



NEWSLETTER 7th SEPTEMBER 2016

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Dates for your diary

Autumn 1

Tuesday 13th September
Thursday 15th September
Monday 19th September
Monday 19th September
Wednesday 21st September

Monday 3rd October
Tuesday 4th October

Thursday 6th October
Tuesday 11th October
Monday 17th October
Wednesday 19th October
Thursday 20th October
Thursday 20th October
Friday 21st October
Friday 21st October

Year 2 Curriculum Information for parents 2.30pm
Year 1 Curriculum Information for parents 2.30pm
All children in school full time
PTA new parents welcome coffee morning 9.00am
7.00pm - Meeting for parents all year groups -
information to follow
PTA - AGM 9.00am
9.45am and 11.00am Prospective parents visit for
September 2017 admission
1.30pm Prospective parents visit for September 2017
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 31st October
Thursday 3rd November
Monday 7th November

Tuesday 8th 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
Friday 16th December

8.45am Autumn 2 begins
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
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 Holiday

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 a new school year. I do hope that everyone had a good summer break and managed to take advantage of the sunshine. The staff are all rested and we are looking forward to an exciting year ahead. I would like to welcome all new members of staff and new children and families. Our Year R children are coming in for visits this week and will be starting on a slightly staggered system from next Monday.

Some of you will have noticed that the gate on Lordshill Road is not being opened as early as it used to be and also the gates to the playgrounds. We became concerned last term about safeguarding as a lot of members of the public were using it as a cut through and it is impossible to monitor. From today that gate will be unlocked at 8.15am and closed at 9.05am. In the afternoons it will be opened at 2.50pm and closed at 3.30pm. The gate on Seagarth Lane will be opened as usual to enable parents to pick up and drop off at the After School Club. The other reason for this is to ensure that we keep children safe as we had unsupervised children playing and climbing on playground equipment. I appreciate that this will mean some parents needing to walk round to drop off and pick up children from the After School Club but I am sure that you will understand why we are doing this and that the safety of your children is always uppermost in our minds.

On the subject of safety I would also like to put out a plea again to parents to remind them to park at the Sport Centre and not to try and park in the roads around school. We had a very near miss last term where two children, who were walking sensibly with their mother, were nearly knocked down. The local residents are also understandably unhappy about the situation and are asking for support from the local PCSO's to patrol which I wholeheartedly support. Illegal parking is a traffic offence and can carry a fine and points on your licence.

I am very much looking forward to the year ahead and will try to be in the playground as much as possible. Please feel free to e-mail me as well and I will try to get back to you as soon as possible. Mrs Clifford is also a first point of contact for Infant parents / carers - she works Monday to Thursday. The office are always willing to take messages or make appointments as well.