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9<sup>th</sup> June 2017

# Newsletter

## School Attendance

School attendance has recently been back in the news following the Supreme Courts decision on what constituted regular attendance. A parent of a child on the Isle of Wight had challenged the fine he had received for taking his daughter on holiday. The Supreme Court has decided that it is up to the school and the Local Authority to make a decision on what is regular attendance.

In Hampshire the rules are if you take your child out for five days, within a fifty day period you will be fined. The days do not have to be consecutive days. Illness does not count neither do medical appointments. If you have a genuine family emergency which would mean your child missing school please speak to us as soon as possible and we can work with you and potentially avoid any fines. If you take your child out for even a day in a week where there is national testing, such as the phonics test week or the SATs week then you will also be fined. The fines are £60 per parent, per child. You will only be fined once, after that, even if it is in a different academic year, you could face court proceedings.

As a school we have decided that we will withhold informing Hampshire about fines for parents taking holiday before September, or for parents who have already applied for holiday. If you have booked a holiday between now and the end of term please let us know, and you will not be fined. Any applications for holiday next academic year could now incur a fine.

Fining is something the school does not want to do but we know that good attendance does lead to better academic outcomes for children. High attendance also means children are more confident and happier at school.

The school has to follow the rules set down by Hampshire and we have no flexibility. Any holiday of five days or more, or any holiday that adds up over a period of time to five or more days will be fined.

If you want any further information you can go to <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/atten-guidance>. This is the Hampshire website with all the information on school attendance. Please do come and talk to us about any concerns you have or to get further information.

## Upcoming Events

### **12-16 June 2017**

Phonics Week

### **15 June 2017**

FoBS Father's Day Shop

### **16 June 2017**

11.45am-1pm Father's Day Lunch

### **19 June 2017**

1.30-2.30pm Year 1 - Opening of Hogmoor Inclosure

### **27 June 2017**

9.10-10.10am Year R and 1 Parents in for Maths

### **7 July 2017**

Move Up morning

### **10 July 2017**

Reports being sent home

### **14 July 2017**

9.30am-12pm Sports Day

3.15-3.45pm Summer Celebrations

18 July 2017

Year R – Marwell Zoo Trip

### **21 July 2017**

Year 1 – Medieval WOW Day

5.30pm FoBS Summer BBQ

### **24 July 2017**

9.15am Year 2 – Graduation Assembly

5.30-7pm Year 2 – Disco

## Mrs Trevaskis

Mrs Trevaskis has decided that she will start her maternity leave next Friday. For the remainder of the term Elephant class will be taught by Mrs Porter on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Mrs Brown on Thursday and Friday. Mrs Carr will be in class every day as usual.

We wish both Mrs Trevaskis and her husband all the very best for the future.

## Year 1 trip to the opening of play area in Hogmoor Inclosure

On the 19<sup>th</sup> June from 1:30 to 2:30 we will be taking the Year 1 children down to the opening of the new play area in Hogmoor Inclosure. If you would like to join us there or collect your Year 1 children from us there at 2:30 you would be more than welcome. We will send out a further letter with more details.



## Stars of the Week

### 5<sup>th</sup> May

Melody Dean  
Antonio Vicentiu  
Isabel Mitchell  
Tudor Antoci  
Amber Glaysher  
Ayesha Ahmed

### 12<sup>th</sup> May

Kian Tarrant-  
Browne  
Karleigh Ryan  
Tyler Richards  
Matteo Abarca  
Nathan Cajudo  
Leia Francis

### 19<sup>th</sup> May

Tallulah Downes  
Chloe Johnson  
Spencer Newman  
Lauren Charlton  
Emily Wadhams  
Jack Horstead

### 9<sup>th</sup> June

Xyla Ortega  
Konnor Angliss  
Milly Everson  
Poppy Lugg

## New Lunch Option

We are starting a third lunch option from Monday. The new option will be a picnic box. The picnic box will contain a sandwich with different filling each day, selection of vegetable sticks, fresh fruit and a muffin or cookie. Pupils can order the picnic box in exactly the same way as they order their red or green meal, the picnic box option is Blue.

The sandwich fillings are the same each week;  
Mondays - Tuna and lettuce  
Tuesdays - Cheese and mayo  
Wednesdays - Chicken, sweetcorn and mayo  
Thursdays - Ham and lettuce  
Fridays - Vegetarian sausage and tomato sauce

## Expansion Consultation

We sent out a letter earlier in the week inviting you to come and see the proposed design of the new expansion of the Infant and Junior schools. Mr James, both sets of school governors and myself have been working closely with the architects and are very happy with the plans so far.

We have worked with the architects not just to expand the school but to ensure that the expansion works for the children now and into the future. The plans have helped address areas of concern for both schools namely how we can better manage getting people to the schools without crossing areas where the children move. We have also looked at the shared vision between both schools and how we can continue to build on that joint working.

Bordon is changing and the schools need to change with it to continue to effectively serve the community. We do hope you like the designs, everything has been done with the intention of giving the children the very best possible learning experience in the best possible school.

The consultation will take place on the 22<sup>nd</sup> June in the Community Room opposite the Log Cabin from 3:00pm until 6:00pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

Matt Greenhalgh  
**Headteacher**