



## NEWSLETTER 13<sup>th</sup> February 2019

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### Dates for your diary

#### Spring 1

Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	All year groups Parents Evening
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 1 & 2 Parents Evening
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	3.00pm - Break up for end of term

#### Spring 2

Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	8.45am - Start of spring 2 term
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	9.00am - PTA AGM - Junior School Hall
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Arts Week
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 2 - sight awareness workshop
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day - TBC
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	INSET DAY - children not to attend school
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> - Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	Science Project days
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00am - YR 1 assembly
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	4.15pm - 5.15pm School Disco
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	3.00pm - Break up for end of term

#### INSET days 2018-2019

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2019  
Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2019  
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2019  
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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
- 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](http://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>

This half term has certainly flown by and as always, been a busy one. Thankfully the flu bug which has been sweeping through Southampton appears to have left our school as we are now back to "normal" levels of absence for this time of year, rather than the 77 we had one day last week! The decision to close the school last Wednesday was a very difficult one, however, I believe it was the correct one to make.

Hopefully many of you are able to come in this week to see how your children are progressing and have received their targets. If you have been unable to make parents evening, please see your class teacher as they may be able to sort out a separate appointment after half term.

I hope that you all have a good week off and look forward to seeing you back on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February.

### **Parking**

We have had several incidents this week where parents/carers/childminders have either parked in our car park or abandoned their car at the top of Seagarth Close, outside our school gates, whilst dropping off/collecting their children or dropping things into school. As previously advised, our car park is NOT to be used, and it is definitely NOT acceptable to block the road in any way.

We are in a residential area and if there was an emergency in the flats opposite us, or in our school, the emergency services would not be able to get to the property in question.



Whilst we understand parking is difficult around the school, there is ample parking in the sports centre which is also a lot safer for your children. We would also ask that parents refrain from coming into Seagarth Close in their cars due to the ongoing problems we are having.

Please ensure anyone who drops off or collects your children is aware of the parking situation at school, including childminders.

### **Disqualification Briefing for DBS checked volunteers**

Apologies that one of the disqualification briefings had to be cancelled due to the unexpected closure of the infant school. There will still be an opportunity to receive this briefing at the PTA AGM on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February at 9.00am in the junior school hall. We will assess how many people are outstanding after this date, and arrange a further meeting if necessary.

### **Mayflower After School Club**

We have been advised by the Mayflower that due to the success of their after school club, they are extending it to the following dates:-

26/02/19  
05/03/19  
12/03/19  
19/03/19  
26/03/19

Parents will be able to book on to the club for the beginning of February.

### Team Spirit Feb Half Term Courses

Join Dazza and the Team Spirit coaches for action packed fun this half term.  
Mon-Tues Redbridge School 8:45-3:15pm  
Wed-Fri Highfield School 8:30-5:15pm

Every day we run a variety of challenges using our TEAM ethos. Full details can be found on the website - [www.teamspirit4sport.co.uk](http://www.teamspirit4sport.co.uk) Limited spaces, why not book with a friend.

### PTA AGM

We would like to invite everyone to our PTA Annual General Meeting on 25th February at 9am in the Junior School hall. Even if you could make it for 30mins that would be great!

We will be discussing how we will spend the funds we've all raised this year and planning what fundraising events we can run this year to raise money for much needed school equipment and trips.

It would be fab to see as many parents as possible so please help spread the word and come along. Coffee, tea and biscuits will be provided.

### Clubs

Please ensure that if you book your child in for an afterschool activity that you advise your child's class teacher accordingly. Thank you.

### Mobile Telephones on school premises

We have had a few issues recently where parents have been using mobile telephones in school and also on school trips. Please note that the use of mobile telephones is strictly prohibited within the school, and we would ask that you also refrain from using them in the playgrounds at drop off and pick up time. If you are inside the school and need to take an urgent call, we would ask that you please go outside of the premises to prevent disruption to children and teachers.

We would remind you that the taking of photos within school is also restricted. Whilst we understand that at occasions such as assemblies, parents want to take photos of their children, please remember that these should not be posted onto social media sites.

### 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. 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. As always, clothing should be labelled.



### Contact Details

We have had instances recently where we have been unable to contact parents when we have needed to when children are poorly. Please ensure the office have been provided with **at least 3** contact telephone numbers for you. This is a Government requirement under the 2018 Keeping Children Safe In Education Act. 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@hollybrookinfant.co.uk](mailto:info@hollybrookinfant.co.uk)

### **School Attendance Matters**

Please remember that when your child is absent from school, you are required to contact the school, no later than 9.30am. When leaving a message on the answerphone, please leave the following clearly:-

- Name of child
- Class
- Detailed reason for your child to be absent - saying unwell is not enough information, and we may need to ring you (which we don't like to do as we don't want to disturb you looking after you poorly child)

Please also be reminded that if you are taking your child home early or bringing them in late for an appointment, then we do need to see documentation to support this, whether it is an appointment card or a letter from the Hospital.

<b>W/C</b>	<b>Foxes</b>	<b>Hedgehogs</b>	<b>Squirrels</b>	<b>Rabbits</b>	<b>Badgers</b>	<b>Owls</b>	<b>Overall</b>
28/01/2019	95.0%	90.7%	94.8%	92.0%	96.3%	97.7%	94.4%
04/02/2019	50.0%	42.7%	69.8%	85.1%	81.3%	78.1%	68.0%