



# AUTUMN NEWSLETTER - 12th October, 2018

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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 ! 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.

Please note that any time taken off during the following dates will automatically result in a fine:

**YEAR 2 - SATs - throughout May**

**YEAR 1 - PHONICS - week in June (date to be advised)**

Please **DO NOT** book any holiday during these times.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Some days this week we have had the most beautiful weather. Children have enjoyed being outside enjoying the sunshine. I hope the weather stays fine for Saturday grounds clear up.

The children have enjoyed our two special assemblies this week with 'Open the Book' performing the story of Noah, and Sarah from the Basics Food Bank talking about her work.

Happy weekend,

Nicola Cowcher

12th October, 2018



## **Grounds Morning this Saturday (13th) 9.00-11.30am**

Our grounds need a boost! We need to sort out the courtyard and Years 1 & R play areas, cut back some hedges and generally tidy and clear all ready for the winter. Please let us know if you can come along to help. Some staff and governors will be here. Please bring your own tools - secateurs, forks, gloves, hedgecutters etc. Thank you!



## **REGULAR LATENESS - PENALTY FINE**

Please be aware, school starts at 8.40, gates shut at 8.45. The Governors and I are very concerned we have so many children coming into school regularly late and missing **essential** learning. **Regular lateness may well lead to a Penalty Fine being issued!** So, please be aware. Children missing 10 minutes a day, will be missing 50 minutes a week and nearly 6 hours a **half** term!

## **Harvest Assembly, 9am Wednesday 17th October**

### **Please bring donations for Testwood Food Bank**

Sarah from Testwood Basics Bank came to see us in assembly and she explained about the work of Totton food bank. It would be great if you could donate some food (packet or tinned **not** fresh veg/fruit) and we can collect it all on Wednesday. Our School Council and Good to Be Me Teams will be responsible for packing it all up for the Food Bank workers to collect on Wednesday afternoon.

## **Harvest Assembly - 9am Wednesday in School Hall**

Please, please be aware that our hall is **too small** to hold everyone and for health and safety reasons (easy evacuation) we do need to limit it to **1 adult per family**. If you have very young children, sometimes this can disrupt/cause our children to be distracted so if you can find childcare that would be helpful.

## **Governor, Mrs. Price and the 'Good To Be Me' Team**

Our Governor for SMSC, Mrs. Price, was in school this week, talking to our new 'Good To Be Me' team. They are our big brothers and sisters in school and look after children. Mrs. Goodey works with the team and they will be writing a prayer for our Harvest Assembly.

## **Phonics and Book Bags!**

You know we teach phonics everyday! It is essential for teaching your child to read. Please make sure your child has their book bag in school everyday. It is so hard teaching them when they don't have the book!



**HELP - we need STICKS !!**

Gruffalo week will be the first week back after half term. We have planned lots of fun outside events so coats and wellies will be essential.

We want to build dens and we need more big, long sticks. Can you help us? Please bring them into school so we can collect a huge stick pile all ready for you ... know ... who!!!

**Year 1 Harvest Supper**  
**2pm Tuesday 16th October**

Year 1 parents are invited to join their children for Harvest Supper at 2pm in the school hall. It would be helpful if you could send your child to school on Tuesday with a bowl and spoon in a named bag.

**FRIENDS AGM**

We now have a new committee and Nicky Powell is our Chair. The Friends are keen to pay for things our children can use now, so we have ordered a covered sandpit for the playground area for children to play with at playtimes. Thank you to everyone who supported the FRIENDS.

**RE Inspection**

Our school had an inspection by SACRE on Monday. Two inspectors from Hampshire County Council came to see how RE is taught in school. They joined the Year 2 children at the church and stayed with Year 1 to enjoy a circle time. The inspectors were very pleased with what they saw in school and could see that we do ensure our children have positive learning experiences that meet with the National Curriculum expectations and our ethos of respect and care for everyone.

**CHANGE OF DATE**  
**School Photographs**  
**Monday 19th November**

Unfortunately, due to a clash of dates, we have had to **change** the date for the school photographs. This will now be on Monday 19th November when the children will have individual photographs taken and there will be an opportunity for you to make an appointment for a family photograph after 3pm on that day. We will be sending out these details nearer the time.

