

Netley Abbey Junior School

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Newsletter 14th September 2018

Welcome to our first newsletter for the Autumn term and I hope you all enjoyed the Summer break with your families. Year 6 enjoyed a fantastic 4 days at Fairthorne Manor last week, taking on new challenges and working together as a team. I would like to thank all of the staff involved as residential trips cannot go ahead without their support.

Our new Year 3 children are settling in very well, finding their way around and are working very hard to master all of the new routines they are faced with as Juniors. I would like to congratulate them all.

Years 4 and 5 have come back exhibiting excellent learning behaviours and attitudes, as well as being wonderful buddies to our new Year 3.

Head lice

We have received several reports recently of head lice. Please can we ask all parents to check their child's hair on a regular basis and we have attached an information sheet for further advice.

Thank you.

Emergency Contact Changes

Have you changed your emergency contact details such as your phone number or your email address?

If so, please let the school office know as soon as possible. Likewise, if anyone on your child's contact list has changed their details, we would like to know as soon as possible. Thank you.

Dinner and Trip Money

Please can we request that all money handed into the school for dinners, trips etc. is put into a

named envelope.

Thank you

Naming Uniform and Personal Items

Please can you make sure that all clothing, bags, water bottles and lunchboxes are clearly marked with your child's name. Much inconvenience, time wasting and distress will be avoided if this is done.

Thank you.

Year 7 Secondary Applications

Please remember to submit your applications before the deadline of 31st October 2018.

All Hampshire school residents must apply via the Education Online Portal at:

www.hants.gov.uk/admissions

People residing in Southampton must apply through their home local authority (Southampton), even if you wish to apply for a Hampshire school. Please visit the website: www.southampton.gov.uk

Should you need any assistance, please contact Mrs Stirrat in the school office.

Gold School Games Mark Award

We are pleased to announce that Netley Abbey Junior School has achieved the Gold School Games Mark award for their commitment, engagement and delivery of competitive school sport in 2017/18.

Extra-Curricular Clubs - Autumn Term 2018

A letter giving details of the new timetable of clubs for the Autumn term has recently been given out to all children. These activities will start week commencing Monday 17th September 2018.

Places are allocated on a first come first serve basis. All clubs have a maximum number of 30 places, unless stated otherwise. Assume that your child has a place in the club applied for unless you hear differently.

Spare letters are available at the school office.

Water Bottles

Please can you ensure that your child has a named water bottle with them in school everyday. Many children suffer from headaches when de-hydrated and this can also affect their concentration levels.

Thank you.

Mobile Phones - Reminder

This is a reminder that all mobile phones must be handed into the school office first thing in the morning and to only bring them into school if absolutely necessary. They should be in a named case or pouch.

Thank you.

Bike/Scooter Permits - Autumn Term 2018

All permits for the Autumn Term have now been issued. Only those with permits issued for the Autumn Term are permitted to bring in their bike or scooter to school. All pupils must be accompanied by an adult when cycling or using a scooter, unless they have completed the Hampshire Bikeability Level 2 Certificate.

Helmets and high visibility clothing must be worn at all times.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Parent Helpers

We greatly value parent help for a variety of lessons, including technology, cookery and art lessons as well as for hearing children read and working with small groups of children in all lessons. Please let your child's teacher know if you can spare us some time to come into school to help in any way.

Thank you.

Going Home Arrangements

Can we please remind all parents that if your child is being picked up by anyone other than on the contact list, you advise the school office/class teacher by telephone, an email or a written note.

This will save us making phone calls home to check arrangements.

Thank you.

Outdoor Clothing

As the weather is very changeable during the Autumn term, please can we ask that children bring a rain jacket or suitable coat into school everyday to keep them warm and dry during breaktime/lunchtime.

Can we also request that all children have a navy blue or black long sleeved jumper or tracksuit which can be worn for PE when it is chilly outside.

Thank you.

Portsmouth High School

Open Morning - Saturday 6th October 9.00am to 12.30pm

Open Doors Morning - Tuesday 13th November 9.00am to 11.00am. This is an opportunity to visit the school on a working day.

