



## NEWSLETTER 5<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2016

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### Dates for your diary

#### Autumn 1

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October

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Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October

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Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October

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Pupil Census

1.30pm Prospective parents visit for September 2017

3.15pm Sibling photographs at Junior School

Harvest Festival St James Church

8.45am-9.15am Sharing Time for all year groups

3.00pm-6.30pm Parents Evening

Parent Forum 9.00am

3.00pm-5.30pm Parents Evening

Diwali

3.00pm Break up for Half Term

#### Autumn 2

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December

8.45am Autumn 2 begins

8.45am Individual Photographs

Maths Day - parents welcome at 2.15pm

1.45pm Prospective parents visit for September 2017 admission

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

Travelling Book Fair arrives

Travelling Book Fair is collected

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 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>

With just over two weeks left until half term we are looking forward to inviting you into school to see some of the learning that the children have been doing. We have a sharing time on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 8.45am to 9.15am and this is a chance for you to come in and let your children show you what they have been doing so far this year. Parent's evenings are then on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October and Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October, after school and you will all have received a letter regarding this. We trust you have already signed up for these using our online system but if you have any questions or queries, then please phone the office and either Ms Atton or Ms Smith will be happy to help.

### **Medical Appointments**

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.

We would also ask that children are not taken out of school for appointments which are not for them but for siblings or parents as this disrupts their learning. Alternative arrangements should be made for bringing your child to school or collecting them and there is of course the before and after school clubs available.

### **Labels**

Please can all parents ensure everything coming into school with your child, including clothing, is labelled clearly with their names.

### **Wasps and Hornets**

Please be aware that there are still a lot of wasps and hornets around at the moment and we have had a couple of children stung recently at school, and one was stung this morning on their way to school. We treat these at school by putting vinegar on the stings, but will always endeavour to contact parents before doing so. If you do not want us to treat your children with vinegar, please let the office know.

### **After School Clubs**

Please remember that collection from any clubs that are run at school is from the OWLS classroom door, which you access through the Junior School playground. Please ensure everybody who collects your child is aware of this.

### **Flu Vaccinations**

The School Nurse will be visiting school on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November to give all Year 1 and 2 children their flu vaccination. A separate letter and form will be sent nearer the time regarding this.

### Parent Parking

A polite reminder to all parents/carers not to park in any of the spaces in Seagarth Close or to block the road when dropping off and collecting children. We would remind you that parking facilities are available at The Sports Centre and there is a pedestrian crossing, with traffic lights, for you to use on Hill Lane.



### School Car Park

Our school car park is a very busy place and is in constant use with deliveries being made. Can we please remind parents **not** to walk their children across the car park and to always use the footpaths provided, even when you do not have your children with you. Please also be reminded that parents are **not** allowed to use the car park to park in, drop off or collect children or just to pop things into the office. We had an incident last week where our gates were hit by a parent reversing out of the car park when a member of staff was trying to park their car.

### 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.

### Postbox

A reminder that we have a post box in the Reception area - to the left of the WOW! Board - where parents are asked to please put letters or monies for clubs in, instead of handing to the office. In busy periods, there can be a lot of people standing in reception waiting to see Miss Atton or Mrs Smith when there is no need for them to do so and with the phone ringing and children requiring first aid, this will save you time.

This box is fully secure, and is emptied daily. Please remember to put any money in an envelope labelled with your child's name, class and what the money is in relation to.



### Facebook

A reminder that we have a Facebook page for Hollybrook Infant School and also a parent page for each year group. As stated in the letter regarding Facebook, to access the parent pages, you need to have signed and returned a policy AND requested to join the group on Facebook. Currently we have lots of policies returned, but no requests on Facebook for these people. We cannot add you without you requesting to join the pages. Here are the links again for you to use:-

- 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/>

### 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.

### Clothing, hair and jewellery

May we remind you of the following rules we follow with regards to clothing, hair and jewellery as here at Hollybrook, we pride ourselves on our children looking smart at all times. This is also important because of health and safety, particularly when partaking in PE.

1. Long hair should be tied back at all times.
2. All items of clothing should be clearly marked with your child's full name.
3. T-shirts are to be tucked in at all times
4. Jewellery should not be worn to school.
5. No nail varnish should be worn
6. Earrings:
  - Only small stud earrings are permitted; these must be removed for P.E.
  - Pupils with pierced ears may wear one pair of plain gold studs.
  - No sleepers or pendant earrings are permitted.

### Dinner Menu Change - Census Day

Tomorrow is our first Census Day of the academic year. As usual, our funding for school dinners is based on the number of dinners ordered on Census Day, so we are offering a special menu on this day, as below. Your child can order their choice in their class in the normal way and it is free of charge for all infant school children. It would really help with funding of our school if all children had a school meal tomorrow and the menu is:-



#### **Mains**

Chicken Nuggets, Cheese & Tomato Pizza (V) or Pasta with tomato sauce or cheese (Buffet choice)

#### **On the side**

French Fries

#### **AND**

Baked Beans or Peas

#### **For Dessert**

Cupcake OR Fruit

### Year R Parent/Carer social evening

Our Year R Parent Representatives have arranged a social evening on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October from 8pm at The View. Please feel free to come along and enjoy a quiet drink and meet other parents!

### Water bottle holders

Just a reminder that fabric decorated water bottle holders are available from the school office at a cost of £2 with all proceeds going to Juvenile Diabetes Charity. So far this year, we have raised £320 for the charity which is an amazing result.

### Attendance

<b>W/C</b>	<b>Foxes</b>	<b>Hedgehogs</b>	<b>Squirrels</b>	<b>Rabbits</b>	<b>Badgers</b>	<b>Owls</b>	<b>Overall</b>
19/09/16	98.2%	96.0%	98.3%	98.0%	97.1%	98.1%	97.6%
26/09/16	96.6%	99.3%	99.0%	98.7%	99.3%	99.2%	98.7%