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Diary Dates Autumn Term 2019

September

- Tues 24th – School Photographer
- Tues 24th – Yr 5 Swimming session 3
- Fri 27th – Hurst Taster Day for Yr 6
- Mon 30th – Young Ambassadors Training

October

- Tues 1st – Yr R 2020 Open Morning
- Tues 1st – Yr 5 Swimming Session 4
- Thurs 3rd – Fire Education Visit, Yrs 1-6
- Sat 5th – Basingstoke Variety Show
- Week Beginning 7.10.19 – Parent Consultations
- Weds 9th – M & M Theatre Production
- Fri 11th – Yr R 2020 Open Morning
- Tues 15th – Anti-Bullying Assembly
- Tues 15th – Rugby V Sherborne St John Primary
- Weds 16th – EMTAS Conference
- Thurs 17th – Foundation Stage Trip to Pamber Forest
- Tues 22nd – School Nurse Yr 6 Healthy Living Talk
- Tues 22nd – School Nurse Yr R flu and hand washing talk
- Thurs 24th – Harvest Assembly
- Fri 25th – Staff INSET

HALF TERM – Mon 28th – Fri 1st Nov

November

- Mon 4th – back to school
- Mon 11th – Remembrance Day – Poppy Appeal
- Fri 15th – Children in Need
- Tues 26th – Yr R 2020 Open Morning
- Fri 29th – Tadley Christmas Lights Switch on

December

- Fri 6th – PTA Christmas Fair
- Weds 11th – Rock Steady Concert, 9.05am
- Fri 13th – Whole School Flu Immunisations
- Weds 18th – Christmas Dinner
- Weds 18th – Christmas Jumper/Red & Green Day
- Thurs 19th – Whole School Afro Samba Workshop
- Fri 20th – non-school uniform
- Fri 20th – Church Carol Service

Christmas Shows

- Thurs 5th – KS1 & FS Grandparents' Show, 1.30pm
- Fri 6th – KS2 Grandparents' Show 9:30am
- Mon 9th – KS2 Shows, 2.00pm & 6.00pm
- Tues 10th – KS1 & FS Show, 9.30am
- Tues 10th – KS2 Show, 6.00pm
- Weds 11th – KS1 & FS Show, 3.30pm

Incredibly it is already the start of the third full week back at school after the summer break. The children have settled well into the routines of their new classrooms and have approached their learning with excellent attitudes. We are very proud of all their efforts.

Specialist Reports/Appointments

There are occasions where children are referred to specialists or consultants at the hospital for treatment or support. In the past, we would have been informed of this at school by the Health Service but this is no longer the case. If your child has any additional support outside of school, please consider letting us know so that we can ensure we are aware in school and, if necessary take steps to further support your child as effectively as possible. Thank you.

Eyrie Leaders

Our new Eyrie Leaders and Deputies have been elected already. Those who wished to apply were required to give a speech outlining their strengths and why they wanted the position before the voting process began. Congratulations to the following children who were successful. We look forward to their hard work as they lead their Eyries this year.
Goshawk – Roxy (Leader), Lily/Nyah (Deputy)
Falcon – Jacob (Leader), Caleb/Tahlia (Deputy)
Merlin – Henry (Leader), Jak (Deputy)
Harrier – Henry (Leader), Amiee (Deputy)

Fire Education Visit

Years 1 – 6 will be receiving a fire safety education visit and presentation next week. As part of our on-going curriculum provision to help teach children how to keep themselves safe, we arrange this annual experience for our children through the fire service.

Absence during Term Time

A reminder that requests for absence during term time can only be authorised in very exceptional circumstances. Government expectations are that every child will have a minimum overall attendance rate over 95%. Illness cannot be avoided but please make every effort to ensure that routine dental and medical appointments are made during the school holidays or for times outside the school day during term time.

Thank you for supporting your child's education by co-operating with us in this matter.

AWE Wellbeing

We are delighted to have been asked to link with AWE to work with them on their Mental Health & Wellbeing initiative which is being offered to schools. We have already met with their representative, Mrs Vasic, and will be delivering a programme, initially to Year 5/6, to raise awareness and support understanding

Harvest Assembly

A date for your diary. On Thursday 24th October at 9.15am, we will be holding our annual Harvest Assembly. The children can bring in donations of food which we give to the local foodbank and each class presents a short piece as a contribution to the assembly. All parents and carers are welcome to attend.



Advance Notice - Tadley Christmas Lights

During the evening of Friday 30th November, Tadley Christmas Lights will be switched on. Every year we are invited to sing at this event and we always look forward to being able to offer this opportunity to all our children. Please keep the date free so that your child is able to join us and you will be able to see them perform to the people of the town. We have a target to beat. Last year we had just over 100 singers and we want to increase the number this year! We hope to see you there so please put the date in your diary now!

New Intake and Open Mornings

Our new Foundation Stage pupils have started school life in Robin and Nuthatch classes. They have arrived in school with confidence and excitement and are busy making the most of every opportunity that the Foundation Stage team have planned for them. It is a pleasure to see them settling in so well.

Already, parents of children due to start school in September 2020 are preparing for starting school. We have the first of our annual Open Mornings for these parents on Tuesday 1st October. Additional Open Mornings are planned for Friday 11th October and Tuesday 26th November. If you know of anyone who may be interested please let them know.

Brass Instruments

Through the Hampshire Music Services, we are now offering brass instrument lessons within school. Mr Denman has already started teaching some of our children and they have thoroughly enjoyed their first 2 lessons. We are very pleased to be able to support such opportunities for our children.

Governors

The varied and interesting work of our dedicated Board of Governors has already begun this term. The first Curriculum Committee meeting is to be held this week, followed by the first Full Governing Body meeting next week. The Annual Safeguarding Audit has been undertaken by the Governor responsible for this area ready for submission to the Local Authority by the end of this month.

In addition, three of our Governors attended school to be interviewed by the Ofsted Inspectors about their role and how they maintain appropriate levels of support and challenge. We are very grateful for the work of all our Governors.

We currently have opportunities for any of you who may be interested in offering your skills to the school as a member of our Governing Board. Please register your interest by contacting the school office. We will put you in touch with our Chair of Governors, Mr Jason Miles, who will be able to talk to you in detail about the requirements of the role.

Parent Consultations

These will be held during the week beginning Monday October 7th. These consultations give you the opportunity to talk to your child's class teacher about how well he/she has settled and the progress they have made with his/her learning at school so far this year. You will be able to book appointments online nearer the time. It is important that you make and attend an appointment with the class teacher as it is one of the ways we work together to support all our children to do their best at home and at school.

Basingstoke Variety Show

We are delighted that the choir have been invited back once again to perform at this year's Basingstoke Variety Show. It is being held at The Anvil on Saturday 5th October. Rehearsals are well underway and the children have worked hard to perfect their songs. It promises to be a fabulous performance to be proud of!

Young Ambassadors

Our new Young Ambassadors are to undertake their training next Monday here at school. The scheme, run by representatives from the Local Authority, trains children in years 1 to 6 to support others who may be new to the school, either in Foundation Stage or joining the school in other year groups throughout the year. The skills they learn are transferrable to many situations when others may need a helping hand, a friendly face or a listening ear and we have seen many examples of the positive impact this can have on everybody.

Water Aid

In our continued support for Water Aid, our collection pots for pennies will be setup out the front of school on Fridays in the morning as school opens and after school. Thank you for supporting this charity with us.