



NEWSLETTER 4th NOVEMBER 2015

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Dates for your diary

Autumn 2

Wednesday 4th November

9.45am and 1.30pm Prospective parents visit for September 2016 admission

Thursday 5th November

Individual photographs

Thursday 5th November

Photographs for Brothers and sisters - 3.15pm at Infant School

Thursday 5th November

Travelling Book Fair books arrive

Thursday 12th November

Travelling Book Fair books collected

Friday 13th November

Children in Need

Thursday 19th November

9.00am Parent Forum

Thursday 26th November

Christmas Fayre

Friday 27th November

INSET Day (children not to attend school)

Thursday 10th December

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

Friday 11th December

AM - Christmas Performance

Monday 14th December

PM - Christmas Performance

Tuesday 15th December

Evening - Christmas Performance

Wednesday 16th December

Christmas Shopping Day

Wednesday 16th December

Christmas Lunch

Thursday 17th December

Christmas Party

Friday 18th December

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
- Children require a waterproof jacket - with arms and hood
- All children require a water bottle in school every day - this must ONLY contain still water - no fizzy drinks or squash
- 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, nuts or products containing nuts e.g. Nutella
- 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.

School Photographs

A reminder that all pupils will be having School Photographs taken tomorrow.

Sibling photographs will be taken at 3.15pm **here** at the Infant School, not Junior as previously advised. Apologies for any confusion caused.

Children In Need

This year's Children In Need days is on Friday 13th November. The Pupil Council have decided that the theme will be "Make your hair funny for money" 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 £178.83!



Facebook



As advised in the letter which was sent home in book bags yesterday, the School now has a Facebook page. This is an additional source of information for you all and will run alongside the website, newsletters and letters. In addition to the main page, each year group has it's own page for parents to use. All parents/carers wanting access to the parent pages are required to complete the slip attached to the letter. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Smith in the office on catherine.smith@hi.jetrust.org who will be happy to help.

Lunch Boxes

Please remember that these should not include sweets, nuts or products containing nuts e.g. Nutella. Whilst your child may not have allergies, we do have several children in the School who do, and coming into contact with these products could potentially make them seriously ill.

Travelling Book fair

A reminder that Travelling Books will be bringing their book cases into school on 5th November and will be collecting on 12th November. The last day for ordering at school will be Wednesday 11th November. This term, the cases include the new David Walliams Book, Grandpa's Great Escape together with lots of other exciting new titles.

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.



Morning Arrivals

We'd like to remind all parents that the classroom doors will be open in the morning between 8.45am and 8.50am. If you arrive at the classroom with your child after the doors have closed you will need to bring them to the school office to be signed in. Whilst we appreciate that this is unavoidable on the odd occasion, it can be unsettling for a child to arrive after all of their friends have entered the classroom when the other children are already working, and therefore it should not be a regular occurrence.



For your information, children arriving after 9.00am but before 9.20am will receive a late mark in the register. Children arriving after 9.20am will be recorded as unauthorised absence.

Attendance

The Autumn term is always a difficult one for attendance, with the sharp change in temperature often making us all more prone to illness. 2014-2015 was a good year for us for attendance, achieving 96.2% for the year, however, in order to help us achieve, and hopefully exceed our target of 97% for 2015-2016, we need the support of all our children (and their parents!).



As a reminder, children should be kept off school if they have a high temperature, and in the case of vomiting or diarrhoea they must be kept off until 48 hours after their last symptom. Children should be attending school if they have a cold or a cough, and remember we can administer antibiotics or other medicines in school providing you bring the medication to the office and complete the required paperwork.

Wherever possible, medical or dental appointments should be arranged outside of school hours and certainly avoid registration times (9.00am and 1.00pm). For example, for an appointment at 10.00am we would expect you to bring your child to school as normal, then collect them in time for the appointment and return them straight after. We realise there is no choice on times and dates for hospital appointments, but following our guidelines will help to minimise your child's absence.



If your child is going to be absent from school for any reason, you must inform the school office by 9.30am that day. We have a voicemail facility, but please make sure you leave a detailed message including child's name, class and why they are off. Saying 'unwell' does not provide us with enough information. We attempt to make contact with parents when we are not notified of a reason for absence, but if we do not hear back from you the absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

Thank you for your co-operation with all of this.

W/C	Foxes	Hedgehogs	Squirrels	Rabbits	Badgers	Owls	Overall
Autumn 1	96.1%	95.5%	97.9%	97.2%	98.1%	95.7%	96.8%