



NEWSLETTER 9TH SEPTEMBER 2015

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Dates for your diary

Autumn 1

Thursday 10th September

Wednesday 16th September

Monday 21st September

Thursday 24th September

Monday 28th September

Thursday 1st October

Wednesday 7th October

Thursday 8th October

Friday 9th October

Tuesday 13th October

Monday 19th October

Tuesday 20th October

Wednesday 21st October

Friday 23rd October

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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 2nd November

Monday 2nd November

Wednesday 4th November

Thursday 12th November

Friday 13th November

Thursday 26th November

Friday 27th November

Thursday 10th December

Friday 11th December

Monday 14th December

Tuesday 15th December

Wednesday 16th December

Thursday 17th December

Friday 18th 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 27th November 2015

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
- 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>

One week in and the children are really settled. Thank you for your support in helping your children come in so independently. I appreciate that there have been a few concerns so please talk to your class teacher, or myself, so that we can sort things out. Thank you too for your patience over the phones not working - hopefully this has now been sorted.

It was lovely to see so many parents at the Year 1 information session and we hope to see lots of parents/carers at the Year 2 information session tomorrow afternoon and Fox and Hedgehogs parents at the reading/phonics information evening next week.

In line with our safeguarding duties, we are currently looking at e-safety both with the children and information for parents. A few questions were raised at the end of the summer term over children using the internet. All of our internet is filtered so children should not be able to access any inappropriate information. If the children are using the internet they are supervised and they use Kidrex as the search engine not Google.

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I am sure you will appreciate that because they use computers at home some of them will know how to use Google and could get on to it before we have a chance to notice. If this happens we may stop them using the computers and, as I said earlier, the information is filtered. All staff have been made aware of the need to monitor any use of the internet carefully. Children are usually only using a search engine if they are looking for topic information. We are looking at how we can set up favourites for them so that they will go straight to programs rather than using a search.

In PPA time the children in Years 1 and 2 are taught about e-safety. We are using a program called "think you know" which is specifically for children aged 5 to 7. If you would like to have a look at this, the link is: www.thinkuknow.co.uk. There are colouring sheets that can be printed off for the children to do, if you would like something for them to do at home.

Social Media



As you are aware, we have a strict policy regarding images of other children being put on social media sites, such as Facebook, and we would remind you that this also applies to members of our staff. We would therefore ask that if you have photos of your children with our staff, these are not uploaded onto social media sites.

Parent Parking

A polite reminder to all parents/carers not to park in any of the spaces in Seagarth Close or to block the road when dropping off and collecting children. We would remind you that parking facilities are available at The Sports Centre and there is a school crossing patrol at the top of Lordswood Road for you to use.



Illness



We take this opportunity to remind you of our sickness policy:-

Parents must notify the school by telephone each day by 9.30am if a child will be absent from school due to illness. Medical evidence of illness may be requested for children who are absent for more than 3 successive days.

If your child has a cough or cold then there is no need for them to be absent, however, children should be kept off school with a high temperature and for 48 hours following sickness and diarrhoea.

Remember, the school office can administer medicines if necessary. Medicines should be dropped off to the office in the morning where you will be asked to complete a form for authorisation.

Leave of Absence Requests

During the last school year, we received Leave of Absence Requests for holidays taken in May. We understand that there will be tests for Key Stage 2 children during May 2016, and whilst there is no legal entitlement to leave of absence at any time during the year, it is imperative that children are not taken out of school during this time, and the time leading up to the tests. Once we have confirmation of the dates, these will be passed onto parents/carers accordingly.

Water bottle holders

Just a reminder that fabric decorated water bottle holders are available from the school office at a cost of £2 with all proceeds going to Juvenile Diabetes Charity.

Clubs

Dates for starting of clubs are as follows:-

Street dance - Wednesday 9th September

Art Club - Tuesday 15th September

Team Spirit - Thursday 17th September