**FLU IMMUNISATIONS -**  
**WEDNESDAY 7TH NOVEMBER**

All the children will be offered flu immunisations this year. On Monday, your child will be bringing home a form for you to complete and return immediately to the school office.

**FRIENDS Fundraising Events**

Fri 9th Nov - Non uniform day in return for Jolly Jars.  
Weds 5th Dec - Secret Christmas Presents for sale.  
Fri 7th Dec - Non uniform day in return for tombola prizes -  
Year 2 - bottles Year 1 - Biscuits Year R - Sweets  
Fri 14th Dec - 2-4pm Christmas Fayre.  
Details of these events will be circulated nearer the time.

**WELL DONE CERTIFICATES**

Ducklings	Penguins	Goldfinches	Owls	Swallows	Robins
Ryeleah	Lexi-Rose	Freia James	Alfie Ellie	Ava-Rose Harry	Jay Max

Headteacher's Bronze certificate was presented to Harry for completing 3 sticker charts.

Swallows had a certificate for returning the most library books.

**GOLDEN TABLE**

Athena, Ella, Ewan, Yitzak

## ATTENDANCE

Week: 1-5.10.2018

Penguins	98.3%	
Ducklings	97.0%	
Goldfinches	95.0%	
Owls	92.1%	
Swallows	95.7%	
Robins	91.0%	
Whole School		
Attendance:	94.9%	(The Government expect 96%)

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

**PLEASE NOTE THAT NEWLY ADDED DATES ARE UNDERLINED**

### October

- Sat 13th 9-11.30 Parents invited to help sort out school grounds - come and join us - bacon rolls provided!  
Tues 16th 9am Robins' Family Assembly (Robins' parents invited to join us)  
Tues 16th 2pm Yr1 Harvest Festival Supper - Yr1 parents invited to join their children here at school  
Wed 17th 9am Harvest Festival - Donations for the Local Food Bank will be gratefully received -  
Thurs 18th 9am Swallows' Family Assembly (Swallows' parents invited to join us)  
Thurs 18th 2pm YrR parents - Early Maths talk  
22nd-26th School Closed for Half Term  
Mon 29th **School closed for Inservice Staff Training - Phonics**  
30th Oct-2nd Nov Gruffalo Week

### November

- Mon 5th Divali Week  
6th-8th Parents' evenings  
**Wed 7th Flu immunisations - letter to follow - please complete and return immediately**  
**Fri 9th Non uniform day in return for sending in a filled Jolly Jar for Christmas Fayre (details to follow)**  
Tues 13th 5.30-6.30pm Year 1 Sparklers and Stories  
Wed 14th Yr2 Space Day - children dress up  
Thurs 15th 5.30-6.30pm Year R Winter Warmers  
**Mon 19th CHANGE OF DATE!! Individual and Family photographs (make appointment for family photo)**  
Thurs 22nd Year R trip to Hilliers  
Thurs 22nd Year 2 parents invited to join their children for a school lunch - details nearer the time

### December

- Mon 3rd Years 1 & 2 - Advent Service  
**Wed 5th Secret Christmas Presents for sale**  
**Fri 7th Non uniform day in exchange for tombola items - Yr2 - bottles; Yr1 - Biscuits; YrR - Sweets**  
Mon 10th 9.30 Dress Rehearsal of Years 1 & 2 Christmas Production - opportunity for pre school children to see the performance  
Mon 10th 1.30pm Christmas Production by Years 1 & 2 - Parents and Carers only  
Tues 11th 1.30pm Christmas Production by Years 1 & 2 - Parents and Carers only  
Wed 12th 2.30pm Year 1 African Drumming Performance - parents invited to attend  
Thurs 13th 2.30pm Year 2 African Drumming Performance - parents invited to attend  
**Fri 14th 2-4pm Christmas Fayre in School Hall**  
Mon 17th 1.45pm YrR Nativity at St. Anne's Church - parents invited to attend  
Mon 22th-Fri 4th Jan Christmas Holiday

### **JULY 2019**

- 22nd & 23rd **School closed for Inservice Training**