

Newsletter

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Getting to and from school

As you would have seen from the letter and the map that came out yesterday we have been working very hard with lots of different organisations on ensuring the start and the end of the school day are enjoyable and safe for both parents and children. The School Travel Team at Hampshire County Council and the Whitehill and Bordon Redevelopment Company have been instrumental in working on this for us.

The car parks on the map are now free to use by parents and we have been given permission to use them. I know it may be easier to park on Budds Lane but it will be much safer for the children to park in the car parks and walk the last bit of the journey. This will reduce the danger of children getting in and out of cars on the road.

We also want to encourage children to have as much exercise as possible, so cycling, scooting and walking to school are great ways that parents can help their children to stay healthy. It also helps build a culture of staying healthy for children that will benefit them throughout their lives.

The school governors have also been pushing Hampshire County Council to have some school zigzag lines painted on Budds Lane outside the school gate. This will then create a safe crossing point for parents free from parked cars.

Upcoming Events

13 October

Year R – Dress Up as a Nursery Rhyme character and parents can come in at

2.30pm

20 October

9.10am Harvest Assembly

3.15pm End of term

23-27 October

Half Term

30 October

8.45am Start of term

31 October

Flu immunisations

2 November

6pm FoBS meeting in Junior school

7 November

M&M Productions – Sleeping Beauty

8 November

9.10am Year R & 1 Parents to watch RWI

9 November

Year 2 – Winchester Military Museum

10 November

Remembrance Lunch

15 November

4-6pm Parents Evening

16 November

4-7pm Parents Evening

New School Winter Coats

We have recently ordered a brand new style of winter coat. The coats are navy blue parka style coats. They have a strong roll-up hood in the collar and will have the school logo sewn on. They are much thicker than the old style of coat and much warmer too. The coats will cost £18.50 and are available to buy from the school office.

The coats come with a sewn in reflective strip along the bottom of the back of the coat and one on each of the wrists. This will help to make sure that children are visible on the walk to and from school as it becomes darker over the winter months.

They are currently on order and will take a few weeks to come but we are taking orders now if you would like to reserve one. We do also have one of each size available to try if you would like to see what they are like or to see which one will fit your child best.

Attendance

Just a reminder that any absence from school, other than genuine illness or an unavoidable family emergency, that goes over five days could see the parents being fined. This is a national policy it is there to remind parents that family holidays must be taken during the 13 weeks the children are not in school. Holidays must not be taken during school time. As a school we do not want parents to be fined which is the reason for this reminder.

These five days do not have to be consecutive, it is looked at over a 50 day period. So one 2 day holiday then another 3 day holiday a few months later could cross the five day threshold and cause the parents to be fined.

The fine is considered as a warning. Parents will only get two fines during their child's time at school. Hampshire's policy is that any other holiday taken, even if it is a few school years later could see the parents facing a £2,000 fine or a court appearance.

The school term dates for the next few years are on the Hampshire website, just Google Hampshire term dates. The Hampshire attendance website also has a lot more information on fines and the procedures.



Stars of the Week

29th September Finley Doolin Lauren Charlton Damien Wilson

Eliza Fasham

6th October

Ella Trapnell Tyler Richards Amelie Jones Amber Glaysher

Girls winter shoes and knee high boots

Please can we ask that when you are getting winter shoes for your child you do not get them long boots.

In school the children sit on the carpet with their legs crossed a lot during the day for a variety of different lengths of times. Children sit for lesson inputs, assemblies, stories and waiting to go home or out to play or lunch. Girls wearing long boots find this very difficult and get very uncomfortable after a few minutes of sitting.

Girls black shoes are much more comfortable for them. Shoes are also much easier to wear on the trim trail than boots and girls can get upset when they can't go on something because of the shoes they are wearing.



Nature Art Competition - RULES

The piece of art should be on A4 and can be any medium, ie, paints, collage, pencils etc

The subject can be anything at all to do with nature, wildlife or just the joy of being outside.

Please add your name, age and year group, school or group (if applicable) a title, brief description, email and contact number

There are three age categories:

o Reception - year 2,

o Year 3 - year 6

o Year 6 - year 11

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Winners in the three categories will be announced at the exhibition on 16th November. The judging will be done by a representative of Greatham Art Group, whose work will be displayed during the evening. Light refreshments will be available.

Everyone is welcome to attend the exhibition. Please email jenny@deadwatervalleytrust.co.uk if you would like to attend.