

NEWSLETTER 2ND NOVEMBER 2016

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Dates for your diary

Autumn 2

Thursday 3rd November

Friday 4 November

Friday 4 November

Monday 7th November

Tuesday 8th November

Wednesday 9th November

Wednesday 16th November

Friday 11th November

Friday 18th November

Thursday 24th November

Friday 25 November

Friday 25th November

Thursday 1st December

Thursday 8th December

Friday 9th December

Monday 12th December

Tuesday 13th December

Wednesday 14th December

Thursday 15th December

Friday 16th December

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Travelling Book Fair arrives

Non school uniform day - bottle donation

2pm - PTA meeting to plan Infant Christmas Fayre.

1.45pm Prospective parents visit for September 2017

9.45am and 11.00am Prospective parents visit for
September 2017 admission

Travelling Book Fair is collected

2pm & 7pm - Parent Time Internet Safety Workshop

3pm - Year R cake sale

Children in Need

Maths Day - parents welcome at 2.15pm

Non school uniform day - donation of a cake to be
sold at Christmas Fayre

Christmas Fayre

Parent Forum 9.00am

PM Christmas Performance Dress Rehearsal
(Grandparents and younger siblings invited)

AM - Christmas Performance

PM - Christmas Performance

Evening - Christmas Performance

Christmas Shopping Day

Christmas Party

Christmas Lunch

3.00pm Break up for Christmas Holidays

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>

Welcome back to all our pupils - we hope you enjoyed the half term break! It doesn't seem possible but we are now beginning to think about Christmas and the children are already learning the songs for the Christmas play. Further details will follow regarding this in due course.

As always, we have a busy run up to Christmas, and I would ask that you please keep an eye out for the weekly communication bulletins, together with the Newsletters for all activities.

I am very pleased to say that we received a letter from Nick Gibb MP this week, who is the Minister of State for School Standards, congratulating the staff and pupils for our very high standard of achievement in the 2016 phonics screening check. With 95% of pupils at Hollybrook Infant reaching or exceeding the pass mark in the check, we are in the top 8% of all primary schools in the country.

Our Early Year's data for children achieving at least Good Level of Development was 83.3% putting us 13.3% above the Local Authority; Good Level of Development has been rising since 2013. At the end of Key Stage 1 pupils achieved 82% expected in reading (national 74%), 40% greater depth in reading (17% national), 80% expected in writing (65% national), 30% greater depth in writing (13% national), 82% expected in maths (national 73%) and 32% greater depth in maths (18% national).

It goes without saying that I am extremely proud of all our children and staff who all work extremely hard to achieve these results whilst still maintaining an engaging and creative curriculum. Thank you also for your support as parents.

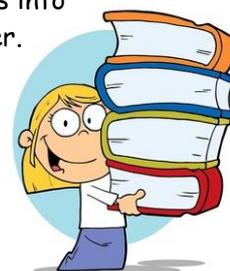
Dropping children off in the morning

We are still having quite a lot of children being brought into the office first thing in the morning before classroom doors have closed and parents/relatives handing forms in etc and then asking for the children to be let in through the office. The priority in the morning is getting all children into their classroom at 8.45am ready for learning and therefore if you need to pop into the office in the morning to drop off medication or forms etc, please walk around to your children's classroom door and drop them off beforehand.

Travelling Book fair

We are pleased to confirm that Travelling Books will be bringing their book cases into school on Friday 4th November and will be collecting on Wednesday 9th November. As always, please come in any day between these dates from 2.45pm to 3.30pm

If you are unable to visit the school to purchase books, please visit Travelling Book's website - www.travellingbooks.co.uk - where they have a click and collect service enabling you to choose your books at home, pay for them online and have the books delivered to school.



Parking

We have been informed that from 31st October 2016, Southampton City Council's new camera car enforcement vehicle will be in operation to tackle illegal parking on zig zags at Southampton schools.

