

## NEWSLETTER 30th NOVEMBER 2016

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### Dates for your diary

#### Autumn 2

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December

9.00am - Parent Forum

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

Year 1 - dress as Nocturnal animal

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

2.15pm - Year 1 parents invited in for sharing time

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December**

7.00pm - Christmas Guildhall Performance

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December

1.30pm - Christmas Performance Dress Rehearsal  
(Grandparents and younger siblings invited)

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December

9.15am - Christmas Performance

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December

1.30pm - Christmas Performance

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December

6.15pm - Christmas Performance

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Shopping Day

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December

10.00am - Year 2 singing at Sunrise Senior Living

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Party

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Lunch

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December

3.00pm - Break up for Christmas Holidays

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December

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#### INSET days 2016-2017

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2016

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 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
- 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>

We are fast approaching the end of another busy term and we are looking forward to seeing you all at the Christmas Performances. The children and staff have worked very hard to put on the performance and I am impressed with how well the children have learnt their lines and all of the songs. Please see the letter sent via e-mail on Tuesday detailing the arrangements for bringing and collecting children for the evening performance.

Last week we held our Christmas Fayre at the school, run by the PTA, where Father Christmas attended and lots of fun was had by all including face painting, glitter tattoos, a raffle, pin the nose on Rudolf and a craft table. A big thank you to Lisa Richardson, Sarah Bomber and the rest of the PTA and helpers for giving up their time both on the afternoon of the Fayre and in the run up to it.

### PTA

We are pleased to announce that Lisa Richardson has recently accepted the position of Finance Manager across both Hollybrook Schools and is therefore stepping down as Chair of the PTA. Sarah Bomber is moving up from Vice Chair to Chair and Fran White is now Vice Chair. We would like to thank Lisa for all her hard work for the PTA and know Sarah will be just as successful!!

### Menu Change - Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December

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

Fish Fingers or Cheese and Leek Sausages and Chips.

### Children In Need

A couple of weeks ago all children came to school dressed in non- school uniform and wearing something spotty to raise money for Children In Need. We are pleased to say that we raised £208.98, which although was slightly down on last year's total, was still an amazing amount! Thank you for all your support.



### Christmas Post Box



The Christmas Post Box has now been put 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.

### Christmas Shopping Day - Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December

A reminder that this Friday is the last day for getting your child's Christmas shopping list in, together with the accompanying money. Please remember that presents are for adults only and not siblings.

### After School Clubs

Please note the last date for clubs for this term are as follows:-

French	-	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December
Legotastic	-	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> December
Art Club	-	Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November
Belinda Dance	-	Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> November
Team Spirit	-	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December

### **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.

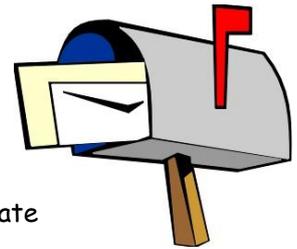
This event is called 'ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS IS EWE' and will include Christmas crafts, our combined schools' infant choir singing 'Born In a Barn' songs and a lantern parade. Look out for fliers that will be sent out to schools very soon with further details.

### **Ruck Sacks**

Please can we ask that children stop bringing Ruck Sacks in to school. Unfortunately we do not have the space on the pegs, or storage for these with PE kits already being in school, so please only send your child/children in with their book bag and water bottle. They do not need to be bringing anything else with them. Thank you

### **Office Postbox**

Please be reminded there is a postbox in the reception area for use for parents/carers to insert permission slips, money and letters in an envelope with your child's name and class clearly marked. This is emptied on a daily basis.



Please do not wait to hand items over to Ms Atton in the office in the morning as this is a particularly busy time with the phone ringing and children coming in late and it will save you time waiting for her.

### **Weekly Communication**

Just a reminder that every Wednesday, a weekly communication is emailed which includes details of upcoming dates for your diary, confirmation of any letters sent out and every other Wednesday it also includes a Newsletter.

Please check your email inbox every Wednesday to read these, and let the school office know if you change your email address so we can update our records. We can email to multiple addresses, therefore, if you have a grandparent or family member who, for example, regularly collect your children, and you would like them to also have these communications and Newsletters, please let us know.

Please note, Newsletters are also uploaded to the website.

### **Bottle Holders**

Thank you to everyone who has purchased Bottle Holders from the office. Anna Babington, who is a parent here hand makes them for Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and this year an amazing amount of £906.00 has been donated!!

### **Second Hand Uniform**

We have a large selection of good quality second uniform which is for sale at £1 an item. These items are 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

Whilst our attendance has slipped slightly, we are still above 97% and hope this will continue right until the end of the academic year.



A reminder to only keep your child off with a cough or cold if they have a temperature. If you have visited the Doctor and your child has been given antibiotics, we can administer them here for you at school, as long as you have completed the medication form which can be collected from the office, or printed from our website. In addition, if you have provided us with Calpol/Nurofen, we are able to give this to your child, again with the correct form.

Whilst we obviously do not want children to be in school when they are clearly too poorly to be here, we also do not wish for them to be kept off when it is not needed and for longer than is necessary. There is a helpful guide on our website under the Key Information section which is called "I don't feel very well" which is to assist you in deciding whether your child is well enough to attend school.

W/C	Foxes	Hedgehogs	Squirrels	Rabbits	Badgers	Owls	Overall
14/11/16	97.3%	97.3%	94.0%	97.7%	99.3%	93.8%	96.6%
21/11/16	92.3%	98.0%	93.7%	94.8%	96.3%	100%	95.7%