



Newsletter

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25th March 2019

Mother's Day Lunch

Thank you to all the mum's who have signed up to join us for the Mother's Day lunch. If you have not done it before it is a really nice event and the children absolutely love it.

Year R parents

If your child is in Year R then please come to the main school office at 11:45am. You will then meet your children in the school hall and you will be able to have lunch with them. If you have children in Year 1 or 2 as well then they will be sent down to Year R to meet you so you can all have lunch as a family. Once you have finished lunch you can go onto the playground to play with your children until 1:00pm.

Year 1 and 2 parents

Please can all Year 1 and 2 parents meet their children on the playground at 12:00pm. The teachers will bring them out to the playground and then the children and yourselves will be called into the hall to have lunch a class at a time. Some classes will be called in around 12:15 some at 12:30ish. Once you have finished your lunch you can go back onto the playground with your child until lunchtime ends at 1:00pm

We will do everything we can to stay on time but it is a very busy day with a lot of people to feed and some years we do overrun, so please bear with us. It may be that the last meals are not being served until close to 1:00pm. We will try to avoid that but it has happened before.

Upcoming Events

26 March 2019

2.45pm Zebra Class Assembly

29 March 2019

Mother's Day Lunch – times are on this newsletter

1 April 2019

Year R – Farm visiting school

2 April 2019

2.45pm Penguin Class Assembly

4 April 2019

5.15-6.15pm FoBS Disco

5 April 2019

3.15pm End of Term

3.15pm FoBS Easter Egg Hunt

23 April 2019

8.45am Start of Term

Year 2 – Bollywood Vibes

1 May 2019

2.45pm Tiger Class Assembly

6 May 2019

Bank Holiday

8 May 2019

2.45pm Kangaroo Class Assembly

15 May 2019

Year R Assembly

21 May 2019

Year 1 – Southsea Trip

World Book Day

Thank you to all of the parents who responded to our survey. On the question of should we dress up on the actual world book day, a Thursday, or the end of the week, Friday, the Friday won with 77% of parents thought having the dressing up day on a Friday was better.

The question about having a theme or not was much closer in opinion. 55% of parents thought having a theme was a good idea and 45% thought children should be able to choose. While not as close as the Brexit results we hope to come up with a plan a bit quicker. We will reflect on this as a school and decide on what we do next year. From our point of view as teachers having a theme did result in a lot of discussion about books and about the book characters. Maybe we will have one year with a theme and one year without, we will let you know.

A couple of parents responded that they felt there was too much of a cost implication in the dressing up days. We went for a theme this year specifically to help parents not feel pressured by children to buy expensive costumes, as there are very few Julia Donaldson character costumes. We would love to hear any suggestions on how we can keep the cost for parents down.

Comic Relief

This year for Comic Relief we raised £192.91.

Thank you this is the biggest amount we have raised as a school for Comic Relief.

We didn't dress up but came in non-uniform that day, as it was so close to World Book Day. The children all had a great time.

Student Teachers

This week we will be having two student teachers join us for their teaching practices.

Kangaroos will have Kathleen Wolloff who is on her last placement before she starts as a fully qualified teacher in September. Kathleen will be working with Mr Burr and Mrs Trevaskis and will be taking on a large part of the teaching curriculum as the weeks develop.

Giraffe class will also have a student teacher Harry Harms. Harry is on his second placement in school and will be working with Mrs Hatchett taking small groups initially before taking on some whole class teaching.



Stars of the Week



15th March

Libby Coombes
Vasil Yovchev
Logan Simonds
Francine
Villanueva
Lexi Roberts
Seth Hayes

22nd March

Morgan Dormer
Ben Gordon
Tom Doolin
Teddy Holden
Lilly-may Sutton
Lyra Lomax

Year 2 Trip to Kew Gardens

Last week the Year 2 children went on a fantastic trip to Kew Gardens. They looked at plants from a variety of different habitats, from the huge jungle plants to the tiny alpine ones. The children all had a great time.

Both classes also had an hour in the education centre looking at different parts of plants and different types of plants and flowers. All four of the education centre teachers said that the groups from our school were the nicest and most well behaved children they had had in quite a while.

Attendance and hospital/dental appointments

School attendance was back in the news again last week with the figures on how many fines each Local Authority had handed out. Hampshire went from just over 2,500 to just over 8,500 last academic year. The school makes no money from fining parents all the fines go straight to Hampshire.

We want to help parents avoid fines at all costs. If you take children out of school for a family holiday, no matter what the reason, it is almost certainly going to be classed as an unauthorised absence. 5 days or 10 morning or afternoon sessions across a 50 day period will result in a fine of £60 per parent, per child.

Hospital appointments should be taken outside of school time but we do realise that this is almost impossible as parents get almost no choice of day or time. We do need to have evidence of the child's appointment to be able to mark these as authorised absences. Children cannot be taken out of school for parent's appointments or sibling's appointments, alternative collection or drop off arrangements need to be made in these cases. The school Breakfast and After School Club can be used by parents in these circumstances, please just speak to the school office. All dental appointments must be taken outside of school time, they cannot be authorised.

If you have any questions about attendance please come in and see me.