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## Newsletter 1 – 05/09/18

### Diary Dates 2018 – 2019

#### September

Tue 3rd – Children return to school  
Thur 6<sup>th</sup> – Oldest Half FS start school  
Fri 7<sup>th</sup> – Youngest Half FS start school  
Tue 11<sup>th</sup> – Yr 3/4 Parent Talk  
Wed 12<sup>th</sup> – Yr 5/6 Parent Talk  
Thur 13<sup>th</sup> – Yr 1/2 Parent Talk  
Fri 21<sup>st</sup> – Yr 6 Hurst Taster Day  
Tue 25<sup>th</sup> – Individual School Photos  
Wed 26<sup>th</sup> – Open morning for 2019 FS

#### October

Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> – PTA Movie Night  
Fri 5<sup>th</sup> – Open morning for 2019 FS  
Weds 10<sup>th</sup> – Parent Consultations  
Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> – Parent Consultations  
Fri 19<sup>th</sup> – Break up for Half Term  
Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> – Fri 26<sup>th</sup> – HALF TERM  
Mon 29<sup>th</sup> – Children return to school

#### November

Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Nov – PTA Movie Night  
Fri 16<sup>th</sup> – PTA Discos  
Fri 30<sup>th</sup> – Children Sing at Tadley  
Christmas Lights Switch-on

#### December

Tues 4<sup>th</sup> – PTA Movie Night

#### Christmas Shows

Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> (afternoon) – FS & KS1  
Grandparents  
Fri 7<sup>th</sup> (morning) – KS2 Grandparents  
Mon 10<sup>th</sup> – KS2 (afternoon and evening)  
Tue 11<sup>th</sup> – FS & KS1 (morning)  
KS2 (evening)  
Weds 12<sup>th</sup> – FS & KS1 (3.30pm)  
Weds 19<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Dinner  
Red/Green/Tinsel Day  
Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Jumper Day  
Fri 21<sup>st</sup> – Carol Service  
Break up for Christmas

#### Remaining INSET Days 2018-2019

Mon 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2019

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2019

### Start of Term

Welcome back to the new school year. I do hope you had an enjoyable summer.

All the children have returned to school filled with enthusiasm, and have made a promising start to their learning.

Mrs A. L. Armstrong, Headteacher

### Nut Allergy

We have a child in school with a severe nut allergy. It is therefore necessary to ask that you do not provide your child with snacks or other food containing nuts, as any contact with nut traces could put this child at risk. Thank you for helping to keep this child safe at school.

### Library Books

Did you come across any school library books at home over the holidays? If so, Mrs Ball would be delighted to have them returned as soon as possible. Thank you.

### Parent Meetings

These meetings give parents an opportunity to hear about the year ahead and to find out about the expectations for your child as they start the new year at school. We hope to see you there.

Years 5 & 6 – Weds 12<sup>th</sup> Sept, 3.00pm

Years 3 & 4 – Tues 11<sup>th</sup> Sept, 3.00pm

Years 1 & 2 – Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2.45pm

Foundation Stage – Weds 19<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2.45pm

### Contact Details

At the start of each academic year we ask that you renew the contact and medical details held in the school office for your child. A letter will come home next week. Please return the completed form as soon as possible so that we can ensure we have the most up to date information. If any details change during the year, please let the school office know as soon as possible.

### Club Letters

Look out for details of clubs and activities which we will be offering after school this term. A letter will be coming home to you soon.

### Staffing Update

We welcome Mrs Beckers who has joined our Year 5/6 teaching team and Miss Griffiths has joined Year 1/2. Ms Flemington has taken over as the school cook.

Mrs Beech left at the end of the last school year so that she can spend all of her time with her family. She will be missed and we wish her well.

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#### **WaterAid**

Our collection for WaterAid which took place last term raised a total of £89.37. Thank you for your generosity. The money is used by the charity to support clean water programmes across the world in areas where fresh and safe water is unavailable for people to drink.

#### **Stationery Donations**

You will remember that we held a non-school uniform day in the summer term in return for donations of stationery items. The response was incredible and we have plenty of pencils, sharpeners, erasers, glue sticks and many more fantastic things stocking the shelves in our stationery cupboard. This will be used directly by the children over this academic year. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. It enables us to make some significant budget savings. As you know, all schools are faced with such pressures and the support of all of you really does help.

We really are consciously trying to avoid asking for too much. However it is the time of year when we start requesting donations of cheap boxes of tissues ahead of the winter coughs and colds! If you are able to send some in to the school office we will be more than happy to receive them. Thank you.

#### **Our Scooter Pod**

You may have noticed our new blue and yellow scooter pod outside near the playground. We have been able to purchase this thanks to kind donations from Loddon Valley Lions and the parents of two of our pupils. Having safe and accessible storage for the children to leave their scooters during the school day is a real asset. There has been an increase in the number of children who wish to travel to school in this way, so to be able to provide for this method of transport, as well as for bicycles, is something we are very pleased to have achieved. Sincere thanks go to the Lions and to the generous parents who made this possible.

#### **Drama Club**

The Spotlight Centre in Basingstoke have offered us free weekly Drama sessions for up to 35 children as an after school club. A letter is being sent home separately with further details. Do look out for it and let the Spotlight Centre know if your child is interested by using the contact details provided in the letter.

#### **Congratulations!**

We are delighted to announce the safe arrival of Ophelia Joan Lilian Hulse who was born on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July. Mum and baby are thriving and Mr Hulse is doing well too!

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### **Sharing Assemblies**

The arrangements for weekly Sharing Assemblies are as follows;

Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 will be held on Wednesdays at 9.05am and Key Stage 2 on Fridays at 9.05am. Foundation Stage will join in at a later date – look out for more information on the separate FS newsletter in the near future.

Having separate Key Stage Assemblies enables us to welcome as many parents/visitors as possible to come and join us as the school continues to expand. The first Sharing Assemblies of the school year will be held next week (Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Friday 14<sup>th</sup> of September).

### **School Uniform and PE Kit**

The children look very smart in their new uniforms. Please check that items are named so that they can be returned to your child if they are mislaid. A reminder that black shoes, not trainers, should be worn to school. Jewellery, other than a wrist watch or pierced ear-rings (small studs), should not be worn to school. Ear-rings need to be removed during PE lessons. Tape can be put over them temporarily while newly-pierced ears heal sufficiently for ear-rings to be removed. This is usually for a period of 6 weeks only. PE kits (white shirt, black shorts, trainers/plimsolls) need to be in school every day. We will be having regular uniform and PE kit checks with marbles awarded to the classes where all children have the correct items. The first check will take place this Friday.

### **Early Years Playground**

Over the coming weeks we will be welcoming the contractors as they begin work to transform the Foundation Stage outdoor area. The children will have the opportunity to watch (from a safe distance!) the work taking place and see their environment developing.

The work should take a maximum of 3 weeks and during this time there may be temporary changes to drop off and pick up places. The Foundation Stage team will let you know about arrangements as soon as we have finalised them with the contractors.

### **A huge 'thank you' to EMCOR**

Over the summer we have benefitted from the generosity of EMCOR contractors who have given their services and materials free of charge.

The entrance and main corridor of the building has been treated to a fresh coat of paint and the hall has also been redecorated. Holes have been filled, walls sanded and cleaned and the finished result has really brightened up the spaces.

Outside, the unsafe play equipment on the playground has been removed and the playground surface made good. This is in preparation for the new play equipment to be installed later this term. The bark from the area has been moved to the end of the field ready to top up our woodland walk.

The play equipment on the field has been repaired and is now useable again and the unsightly boot cleaner rail has also been removed. Other general repairs have also been carried out.

We are extremely grateful to EMCOR and to their staff who gave their time and skills to help the school. All of this work would simply have been too costly for the school to afford easily.