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Friday Flier



Children in Need Day

Thank you for supporting this appeal. Altogether we raised an amazing £322.38 for this very worthwhile charity. Thank you very much for helping us to make a difference. The children (and staff) enjoyed their fun run!!

Poppy Appeal

I am delighted to be able to inform you that we raised an amazing £256.65 for this worthwhile charity. Our best year yet.

School photographs

Your child's school photograph was sent home yesterday. You are able to order copies through the school or online. If ordering online please go to www.SmileYellow.com and follow the instructions. You will need your proof card ID and password. If you wish to order copies via the school, please make your **cheque payable to the photographic company and not to the school**. Payee information is stated on the order form. **Correct money only must be included as change will not be given. Please do not enclose any other monies owing to the school with your photograph order as we act as agents only, and do not open the envelopes.**

The closing date for returning your order is **Tuesday 27 November**. **Late orders will incur a charge by the photographic company.** *Please note that next year you will only be able to order copies online and not via the school.*

Year 1: Outdoor Learning

Next week all the children in Year 1 will be spending time learning in the courtyard. Please can you ensure that they come suitably dressed with a warm coat and gloves. Many thanks.

Art Club: Cancelled Next Week – Thursday 22 November

Unfortunately, we need to cancel Art Club next week due to staff attending a training course. We will provide additional sessions, either during a lunchtime or at the end of this set of sessions.

Messages from the PTFA

If your child would still like to take part in the Christmas Market, please send in the money and lists ASAP. They still have around 50 children who have not returned their slips and money, this is a potential 300 more gifts.

Christmas Fayre Saturday 1 December

Not long to go and they will need lots of help to make this a success. They will be getting everything ready for the Fayre on Friday 30 November from 9am and on Saturday from 9am to set-up and from 12pm to 3pm to run the stalls. All help is appreciated and a sign-up sheet will be in the school office from Monday. You do not have to sign up for the whole time – any help will be much appreciated.

Raffle tickets

Tickets were sent home on Tuesday. Please return these via your child's class. More tickets can be obtained from the school office. Please return any unsold tickets/books, so we can use them for other people. If anyone who has a business or knows of anyone who would like to donate a prize to the raffle, please can you let us know via the school office.

Anybody wanting a table at the Fayre, please leave contact details at the school office.

Year 2 Transfer to Junior School: September 2019:

A couple of weeks ago we sent you a letter giving you details of how to apply for your child's Year 3 school place. If you have not yet applied, please can we recommend that you apply **as soon as possible** as it is so easy to put the letter aside with the intention of doing so at a later date only to forget! **A late application may mean that your child is not allocated a place at your first preference school.** Please click on the following link to apply: <https://onlineadmissions.hants.gov.uk/>

Pantomime – Friday 23 November – Mufty Day

On this day the children will all see a theatre production performed by a professional company called “Beauty and the Beast”. This is being organised by the PTFA and we are asking for a voluntary donation of £2 per child. All children will also be provided with a chocolate treat and may come to school dressed in non-school uniform. Please ensure your child has shoes suitable for the playground.

We would like to thank the PTFA on behalf of all the children for paying for this event from their fund raising efforts.

Attendance

As we are starting to receive requests for absence I felt I should issue you with a reminder of the current situation.

Schools are expected to follow the Hampshire County Council Code of Conduct for legal intervention relating to term time absence and not to authorise pupil absence unless the reason for the absence is exceptional.

Under the Code of Conduct, a penalty notice should be issued to parents where a pupil has 10 unauthorised absence sessions in the last 100 school sessions and there are no exceptional reasons why the pupil has been prevented from attending school. Please note that one day is recorded as two sessions.

“Penalty Notice Warning in accordance with Hampshire County Council’s Code of conduct: If a child has any unauthorised absence during any formal examinations, testing or assessment as publicised via our school website or parent/carer newsletters this will result in the issuing of a Penalty Notice for non-attendance.” (*This includes Year 1 Phonics testing, Year 2 Phonics re-testing and Year 2 Teacher Assessments.)

The dates of these tests are detailed below

- Year 1 Phonics Testing and Year 2 Phonics re-testing – June 2019
- Year 2 Teacher Assessments – 1 May to 24 May 2019

Where a pupil has persistent lateness to school, and this is impeding pupil progress, parents should be clearly warned that, unless the pupil’s punctuality improves, further lateness will be recorded as unauthorised absence. This unauthorised absence may lead to a penalty notice being issued when the 10 session threshold has been reached.

Parents are advised that if they receive a Penalty Notice there is **no right of appeal** unless it can be proved that it has been issued in error or unlawfully. The HCC Behaviour and Attendance webpages contain a statement explaining the legal position, please see link below.

<http://www3.hants.gov.uk/education/hias/learning-behaviour-attendance/attendance-guidance-for-parents/possible-penalties.htm>

The HCC parental leaflet on term time absence has always been and continues to be available on the carousel in the main reception lobby and on our school website – please click link. [Penalty Notice Information](#).

Please note that a penalty notice may be issued to one or more parents/carers and is currently £60 per penalty notice if paid within the required 28 day timescale. If a penalty notice is not paid within the timescale it will increase to £120. If this is not paid in the required timescale, then legal action will be taken.

Reporting Absence

A reminder that as well as telephoning the school, you can also report your child’s absence via a company called **Studybugs** which enables you to go online via a phone or computer to report your child’s absence securely. To get the free Studybugs app, or register on their website go to (<https://studybugs.com/about/parents>). If your child is unwell it is your responsibility to inform the school of this.

Forest School Sessions: Week 1

Next week Blackbirds’ Class will have forest school on Wednesday afternoon and Kingfishers’ Class on Thursday Morning and Eagles’ class on Thursday afternoon. Please can you ensure that you send in their forest school clothing. A reminder that we have aligned your child’s class with the lunch week menu.

Lunch Menu

Next Week’s Menu will be: Week 1. Please click on the following link to access the menu online: [menu](#). Paper copies are on the notice boards by the North Door and the South Door and in Wagtails’ Class window.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher