



NEWSLETTER

'Caring for each other and learning together'

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16th September 2020

Newsletter No. 1 - This Newsletter is being sent both as a paper copy and via ParentMail, as it is the first one of the year. All future Newsletters will be sent by ParentMail only.

Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to welcome new families to our school and welcome back all of our parents and pupils.

The children are happy to be back:

- 'We love being back'
- 'We can't wait to play outside'
- 'Getting together with our friends'
- 'Just seeing everyone'
- 'Learning & having fun'
- 'Laughing'

Please welcome new staff - Year 3 teacher Mr Galpin, Teaching assistants Miss Jayne, Miss Field, Ms Lawrence, Ms Mead, Ms Taylor, Ms Vaz, midday meals supervisors Ms Bridger and Ms Hill, Mrs M is back from maternity leave. We said goodbye to Mrs Skillern who is retiring and Miss Petrucci Miss Robertson, Miss Hudson and Miss Compton who have moved to pastures new and we wish them well.

Children are being taught in year bubbles as guided by the Department of Education. Please ensure your children are punctual when arriving to school between 8.40 and 8.50 and as much as we love parents being part of school life we are asking that parents leave the school grounds as soon as they can. We are happy for parents to leave children from year two upwards at the gate to help with social distancing. The school ends between 3.10 - 3.20 and again would ask parents to leave the school grounds as soon as they can.

Please adhere to the government guidelines regarding groups of 6.

Please wear masks in school and keep left as much as possible.

This year our main focus is to ensure pupils make the really good progress we expect and enjoy their learning with a good impact on age expected and good attainment. Ofsted now expect a broad curriculum to be taught - we have always done this but are working to make learning more exciting.

We have, as ever, lots going on this term and we will attach dates regularly:

Topics for September:

- YR All about me
- Y1 What makes us marvellous?
- Y2 Mrs Armitage on wheels
- Y3 Rainforests
- Y4 Viking Invaders, Romans, Saxons
- Y5 Mysterious materials
- Y6 Why would we build a castle here?

Children may wish to learn or research at home, we also ask parents to hear children read as often as is possible. Children in Y1 to Y6 will have homework each week including spellings and times tables. Please do chat to your child's teacher if there is anything that you are concerned about or not sure about.

Parents evening – “parents evening” will be over a two week period from 12th October – they will most probably be on the phone (although you can speak to staff daily). “Catch up” clubs will run from half term as children's gaps are identified – they will run after school by teachers and your child will be invited.

Newsletters – We are sending a hard copy out to all parents this time, as well as a copy on ParentMail. Please let us know if you do not receive a copy on ParentMail. In future the Newsletters will be sent to parents on ParentMail and are also available on our website. If a hard copy is required, please call in to the office to get one. We send important messages by Parentmail so you need need to get them.

Dogs – whilst we would rather dogs stayed with owners and not tied to the fence we do expect any mess to be cleaned up. Please show public liability insurance/vaccination cards to office to be able to bring dogs on site.

Chickens – If anyone is interested in letting them out/putting them to bed at the weekends we would be very grateful. Please call in to the office so that we may put your name on the rota. You only need to open their door in the morning and close in the evening. They are good girls and go to bed themselves at dusk. You also have opportunity to use the school field for a play or picnic.

Parking – **Please do not park in the school car park at any time.** Please may we ask that at least one disabled bay is available at all times. Please also be considerate when parking in areas surrounding the school. It is very important that emergency vehicles and coaches are able to get through at all times. We also ask that you use the one-way at peak times.

Medical – Inhalers – If your child needs to use an inhaler at school please ensure we have two of them, one to be kept in the classroom and one to be kept in the medical room as a spare. Please complete an asthma form, these are available from the office.

Universal Free School Meals – children in YR, Y1 and Y2 are entitled to a free hot school meal. These are very tasty meals with choices and menus are available in the office. These children also get a healthy snack at break time. If your child has moved to Y3 you now need to book and pay online with Chartwells (please call in to the office if you need help with this)

Entitled to free school meals? – Please let us know in time for the October Census on 1st October, as this affects our school budget considerably. If you are not working we can give you free uniform so please speak to us. Application forms for free school meals are available at the school office. Thank you.

