

Dates for your diary

Autumn 2
 Wednesday 14th December
 Thursday 15th December
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 Friday 16th December
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 Saturday 17th December

Christmas Shopping Day
 10.00am - Year 2 singing at Sunrise Senior Living
 Christmas Party
 Christmas Lunch
 3.00pm - Break up for Christmas Holidays
 All I want for Christmas is Ewe

Spring 1
 Tuesday 3rd January
 Wednesday 4th January
 Friday 6th January

INSET DAY - children not to attend school
 8.45am First day back for children
 9.45am prospective parents for September 2017
 admissions
 Theatre Workshop - whole school
 Year 1 cake sale
 Year 2 cake sale
 8.45am-9.15am - sharing time with parents
 Parents Evening
 Parents Evening
 3.00pm - break up for half term

INSET days 2016-2017
 Monday 5th September 2016
 Tuesday 3rd January 2017
 Monday 27th February 2017
 Monday 24th July 2017
 Tuesday 25th 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
- 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 know from all of the comments from parents and grandparents that everyone agreed with me that the Christmas performances were fantastic. The children were so confident and the singing was outstanding. Once again, I would like to thank all of the staff for the hard work that they have put in this term to ensure that the children get the best opportunities possible. I would also like to thank all parents / carers for your support and the positive comments that you have made.

Last Tuesday some children from Year 2 performed at the Guildhall and I am sure that the parents / grandparents / other relatives who came to watch them will agree with me that it was a wonderful evening and the children were amazing. A special well done also to the children who played the Ocarina - having taught this in the past I know that they are not as easy to play as they look! I would also like to thank the staff who support this, giving up their time on Saturday mornings and the evening.

It just remains for me to wish everyone a very Happy Holidays and we look forward to seeing everybody fit and well on Wednesday 4th January 2016.

Menu Change - Thursday 15th December

Please remember that due to the children having a Christmas dinner on Friday 16th, there will be a change of menu on Thursday 15th December as follows:-

Fish Fingers or Cheese and Leek Sausages and Chips.

Party Clothes - Thursday 15th December

Children are invited to wear their party clothes or non-uniform on Thursday for our Christmas Party in the afternoon. Normal rules still apply to jewellery and sensible footwear should be worn.



A reminder to all year 2 parents that children should come into school dressed in school uniform as they are singing at Sunrise living and to bring their party clothes to change into when they are back in school.

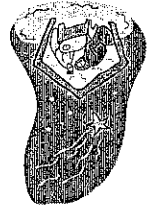
Christmas Jumper day - Friday 16th December

Following our recent letter, a reminder for all children to wear their Christmas jumpers on Friday together with non-school uniform in exchange for a voluntary donation to charity.

If your child doesn't have a Christmas jumper, please don't feel the need to go and buy one. It is easy to decorate a plain jumper or wear something else Christmasy!

Christmas Performance Donations and photograph

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the collection at the end of each performance last week. Your generous donations raised £243 for the Basics Bank, who I'm sure will be very grateful particularly at this time of year.



Please be aware the photograph of the school will be in the Echo Thursday night.

Christmas Post Box

The Christmas Post Box is still out, just by the hall. Children who have Christmas cards for their friends should put them straight in the post box. Cards will be sorted regularly by year 2 pupils and delivered to children. Please remember to put the child's name (including surname if known) and class.



Unfortunately, due to Data Protection we are unable to give out class lists.

All I want for Christmas is Ewe

Rehearsals are now well under way for Shirley Baptist Church's exciting Christmas production of 'Born In A Barn'. We are sure many of you will have heard a few of the songs being sung at home already!

Our children will have an opportunity to sing the 'Born In A Barn' songs again at a local Christmas event on the first day of the holiday. Children from Hollybrook Infant School have been invited to join children from Shirley Infant School and Wordsworth Primary for an event at Shirley Baptist church on Saturday 17th December at 3.30pm.

This event is called 'ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS IS EWE' and will include Christmas crafts, our combined schools' infant choir singing 'Born In a Barn' songs and a lantern parade. Look out for fliers that will be sent out to schools very soon with further details.

Gold Coin

On Friday, your child will be sent home with a golden coin in their book bag. Shirley Trade Association have given these to us and have organised for shops in Shirley to display pictures of golden coins in their window. If you take your coin into one of these shops, your child will be able to receive a gift. Please see the attached flyer sent from the Shirley Trade Association.

Poppy Appeal

As always, we supported the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal this year and we raised a fantastic £82.73. Thank you for your support in raising money for this worthwhile cause.



Theatre Workshop

We are delighted to announce that in the new year, we will be having a theatre company coming in to do workshops with the children. On Monday 9th January, they are coming in to do a Traditional Tales workshop for the whole school and on Tuesday 28th February The Great Fire of London with Year 2. This has all been funded by the fund raising by the PTA.

Job Vacancy - Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant (Hollybrook Junior School)

There currently is a vacancy for a Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant in Hollybrook Junior School, to supervise the children in the dinner hall and during their lunchtime play. This role is ideal for someone who is looking to return to work after taking time out to have children, or someone who is looking to slow down a bit but still wants to continue working. Could this be you or someone you know?

If you think you may be interested, please contact shereen.higgins@hijetrust.org for more information.

Closing date: Wednesday 4th January 2017

Attendance Rewards

As usual, we will be rewarding children with excellent attendance in the first week back of term in January and we would be grateful if all those children who have attendance badges from summer term, to return them to the office as soon as possible in readiness for these awards.



Attendance
 Whilst our attendance has slipped slightly, we are still above 97% and hope this will continue right until the end of the academic year. Thank you for your continued support.

W/C	Foxes	Hedgehogs	Squirrels	Rabbits	Badgers	Owls	Overall
28/11/16	99.3%	94.7%	98.0%	97.4%	91.5%	95.8%	96.2%
05/12/16	97.0%	93.3%	94.8%	98.7%	96.3%	96.9%	96.2%

All the staff at Hollybrook Infants would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

