



NEWSLETTER 10th October 2018

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Dates for your diary

Autumn 1

Tuesday 16th October

Harvest Festival St James Church

Friday 19th October

3.00pm Break up for Half Term

Autumn 2

Monday 29th October

8.45am start of Autumn Term 2

Tuesday 30th October

4.15-5.15pm - School Disco in Junior School hall

Monday 5th November

Individual school photos

Monday 12th November

Flu vaccinations - all year groups (letter to follow)

Wednesday 14th November

9.30am & 1.30pm - new Year R September 2019
parent show around

Tuesday 20th November

Travelling Book Fair at Junior School

Monday 26th November

Maths Day

Friday 30th November

PTA Christmas Fayre

INSET days 2018-2019

Monday 3rd September 2018

Monday 18th March 2019

Monday 24th June 2019

Monday 22nd July 2019

Tuesday 23rd July 2019

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
- Grapes are always to be cut lengthways, or ideally into quarters
- Food containing nuts, or nut products (including peanut butter and Nutella) are not allowed as we have several children with severe allergies
- 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>

With just over a week left until half term it was lovely to see so many parents coming into school yesterday to see some of the learning that the children have been doing. The children love sharing their work with you all and we hope you enjoyed it as much as they did! Next Tuesday we are looking forward to taking the children from Years 1 and 2 to St James Church for our Harvest Festival and in the afternoon, Year R are having their own festival in the school hall.

We hope you have a good half term break.

Complaints from neighbours

We are, again, receiving numerous complaints from our neighbours in Seagarth Close about parking from our parents. The neighbours are complaining that parents are parking in the marked bays at the end of the close, near to our school gate, blocking driveways, and generally blocking the road. This is not acceptable, particularly in blocking the road which could prevent emergency services from attending our neighbours, or your children at this school! We would respectfully suggest that as there is no parking in our school car park and no parking allowed in the bays in Seagarth Close, that you do not bring your car up here at all. Whilst we realise parking around the school can be difficult at times, **there is ample parking at the Sports Centre which is only a short walk away.** We ask that parents are more considerate to our neighbours when parking their vehicles as we are aware that they are now starting to phone the Police regarding this issue.

Contact Details

A reminder to ensure the office have been provided with **at least 3** contact people for your child and as many working telephone numbers as possible. Also, if you have recently moved, changed phone number or email address, please update the office as soon as possible as it is imperative we have all up to date details for all pupils and parents/carers. This can be done on email and sent to - info@hi.jetrust.org

Children in playground before and after school

We, again, remind parents that any children, whether they attend Hollybrook Infant or Junior School or not, should not be using any of the equipment in the playground before or after school. We would ask that during these times, you pay close attention to your children and ensure they are not doing this - or riding scooters in the playground which is also not allowed. We have lots of little people toddling around our playground at this time, and we do not want one of these being injured by a child on their scooter. If your child is bringing a scooter to school, or a younger sibling is riding one at drop off/pick up times, please ensure your child gets off the scooter before coming onto the school premises and you then carry the scooter. Thank you.

MarvellousMe

It is fabulous to see that we have had so many parents sign up to our MarvellousMe app. If you have not already done so, please do so as soon as possible. Our teachers will start using the app from **Monday 15th October** so please keep a look out for those badges and messages being sent! Any parents of children who are on the Wow! Board, will from next week, receive their invitations to assembly via the MarvellousMe app.

4 pint milk cartons

For a topic in school, please can you send in any empty, clean 4 pint milk cartons. Thank you.

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. This is imperative in Year R where some of their learning is outside based and we do not want any children to miss out on any of their choices of activity.

Morning Arrivals

We would like to remind all parents that classroom doors are open in the morning between 8.45am and 8.50am. If you arrive at the classroom with your child after the doors have closed you will need to bring them to the school office to be signed in. Whilst we appreciate that this is occasionally unavoidable, it is unsettling for a child to arrive after all of their friends have entered the classroom and when the other children are already working, and therefore it should not be a daily occurrence.



Attendance

The Autumn term is always a difficult one for attendance, with the sharp changes in temperature often making us all more prone to illness.



As a reminder, children should be kept off school if they have a high temperature, over 38 degrees, and in the case of vomiting or diarrhoea they must be kept off until 48 hours after their last symptom. Children should be attending school if they have a cold or a cough, and remember we can administer antibiotics or other medicines in school providing you bring the medication to the office and complete the required paperwork.

Whilst we obviously do not want children to be in school when they are clearly too poorly to be here, we also do not wish for them to be kept off when it is not needed and for longer than is necessary. Please be assured that if your child does develop a temperature during the day, we will contact you to come and collect them. There is a helpful guide on our website under the Key Information section which is called "I don't feel very well" which is to assist you in deciding whether your child is well enough to attend school.

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.



If your child is going to be absent from school for any reason, you must inform the school office by 9.30am that day. We have a voicemail facility, but please make sure you leave a detailed message including child's name, class and why they are off. Saying 'unwell' does not provide us with enough information and we may need to call you back to ask for details of the illness. We attempt to make contact with parents when we are not notified of a reason for absence, but if we do not hear back from you the absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

W/C	Foxes	Hedgehogs	Squirrels	Rabbits	Badgers	Owls	Overall
24/09/2018	93.9%	100%	85.0%	96.6%	94.1%	95.9%	94.2%
01/10/2018	98.6%	97.7%	89.7%	98.7%	98.6%	93.1%	96.0%