

Friday 14th September 2018

Dear Parents,

Leadership and Management

From Dr Marsden, our Chair of Governors. "Welcome back everyone! The governors wish the children, the staff and all parents every possible success for the coming year".

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Sims, our Yr R Teaching Assistant is, expecting her first baby in January 2019. This is wonderful news. We wish her and her husband every happiness over the coming months.

Before and after school club -Currently we do not provide before and after school child care as there has never been enough parents interested to make this financially viable. However if we have enough children now, we may well be able to proceed with providing before and after school child care. Please complete the form below if this is something you would like and we will see **if** there is sufficient 'take-up' to ensure there a financially sustainable commitment. Thank you.

OPEN DAYS for new children and parents looking to start school in September 2019



Thursday 18th October 1-3pm all new parents are welcome

Tuesday 6th November 9 – 11 am all new parents are welcome

Health safety and safeguarding

Please – PLEASE remember we are a "Nut Free Zone". We do have several children **with severe nut allergies.** This means that we cannot accept any of the following; nut spreads packets of nuts, nutty bars, cakes with nuts inside etc. Please be vigilant when preparing your child's snack and lunch boxes as some children here only need to touch someone who has touched nuts, to cause a severe reaction and subsequent medication and hospitalisation. Should a child have nuts or nut products in their lunchbox, we will remove the nut item, ring the parents and remind them of our nut free policy. Thank you for your continued support.

Driving to and from school - Please remember to park safely. I have daily information about people over taking on bends, parking badly in the high street and over taking bikes etc. PLEASE BE MINDFUL that this is a school with vulnerable children and people about especially in the mornings and afternoons! PLEASE DRIVE WITH EXTRA SPECIAL CARE!!!!

FREE SCHOOL MEALS!?


Do you qualify? Please see Mrs Leach if you think you might. It's a very easy process to go through on-line to see if you qualify; it may well help more parents, who may not realise they are eligible! Come and see her if you would like to find out more. Or go on line at <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/hants>

Spiritual, moral, social education

We celebrated Roald Dahl Day on Thursday 13th September when the children learnt about this very special man and his literary works and the impact it has had on the lives of countless children across the world. <http://www.roalddahl.com/create-and-learn/join-in/roald-dahl-day>

Also on Monday 24th September we are celebrating International Peace Day and discussing the movement that is 70 years old this year. <http://www.un.org/en/events/peaceday/>

Our garden at the side of the school - A note from Buster our school cat!

 “Presently the children are all thinking of names for our garden. Please talk with your child about the names they think will be suitable. Top contenders will be placed in a hat and I will pick out the winning name of our garden!



We would like to invite you all to a Coffee morning for raising funds for our garden. This will be on **Thursday 11th October 2018 at 9am to 10am.** All parents and friends welcome! Please also bring any cakes or biscuits for sale, so we can raise as much money for our garden improvement project as possible!

Helpers needed!! We would like your help with the garden too – we would like to create a rota of workers to help with gardening and painting the wooden areas. This Garden Working Party would also work with children on many projects that need attention. Please complete the slip below if you can help and hand this into Mrs Leach. Thank you.



We also need Shrubs /plants for the garden! If you have any spare plants and or shrubs that can be successfully split, please donate these to us for the school garden. We also need old saucepans pots and pans for outdoor musical instruments old cutlery, serving spoons and forks (no knives), pots and garden tools please!



“As we have no permanent caretaker we really do rely on wonderful parents to help and support us with the garden, making it a special place for all our children. Thank you everyone for your love and support in making our garden really special and of course, for me to lie in! Lots of love from Buster!”



Thought for the week

“When the power of love overcomes the love of power, the world will know Peace” – Jimi Hendrix.

Website of the week

<https://www.salisbury.anglican.org/resources-library/schools1/spirituality/2011%20Spirituality%20in%20Schools-%20Spiritual%20Gardens-%20Information%20Leaflet.pdf>

The children and staff have all made a wonderfully positive start to the school year. I'm so proud of them all. The little new Robins (Yr. R) have been amazing and everyone looks very smart and ready to learn in their new uniform. Thank you for your continued support in making this school so fantastic.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

T. Cawthra

Trudie Cawthra

Head teacher

Before and Afterschool club – please return to the office

I/we are interested in sending my child/ren to before and after school club. I/we would like the following days

I/we have _____ children

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|-------------|--------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|
| AM 8-8.40am | | | | | |
| PM 3.15-6pm | | | | | |

I/we understand that this will only go ahead if school has enough children to make this venture economically viable.

Signed _____ date _____

Dates for your diary – please print off and stick to your fridge!



Blue highlighter is Church services or worship in school.

Purple highlighter is for INSET days and school holidays

| Date – | Time | Item | Venue |
|--|--------------------------|--|---------------------------|
| Tuesday 18 th September | 2.30pm | Scramblers for Robins class only | St Nicholas Church |
| 24 th September | | International Peace day – we are celebrating peace and thinking of ways to be at peace with each other and the world | School |
| 25 th September | 2.45pm to 3.00pm | Holy Communion Act of Worship in church – Parents welcome | St Nicholas Church |
| Thursday 4 th October | 7-8pm | Hurstbourne Priors Church Harvest Festival evening of songs and prayers – all welcome | Hurstbourne Priors Church |
| Friday 5 th October | 2.00pm to 3.00pm | Harvest Festival in church | St Nicholas Church |
| Tuesday 9 th October | 7pm - 8pm | Church school inspection (SIAMs) Parents' information evening in school hall | |
| Thursday 11 th October | 9.00 am – 10.00 am | Coffee morning for our garden – all welcome | |
| Friday 12 th October | 9-11am | Grandparents day – all grandparents welcome | In school hall |
| Friday 19 th October | All day | INSET day - day closure | |
| Monday 22 nd Oct to Friday 26 th Oct | All week | Half term holidays | No school |
| 29 th October | | Parents' evenings – more details to follow | |
| 5 th – 29 th November | | Remembrance celebrations | |
| 9 th November | 10.45am | Remembering with the children | |
| 11 th November | | Remembrance Sunday 10.45am at the War Memorial to remember those lost or injured in war. | Village war memorial |
| Friday 23 rd November | TBD | Remembrance concert | In school hall |
| 7 th December | 1.15pm | St Nicholas Day – choose a bishop | St Nicholas Church |
| 21 st December | All day | INSET day – day closure | No school |
| 24 th Dec – 4 th January 2019 | Two weeks | Christmas holidays | No school |
| Monday 7 th January | 8.45am | Welcome back for the spring term | |
| Tuesday 8 th January | 3.30pm to 4pm | KS2 SATs information evening with Mrs Brewer | Chaffinch room |

