



## NEWSLETTER 27<sup>th</sup> February 2019

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### Dates for your diary

#### Spring 2

Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 2 - sight awareness workshop
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	2.15pm - Year R sharing time (Year R only)
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day - details to follow
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

#### Summer 1

Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	8.45am - start of Summer Term
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Class Photographs
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Year R assembly
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	6.00pm - 7.00pm New Year R September 2019 parents meeting
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	2.00pm - 3.00pm New Year R September 2019 parents meeting
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	3.00pm - Break up for half 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>

Welcome back to everyone for what is, again, looking to be a packed half term. For this reason it is likely that a lot of information will be coming your way so please make sure that you look out for any correspondence and also that you read the whole of each newsletter so that you do not miss anything.

This week, the children have been enjoying doing lots of activities in Arts week including, painting, drawing and clay modelling. We have had a local artist in to talk to children and also a Superhero Workshop for all the children talking about recycling and saving the planet. Thank you to all the parents and grandparents who have been able to come in this week, your help, as always, is very much appreciated.

#### **Friends/relatives collecting your child**

A reminder to all parents that if somebody else is collecting your child, to let the office know as soon as possible during the day so we can ensure both your child and their teacher are aware. If you have previously advised us that somebody is collecting your child, for example, every Tuesday, there is no need to ring us every week to tell us. However, if these arrangements change, please ensure you tell the office and your child's teacher as soon as possible.

#### **Signing in/out children**

Please be reminded that whenever you bring your child into school via the office, or take them out for whatever reason, you must sign them in or out using the computer screen on the front desk. Whilst signing them in/out, you are given several options for a reason and you can also type your own. Please do not just put a full stop or the reason as late as neither of these are acceptable. We require this information so we can fulfill our safeguarding duties in relation to all children in school.

#### **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)

#### **Mobile Telephones**

We have had a few issues recently where parents have been talking on mobile telephones when walking into the school office. We would respectfully ask all parents to finish their conversations before coming into the office and remind you that the use of mobile telephones is strictly prohibited within the school. 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, teachers and staff.

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.

#### **World Book Day**

A reminder, following our marvellous message yesterday, that next Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> March is World Book Day where all children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character.

#### **Comic Relief**

As you may be aware, this year's Comic Relief is on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March. A letter regarding this will follow in the next couple of days, however, there will be a sporting theme for this year to tie in with our daily mile and us being a healthy school.

### Parking

Again we must ask parents NOT to use our car park, NOT to park in the spaces opposite our school, or on the corners of and on the double yellow lines of Seagarth Close. 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.



We would ask parents and relatives to park sensibly around school by NOT parking on the verges on the corner of Seagarth Close and Seagarth Lane or the double yellow lines in Seagarth Close as you are restricting visibility to other motorists and with so many young children walking and running around, this is very dangerous.

There are many roads surrounding the school, not to mention the huge car park over at the Sports Centre, and being a healthy school, we would encourage parents to park slightly further away to promote walking to all the children.

### 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:-

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

Parents are able to book on to the club now.

### 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.

### 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 your 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.

W/C	Foxes	Hedgehogs	Squirrels	Rabbits	Badgers	Owls	Overall
11/02/2019	82.3%	93.1%	92.4%	85.0%	96.3%	91.0%	90.0%