

## NEWSLETTER 15th MARCH 2017

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### Dates for your diary

#### Spring 2

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March

2.30pm - Year R parents invited in for a Teddy Bear Picnic

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March

3pm - 5pm - Hedgehogs Parents Evening

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March

1pm - 5pm - Hedgehogs Parents Evening

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

9am - PTA coffee morning at Junior School followed by AGM

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March

Red Nose Day

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March

Arts week

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March

9.00am - Year 1 assembly

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April

2.15pm - Year 2 SATS meeting

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April

4pm-5.15pm PTA School Disco at Hollybrook Junior School

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April

9.00am - Year 2 SATS meeting

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April

3.00pm - Break up for Easter holidays

#### Summer 1

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April

8.45am - Summer 1 starts

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May

Class Photographs

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May

9.00am - Year R assembly

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May

School Census

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

Maths Day

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May

New Year R September 2017 parents meeting

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May

New Year R September 2017 parents meeting

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May

3.00 pm - Break up for half term

### INSET days 2016-2017

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

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

### Important things to remember

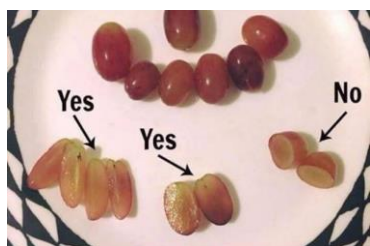
- Everything your child wears or brings into school must be labelled
- All children require a water bottle in school every day
- PE kits must be in school at all times and include a tracksuit and trainers for outdoors
- Lunch boxes to be labelled with your child's name and class and please do not include 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>

Thank you to all parents for your support with dressing your children as their favourite book characters for World Book Day last week. We all had a fantastic time and photos have been put on our website.

We have a busy couple of weeks leading up to Easter starting off with the Year R teddy bear's picnic, the PTA coffee morning and Red Nose Day. As always, please keep a look out for Newsletters, letters and emails regarding important dates.

#### Grapes and food in lunch boxes



We are still seeing that grapes are being sent in lunch boxes, without being cut. 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 Forum

Our parent forum was held last week and thank you to all those parents who provided feedback to their class representatives. Here are the key points discussed:-

Some parents have requested that important dates are provided to them in paper form as well as email, however, to reduce our carbon footprint and photocopying costs, we will be keeping to email format for all correspondence. Starting after Easter, at the beginning of each half term, a paper copy of any important dates will be sent home in book bags. Please remember, paper copies of the Newsletter are available in reception and are always posted on our website together with any school letters. The website calendar is kept up to date and all dates are notified every Wednesday on our weekly communication. Year R reps have offered to update the white board in the Year R playground for key dates coming up.

Sweets - it was raised about a few sweets still going out in book bags and also being handed out in the playground. Please be reminded we are a healthy school and we will not send sweets home with children and we would be grateful if parents could refrain from handing them out to children in the playground as we do have a number of children with severe allergies. We have also spoken to the after school clubs to ensure they do not give out sweets, especially at the end of term.

A parent raised concerns that we were running out of fruit choices at the serving hatch at lunchtime. We have spoken to the kitchen to ensure that these choices are always available for all children.

#### Year R Teddy Bear Picnic

On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March, all year R parents/carers are invited in at 2.30pm to join the children in a teddy bear's picnic. We hope you can come along and we look forward to seeing you.

### 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.

### PTA

Please be reminded that you are invited to join the PTA for a coffee morning next Wednesday at 9.00am followed by the AGM. This will be held in the Junior School and they look forward to seeing you there.

### Arts Week

Please keep a look out in book bags in the next couple of days for a letter regarding Arts Week, which is the week beginning 27<sup>th</sup> March, where we will be asking for volunteers to please come in and help.

### Comic Relief

As advised in the recent letter, next Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> March is Comic Relief. All children are invited to wear red in return for a suggested donation of £1 and if they wish, they can also learn a joke which they can tell to their year group!

### 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

Please remember to ring the school before 9.30am every day if your child is absent due to illness. We have an answerphone facility if we are unable to answer the phone and would ask that you give a full reason why your child is off, ie sickness and diarrhoea and not just saying "unwell". We are required by law to keep detailed records and it is also vital we know if there are any illnesses working through a year group so that we can inform other parents. We may have to call you back to ask for a reason if you fail to give one when calling and the last thing we want to do is to disturb you if you are looking after your sick child. Your co-operation is greatly appreciated.

W/C	Foxes	Hedgehogs	Squirrels	Rabbits	Badgers	Owls	Overall
27/02/17	96.3%	100%	99.1%	97.6%	99.1%	98.1%	98.3%
06/03/17	96.7%	99.7%	97.2%	95.4%	97.5%	98.1%	97.4%

