



Newsletter

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27th April 2018

Summer Term

It is amazing that this is the last term of this school year. The term has kicked off with a flurry of activity already. Year 2 had an amazing day learning about India and learning some Bollywood dancing. Their performance to their parents in assembly was nothing short of outstanding!

This term will be full of activity. Coming up we have Year 1 and Year R both going on school trips. If you would like to help on those trips then please speak to your child's class teacher when the trip information letter comes home. We also have our school vision week beginning on 2nd July, which is always a lot of fun. There is Sports Day on the 13th July and Father's Day Lunch on the 15th June.

We will be sending reports home at the end of this term and this year we have made a change to the report format and have added in an additional Parents Evening. More details about that will come out in the coming weeks. The Year 2 children will have the national SATs tests and the Year 1 children will have their Phonics check.

We will also be starting some transition activities to get the children used to the environment they will be in next academic year. If your child comes home talking about visiting a different year group then this will be part of that transition process.

In between all of these activities the children will continue to work hard producing amazing work. If you have any questions about any of the upcoming activities please come and chat to us.

Upcoming Events

30 April 2018

Class Photos

2 May 2018

2.45pm Kangaroo Class Assembly

18 May 2018

Royal Wedding Picnic Lunch

24 May 2018

3.15pm End of term

4 June 2018

8.45am Start of term

8 June 2018

Year 1 Southsea Trip

11-15 June 2018

Phonics Week

15 June 2018

11.45-1pm Father's Day Lunch

2 July 2018

Reports out

2-6 July 2018

British Values Week

4 July 2018

4-7pm Parents Evening

5 July 2018

3.30-5.30pm Parents Evening

6 July 2018

Move up day

Royal Wedding Picnic Lunch Friday 18th May 11:45am to 1:15pm

To celebrate the upcoming Royal Wedding we are planning to have a special Royal Wedding Picnic Lunch on Friday the 18th May.

All the children will be having lunch on the school field that day (weather permitting) and we would love it if parents could come and join us. For the lunch the school kitchen will make a special picnic menu for the children. All parents need to do is to bring along their own picnic and come and join in the fun.

The children will be spending the rest of the afternoon on Royal themed activities. If any parents would like to stay and help with these activities please speak to your child's class teacher.

Year 2 SATs

The Year 2 Standard Assessment Tasks, or SATs, have to be taken by the children in May and will start next week. The tasks or tests are used to support our judgment as teachers as to where children are assessed as being at the end of the year.

Unlike the Year 6 SATs we do not have to use the test result if we do not feel the evidence in the children's book matches the judgment. This means that if they don't answer as many questions on the test as we know they can do normally we go with what we know rather than their performance in a 45 minute test.

We do everything we can to ensure that the children do not feel they are doing anything different to their normal school work. The SATs papers have to be done but we do not want the children to be worried or feel under any pressure.

If you have any questions about the tests please do ask your child's class teacher.



Stars of the Week



20th April

Dean Simonds
Jamie-Joe Shea
Jacob West
Lexi Smith
Taylor-Rose Ford
Alanys Taylor

27th April

Alfie Smith
Lucy Barnfather
Olivia Bunn
Jake Searle
Riley French
Matthew Lidgley

Cleaner

The school are looking for a cleaner to join our cleaning team working afterschool. Childcare at Afterschool Club can be provided. If any parents are interested in the position please come and enquire at the school office for more details.

Haircuts

A few of the boys in school are having haircuts where a significant portion of their hair is very closely shaved and then there is a lot of styling on top. While we appreciate these styles are currently fashionable they will potentially cause problems for children later in school.

Our view as a school is that there should be consistency in expectation between infant, junior and secondary schools. Having similar expectations helps to ensure the children's transition goes smoothly between the different educational phases. As schools we work hard to ensure, as much as possible, that we are providing that consistency in terms of what we teach. We also want to ensure there is consistency in behaviour expectations, part of that is uniform and overall school standards of presentation.

Shaved and heavily styled haircuts are unacceptable in many secondary schools. Haircuts as well as uniform and shoes all form part of the expected dress code in most secondary schools. While secondary school is a long way off we want to ensure that we start the process that junior school and then secondary school continue. Ultimately the aim of these standards of presentation is to give the children the very best and widest possible job choices in the future.

I do realise that many parents feel haircuts should be outside of the remit of school and technically they are right. We as a school just want the very best for all of our children now and in the future. In many professions personal presentation can be the difference between getting the job you want or not. Until a child is old enough to choose the path they want to take we see it as our job to help him have the very widest possible choice.

Can you please ensure that your child's hair is cut in a way that ensures they come to school in the same smart manner as their uniform. Close shaving and over styling is not appropriate in most professions and therefore is not appropriate at school. Thank you