffering with various illnesses, including chickenpox in all year groups. Despite this, we were still able to award 96 badges in total, including 62 gold badges. We also awarded 4 silver badges and 30 bronze badges. We'd like to thank all the children and their parents/carers for your continued support with attendance. Please try to look after your badges as we will ask for them to be returned near the end of term. The Attendance Board in the office has been updated so please come and have a look when you're next in.

Traffic and Parking

We would like to remind all parents/carers that drop off or collect children from school, not to park on double yellow lines or obstruct any drive ways or other parked cars in the area. Surrounding roads are often busy particularly around the start and end of the school day.



Seagarth Close is very small with little turning room. There is rarely any spare parking and there are double yellow lines along one side. At the end of the school day, staff are also trying to leave the car park so it gets very congested. We have a good view of this road from the office and will go out and politely ask people to move if we see you parked illegally. We also have new PCSO's assigned to the area who patrol far more regularly than they have been able to previously.

One final reminder, the car park is for staff only and should not be used by parents/carers when dropping off and collecting their children. If it is necessary for you to drive on the school run we encourage people to use the Sports Centre car park which is just a short walk away with a School Crossing Patrol to help you cross Lordswood Road.

Thank you for your understanding.



Parent and Staff Choir Rehearsals

The parent and staff choir at our first JET Prom Concert last Summer was a great success and we are hoping this years will be even bigger and better! All parents/carers are welcome and we will be holding 2 rehearsals on the following dates at Upper Shirley High school:

Friday 26th June - 4.00pm-6.00pm

Thursday 9th July - 4.00pm-6.00pm

The JET Prom will be held on Monday 13th July. We hope to see you there.

Attendance

W/C	Foxes	Hedgehogs	Squirrels	Rabbits	Badgers	Owls	Overall
20/03/15	97.9%	98.0%	95.9%	93.0%	95.5%	95.7%	96.0%
27/03/15	96.6%	99.3%	99.3%	96.0%	96.5%	100%	97.9%