Warning letters will be issued during the first 4 weeks of the new scheme, but from **28th November 2016 fines of £70 will be issued to offenders.**

The additional parking enforcement measure at school entrances is being introduced in response to complaints and concerns raised by parents and teachers whose children are being put at risk by irresponsible parking.

The special vehicle will be equipped with the latest CCTV technology and will have extensive CCTV signage on it making it clearly identifiable. During patrols, the car will be able to gather footage of cars parked in restricted areas which the council will then review, and decide if a penalty charge notice should be issued.

Internet safety workshop for parents

As requested by parents, we are again running an internet safety workshop on Wednesday 16th November 2016 at 2pm and 7pm, details of which were sent out on a flyer before half term. This workshop will show you some ways to get involved and help to promote the safe, responsible and positive use of digital technology for children. We hope to see you there!

Children In Need

This year's Children In Need day is on Friday 18th November. The Pupil Council have decided that the theme will be "spotty" and that the children can also wear non school uniform that day. All donations are welcome and we would love to beat last year's total where we raised an amazing £218.35!

A letter will follow regarding this shortly.



Poppy Appeal

As always, we are supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal and there is a collection box, poppies and various accessories in the school office. Year 2 will also be visiting each classroom every afternoon, so please give any loose change to your children for them to be able to buy themselves a poppy and support this worthwhile cause.



Bottle Donations - Non School Uniform Day Friday 4th November

Following the recent letter from the PTA, they are requesting donations of a bottle that can be used on the bottle tombola stall at the Christmas Fayre. This can be anything from ketchup to bubble bath or orange squash to wine. Please ensure all bottles are unopened and in date!



As a thank you for your generosity, all children are invited to take part in a non-school uniform day this Friday and we would ask that all children taking part bring their bottles into school that morning.

Parent forum notes- October 2016

Thank you to the Class Reps who attended the Parent Forum the week before half term. Here are the points discussed:

- Year 2 reps fed back on how transition from Year 1 to 2 had been a positive one.
 - Year One reps were pleased with the children's start in Year 1.
 - Year R reps commented on how the children had settled quickly and the parents felt they knew what the children were learning in class.
 - The class reps are hoping to organise a social coffee drop in for any parents/carers to pop in and have a chat/make friends.
 - There was a discussion around adults and children riding bikes and scooters in the playground. Please can we reiterate that bikes and scooters must not be ridden in the playgrounds by children or adults for Health and safety reasons.
 - It was raised that some parents have been struggling to find our official Hollybrook Infant Facebook page. If you search for the Year group followed by Hollybrook, e.g. Year one Hollybrook, this should help you find the page to join. Please also ensure you have completed a permission form, these can be collected from the office, to allow membership to the group. For ease of reference, we again advise the links are as follows:-
- Hollybrook Main page <https://www.facebook.com/hollybrookinfant>
 - Year R Parent Group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/HollybrookyearR/>
 - Year 1 Parent Group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Hollybrookyear1>
 - Year 2 Parent Group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Hollybrookyear2pf/>

Second Hand Uniform

We have a large selection of good quality second uniform which is for sale at £1 an item. These items will be for sale every Thursday at 3pm.

Outdoor Coats

Please ensure your child always comes to school with an appropriate coat with a hood. We encourage the children to be outside at break and lunchtimes and it is a shame if they cannot fully enjoy all the play equipment if they do not have the suitable clothing. As always, clothing should be labelled.



Attendance

We've had a fantastic start to the year with our current attendance standing at 97.9% and we hope to carry this on right through the school year so we can smash our target of 97%! Thank you for your continued support in achieving such good attendance so far.

The last week before half term saw another brilliant for Owls with a second week in a row of 100% attendance! Can anyone knock Owls off the top spot for a third week running and get the attendance cup for the week? The challenge is set to all the other classes - come on, you can do it!

W/C	Foxes	Hedgehogs	Squirrels	Rabbits	Badgers	Owls	Overall
17/10/16	97.3%	98.3%	98.7%	98.0%	96.7%	100%	97.9%