We are having a special menu on Census day. Please see the poster in the window at the front of school, if you would like your KS2 child to have the special hot school dinner please order online at www.mealselector.co.uk. The meal must be ordered by 20th September 2020.

Absence – Please can you telephone the office on 01243 822885 between 8am and 9.20am if your child is unable to attend school that day.

Bognor Rugby Club - have space for children year in six to train on a Sunday at the club in Hampshire Avenue from 9.15 - 10.00.

Flu immunisation - the consent forms have been distributed for all children to have the flu nasal spray - please return your form to the office as soon as possible and by 30th September at the latest.

Covid 19 - if you suspect your child has symptoms - book a test - you do need to keep trying! Please don't keep children off without trying to get a test as they are missing school, their friends, their learning. It is really important children 'catch up' covid gaps. If at home school will provide work which needs to be brought back to school.

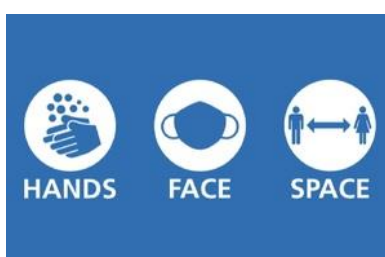
Dates

Friday 25 th September	All	European Day of Languages
Thursday 1 st October 2020	All	National Poetry Day
Wednesday 7 th October	Y5	Mad Scientist Day
Monday 12 th October - 23 rd October	All	Parents evening
Wednesday 14 th October	All	No Pens and Pencils Day
Thursday 15 October	All	Flu nasal spray session to be held here. This is to help stop children getting flu
Wednesday 21 st October	All	Harvest Festival - food for our foodbank/pop up shop
Thursday 15 th October		Open Morning for Prospective Parents 9.15 - 11.15 for next years Yr R
Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October	All	Half Term
Wednesday 21 st October	All	Whole School photographs - To be confirmed Please let us know if you would like sibling photographs.
Thursday 19 th November		Open Morning for Prospective Parents 9.15 - 11.15 for next years Yr R
Friday 18th December	All	End of Term
Friday 20 th December	All	Inset Day

Christmas - we are talking to the church for year 3 and 4 to go there, Yr R, 1 and 2 performances will be in school. Children will design Christmas cards for you to buy (these are good quality!) We will also have a raffle

Yours sincerely

Katie Jarvis
Headteacher



TERM DATES 2020 - 2021

Autumn Term 2020

Monday 7th September 2020 - Friday 18th December 2020

Inset day	Thursday 3 rd September
Inset day	Friday 4 th September
Term starts	Monday 7 th September
Half term	Monday 26 th October - Friday 30 th October
Term Ends	Friday 18 th December

Spring Term 2021

Tuesday 5th January 2021 - Thursday 1st April 2021

Inset day	Monday 4 th January
Term starts	Tuesday 5 th January
Half term	Monday 15 th February - Friday 19 th February
Term ends	Thursday 1 st April

Good Friday 2nd April and Easter Monday 5th April 2021

Summer Term 2021

Tuesday 20th April 2021 - Thursday 22nd July 2021

Inset Day	Monday 19 th April
Term starts	Tuesday 20 th April
Half Term	Monday 31 st May - Friday 4 th June
Term ends	Thursday 22 nd July
Inset day	Friday 23 rd July

Notes

On the following 5 Inset days school will be closed for pupils, but teachers will be required to undertake professional development.

Inset Days 2020/2021

Thursday 3rd September 2020
Friday 4th September 2020
Monday 4th January 2021
Monday 19th April 2021
Friday 23rd July 2021

Inset Days 2021/2022

Thursday 2nd September 2021
Friday 3rd September 2021
Tuesday 4th January 2022
Monday 25th April 2022
Friday 22nd July 2022

Next years ie. 2021/22 School holiday dates are on WSCC website