

## NEWSLETTER 8<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2017

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### Dates for your diary

#### Spring 1

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February

Year 2 Cake Sale

8.45am-9.15am - Sharing Time with parents

Parents Evening

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3.00pm - Break up for half term

#### Spring 2

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February

INSET Day - school closed

Spring 2 begins at 8.45am

### INSET days 2016-2017

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2017

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2017

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2017

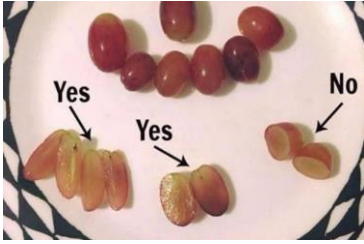
### Important things to remember

- 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
- Lunch boxes to be labelled with your child's name and class and please do not include sweets, chocolate bars, nuts or products containing nuts e.g. Nutella
- 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>

The last six 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.

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

### Grapes and food in lunch boxes



Please could we ask all parents to cut grapes in half lengthways if you are going to be providing these in your children's lunch boxes. Grapes are a choking hazard and shouldn't be given to young children whole. Even if your child is used to eating them whole at home, we'd appreciate them being cut for school due to the amount of children being supervised in the dinner hall.

May we take this opportunity to remind all parents that the school is a nut free school as we have several children with a severe nut allergy and no nut products should be brought onto or consumed on the school premises. This includes Nutella in sandwiches. Any items containing nuts will be returned home.

### Parent's Evenings

A reminder of parents evening on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February. If you have not already booked your appointment, please do so as soon as possible using the link <http://hollybrookinf.youcanbook.me>



### 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 PE
  - 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.



### Opportunities to learn or practise English

Kat Jeffery from the PTA has shared with us a list of free and low-cost English classes in Southampton. These are open to people from any background and any faith. Levels range from Beginner to Advanced. If you would like to know more, please pick up a list of classes from the school office or contact Kat directly on [katrinajtrans@gmail.com](mailto:katrinajtrans@gmail.com)

### 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. Please also do not allow your children to play on the equipment in wet weather. Thank you.

### Fashion show at USH for the PTFA on Friday 31st March 2017

One of the ladies in Shirley Infant School, which is a fellow JET School is organising a Fashion Show at Upper Shirley High on the above date where you can buy high street clothes at discount prices! Please see the fliers which have been put up around the school.

### PE Kit Reminder

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

T-shirt  
Shorts  
Tracksuit  
Trainers - no plimsoles



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

### School 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.

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. Door close at 8.50am
- After 8:50am, 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.

<b>W/C</b>	<b>Foxes</b>	<b>Hedgehogs</b>	<b>Squirrels</b>	<b>Rabbits</b>	<b>Badgers</b>	<b>Owls</b>	<b>Overall</b>
23/01/17	92.7%	96.3%	93.9%	97.7%	94.8%	98.5%	95.6%
30/01/17	94.7%	91.7%	98.6%	92.6%	98.5%	94.8%	95.0%