

Newsletter

Pride, Passion, Achieving Together

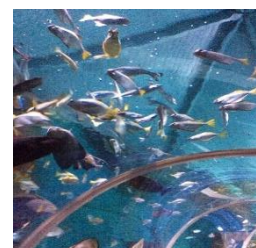
Welcome to the first newsletter of 2020. May I first begin by wishing you all a belated 'Happy New Year!' As always, our return to school has seen us continue very much where we left off with both children and teachers continuing to work hard to try to achieve the very best. Please read below for some of the highlights of January 2020.

Year N

The children of Nursery have been exploring the Chinese new year recently. This has involved taking part in a number of activities including trying to use chopsticks (which was fun) and noodle tasting – which was also enjoyed by all.

Year R

January saw the reception children take part in the annual visit to The Blue Reef Aquarium in Portsmouth. During the day the children went on a guided tour to learn about different sea creatures as well as being given the opportunity to observe animals such as star fish and crabs. The visit was a great success and we would like to thank the parents that volunteered, without whom the visit would not have been possible.



Year 1

Year 1 also ventured beyond the classroom and the school grounds this January. They travelled to Basingstoke for a day at the Milestones Museum as part of their history work based on toys. This visit was enjoyed by all that attended and allowed our children, amongst other things, to gain hands on experience with toys from the past and we would again like to thank the Parents who gave up their time to support the visit.

Year 2

Year 2 have been putting their powers of persuasion to good effect during English over the last few weeks. Their letters to me, stating why I should not take away their 'Golden Time' (something according to the Year 2 teachers I had 'apparently' said), were highly effective. Needless to say, so convincing were their arguments, that I have had little choice but to agree with them and allow Golden Time to continue.

Year 3

The children of Year 3 have been working hard within English since their return, exploring Greek Myths. This is linked to their history work and we are looking forward to the infamous 'Greek Week' arriving soon into Year 3. Some of the independent Greek homework that the children have brought in over the last week has been truly magnificent.

Year 4

Within Year 4 the children have been studying country dancing as part of their Physical Education curriculum. In addition to this they have also begun their unit in Geography on Antarctica, which as in previous years, has been supported by a session led by Mr May from Year 6, who has in the past been part of an expedition to this part of the world.

Year 5

The children of Year 5 have also been studying Geography since our return to school. The unit is based on Italy and the independent pieces of homework that these children have produced have been excellent and varied – including a working volcano!

Year 6

With the Six Nations rugby tournament just around the corner the children of Year 6 have been working on their tag rugby skills in recent weeks – honing their skills so that they are ready when the call up from the RFU comes through.

Tony Head
Principal

School Lunches 2020

Online payments

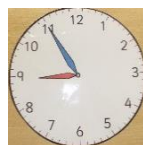
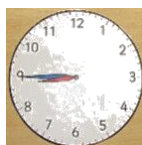
Once again can we remind you please that payment for school lunches must be paid for in advance online. If your child is having lunch during the week then payment should be made on the Monday.



Next half term is £64.40
Weekly £11.50.

Please note that you can set up an alert on Scopay which will send you a message when your account gets below your set amount. Go to settings – configure alerts.

School Day



Just to remind you that children should arrive in school between 8.45am and 8.55am at the latest. If your child arrives before then, there will be no one to supervise them. If your child arrives late, please ensure you sign in at the office.

Children should also be collected promptly at the end of the school day, 3.20pm for Year R and 3.30pm for Year 1-6.

Staff News

Congratulations to Mrs Aldridge on the birth of her daughter.

Portswood Residents Parking Scheme Formal Consultation

Can I let you know that Southampton City Council is proposing a resident parking scheme in Portswood. The proposal is that the roads adjacent to the School would become residents parking only.

Further information and a plan of the proposed parking restrictions are fastened to lampposts in the streets surrounding the School which will be affected. Details of how to respond to the consultation by 7 February 2020 are also displayed.

Dates / Activities

| Date | Activity |
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| Tuesday 4 February 2020 | 3J Assembly to Parents |
| Thursday 6 February 2020 | RA Assembly to Parents |
| Tuesday 11 February 2020 | 4B Assembly to Parents |
| Wednesday 12 February 2020 | Baby Suso – Years 2 - 4 |
| Monday 17 – Friday 21 February 2020 | Half term |
| Monday 24 February 2020 | Inset day – children not at school |
| Tuesday 25 February 2020 | Children back to school |