



# AUTUMN NEWSLETTER - 8th September, 2017

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**Don't forget to check our updated website and blog for information about your child's learning in school and important dates**

## **BE AWARE from September! Don't book any holidays!**

**All** unauthorised absence will be subject to Hampshire County Council Attendance Policy - please see school website for details. Penalty fines **WILL BE ISSUED** for any unauthorised absence that meets the criteria. Every child should be in school **EVERY** day.

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been great to be back! The children have enjoyed being in their new classes and I was so impressed how confidently they came into school. They all look so grown up! It is a busy term. I have made a list of key dates to book on your calendar **now**. All dates and information about our school can be seen on our website too so don't forget to check it regularly. I have put days for PE and library so you know in advance and hopefully it will help with organisation!

Don't forget, if you have any worries or concerns, please talk to us. My door is always open, the office ladies are happy to listen and help and the teachers are happy to talk with you after school (this is best as mornings are so busy). We want you to be happy and your children too!

Nicky Cowcher

8th September, 2017

## **REMINDERS:**

**Coats:** Please ensure that your child brings/wears a coat to school every day. A lot of children were caught out this morning when the weather changed!

**Water Bottles:** Just a reminder that water bottles should only contain water, not juice or squash.

**Reading Folders:** Reading folders should be returned to school every day in your child's book bag. This is needed every morning for the phonics session.

**Wellington Boots:** All children need boots to be kept in school ready for their welly walks.

**PE Kit:** We need PE kits in school every day. There are at least 2 PE sessions for each class every week so make sure your child has shorts, t-shirt and suitable footwear (school shoes are hard for running in!) All **named** please. It is a shame if your child has to keep borrowing our spare kit (if we have enough) as it's not the same as having your own clothes.

**Ear Tape for pierced ears:** All children with pierced ears **MUST** provide a roll of tape (e.g. micropore tape) to cover the earrings during PE sessions/clubs. This should be named and is kept in the child's tray in the classroom. Alternatively, ensure your child does not wear their earrings on PE days.

**PE Days are:**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Year 1</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Rainbow children</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Year 2</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Year R (double session)</b>
	<b>Year 1</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Year 2</b>

Please make sure that PE kits are left in school and not taken home each night in your child's book bag or rucksack as PE sessions may take place at times other than mentioned above.

**6th-13th October: Book Fair** in school.  
Come and look at the books on display— they would make good Christmas presents!  
The Fair will be in school for the whole week to tie in with parents' evenings.

## **Play Equipment**

Thank you for being so supportive about not letting your child play on the equipment in the mornings or after school.

### **ATTENDANCE - FINES : BE AWARE**

Beware!! This year fines **will be** set for children off school for holiday or other unauthorised absences. This is in accordance with Hampshire County Council expectations. Parents of all children off school for 10 unauthorised sessions (5 days) over a 50 day period will be fined. Please be aware the days off **do not need to be** consecutive. Also fines will be set for children **who are regularly late for school.**

More information is on the website Attendance Policy and in the School Attendance booklet available in the office.

Children need to be in school every day. Each day lost is lost learning in phonics, maths and writing which is hard to catch up on.

### **NEW LIBRARY AND CHANGING BOOKS**

Our new library is looking amazing! We still have work to do and all our money raised this year will go towards making it more comfortable and more enjoyable for our children.

Library books need to be in school for regular weekly changing:

Monday      Year 1  
Tuesday      Year2 and Rainbows

### **WELL DONE CERTIFICATES**

Goldfinches	Owls	Swallows	Robins
Ruby	All Owls class	Amy	Helen

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

### SEPTEMBER

4th & 5th SCHOOL CLOSED FOR INSERVICE TRAINING

Weds 6th 8.40am **School Re-opens for the Autumn Term**

Mon 11th Year R children start school

### OCTOBER

Tues 3rd )

Weds 4th ) Open Mornings for prospective parents for YrR September 2018

Thurs 5th 2.30 Yr2 parents & children invited to look around Junior School

Fri 6th-Fri 13th after school—book fair in school

Mon 9th-Thur 12th Parents' Evenings—meet your child's teacher; find out how your child has settled;  
Talk about the targets to support at home

Wed 11th 9.00 Whole School Harvest Festival—parents invited—donations for the Food Bank at Testwood

Fri 13th Open Morning for prospective parents for YrR September 2018

Fri 13th 2.00 Yr1 parents - parents join children for Harvest Soup

Mon 16th 9.00 Coffee and Croissants with Jenny Pearce—all parents who want to volunteer to read with children in school. Basic training—what to do!

Wed 18th 9.00 Robins Family Assembly - parents of children in Robins warmly invited to attend

**23-27 Oct School Closed for Half Term**

Mon 30th Whole School Stick and Mud Week - learning outside

### NOVEMBER

Wed 1st Flu immunisations - details to follow

Wed 1st 5.30 Yr1 Sparklers and Stories

Wed 8th Individual school photographs

Wed 15th 9.00 Swallows Family Assembly - parents of children in Swallows warmly invited to attend

Thur 16th Yr2 parents invited for Space Day

Thur 16th 5.30 YrR Parents and children winter warmers

### DECEMBER

Mon 11th 1.30 Christmas Production for Parents of children in Goldfinches and Swallows

Tue 12th 1.30 Christmas Production for Parents of children in Robins and Owls

Wed 13th 2.30 Yr2 African Drumming Concert - parents invited to attend

Thur 14th 2.30 Yr1 African Drumming Concert- parents invited to attend

Tue 19th YrR Nativity Production at St. Anne's Church—YrR parents invited to attend (details to follow)

Fri 21st 3pm School closes for Christmas Holidays

### JANUARY 2018

Thur 4th 8.40am School Re-opens for Spring Term