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Newsletter 2 – 17/09/18

Diary Dates 2018 – 2019

September

Weds 19th – FS Parent Talk
Fri 21st – Yr 6 Hurst Taster Day
Tue 25th – Individual School Photos
Wed 26th – Open morning for 2019 FS

October

Tues 2nd – PTA Movie Night
Fri 5th – Open morning for 2019 FS
Tues 9th – Book Fair Arrives
Weds 10th – Parent Consultations
Thurs 11th – Parent Consultations
Fri 19th – Break up for Half Term
Mon 22nd – Fri 26th – HALF TERM
Mon 29th - Children return to school

November

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

December

Tues 4th – PTA Movie Night

Christmas Shows

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

Remaining INSET Days 2018-2019

Mon 7th January 2019

Monday 25th February 2019

Monday 22nd July 2019

Tuesday 23rd July 2019

Another busy and productive week including a visit from the County Travel Planning Advisor and Rob and Felix from Belvoir Estate Agents, Tadley. Look out for more information about why they chose to come and see us next week – it's good news!

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

Thank you for the library books which have been returned so far this term. We are still missing some books so please send them in with your child if you locate any at home.

Summer Reading Challenge

Just a reminder that The Summer Reading Challenge run by Hampshire libraries has now finished. The local library staff will be coming in to school later this term to hand out the awards to those children who completed the challenge.

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 have come home last 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.

Book Fair

We will be holding one of our popular Book fairs in October. It will arrive on Tuesday 9th and books will be on sale after school each evening until Monday 15th.

Menu Change

There will be an adjustment to the school menu on Thursday 4th October. The baked sausages (meat option) remains the same. The vegetarian option will change to pizza which is a firm favourite of the children.

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!

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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 2019 are preparing for starting school. We have the first of our annual Open Mornings for these parents on Wednesday 26th September and our second on Friday 5th October, 9.30 – 10.30am. If you know of anyone who may be interested please let them know.

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.

Pupil Premium/Free School Meals

Could your child be eligible for free school meals? This is different from Universal Free School Meals which all children in Year R, 1 and 2 are entitled to. Your child might be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

If your child is eligible for free school meals or you think that they might be, please follow this link <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals> and apply. If you don't have access to a computer, we can apply on your behalf and will just need to know information such as your National Insurance number.

In addition to receiving the free school meals (if eligible), our school will then also receive Pupil Premium (approx. £1200 per year) to help pay for any additional resources to help your child's learning. Below are some other criteria that would entitle the school/your child to such funding: -

1. identified in the school census as having left local authority care as a result of:
 - adoption
 - a special guardianship order
 - a child arrangements order (previously known as a residence order)
2. who has been in local authority care for 1 day or more

Please come into the school office if you would like our help in applying for either Free School Meals or Pupil Premium.