For more information, please contact the school Tel 023 9282 6714

Special Mentions

Over the last few weeks our school value has focused on 'Resilience'. Congratulations to the following children who were all awarded a Special Mention.

Jacob (Sellwood)
Ethan (Priory)
Harvey (Grange)
Jack (Wykeham)
Evie (Crescent)

Dylan (Denzil)
Gracie (Moore)
Toni (Seaview)
Bella (Westwood)
Noah (Castle)

Pupil Voice

This section is written by groups of children within our school and the following reports are about the recent Year 6 trip to Fairthorne Manor.

Fairthorne Manor by Charlie

Abseiling

This is very good fun but also scary when you lean back and start to go down the wall. Victor was our instructor and he was very relaxed and did not panic at all.

Aerial Runway

Aerial runway it is a zip wire through the woods. The other one is over a very long lake.

Climbing Tower

This is such a great experience to be able to see the whole manor especially the lake.

Team Challenge

In team challenge, you get so muddy the shower does not wash it all off! We had to work together to get through the assault course.

Kayaking

In Kayaking you get to play lots and lots of games like mother ships, fire fire and fishy fishy.

Low Ropes

Low ropes was a very good experience going along all of the ropes especially the cross one.

Archery

In archery it was amusing because I hit the bullseye twice. We played a game called rescue the princess which was fun.

My favourite activity was kayaking!

Fairthorne Manor by Sophie

I had an amazing time at Fairthorne Manor. It was a great experience to do all the activities that I thought I would never do. My favourite activity was archery because I nearly hit bullseye and it was really good fun. I also liked abseiling because I had never done it before and it was fun to give it a try. At first I was scared because the wall was really high but in the end it was fantastic. In team challenges I learnt to work in a group as we couldn't let go of each other otherwise you had to restart the obstacle course.

It was amazing! I also enjoyed the water activities as we played fishy fishy.

I would love to go again!

Fairthorne Manor by Caleb

Fairthorne Manor is an exciting place where young children can go to explore and to prepare for SATs and Senior School. At Fairthorne you can; kayak, climb, abseil, complete the aerial runway, raft build, do the low ropes, team challenge and archery. The best bit was at bedtime as we had hot chocolate!

Kayaking

In kayaking you can play games and get soaking wet and in the end you can jump in! Some games are called fire fire, mothership and fishy fishy.

Climbing

When climbing it first looks scary but when you start to climb, it becomes very entertaining. While you're climbing, your group of friends will have your rope to keep you safe so you will not fall.

Abseiling

In abseiling it seems so high but when you are at the top it does not seem high at all. When going down you have to slowly let go of the rope every now and again.

Aerial Runway

In aerial runway it is like a huge zip wire that is 50m long. You go down in the speed of 20mph!

Raft Building

When you do raft building, first you get onto the boat and it seems like it is going to sink but it won't as it will keep floating. The funniest part is at the end when everyone gets to jump in!

Low ropes

In low ropes it is a team work activity where someone is crossing and two people have to support. At the end sometimes you get to play a game called ninja squirrel.

Team challenge

When doing team challenge your first go is a solo run through and then it gets competitive. It's your team vs the other team and you have to link arms. The rule is you are not allowed to delink arms. It is so hard!

Archery

In archery it is so exciting when you hit the bullseye! You get a joyous feeling. Sometimes you can play games such as save the princess which is when you have to hit everything and then you can hit the bullseye.

This has been an amazing experience and would recommend going there for a family trip.

Fairthorne Manor by Laila

I had an amazing experience doing aerial runway and I got to go through the forest. You go whizzing in the forest and over a lake. Also we had an amazing instructor. We went over a river then when we were at the end they also take very good care of you.

I found abseiling really good fun going down the tall wall. At first I was scared because I hadn't done this before but in the end it was brilliant and it was worth a try. All in all I really enjoyed abseiling!

I enjoyed orienteering because you had to work as a team and within your teams you had to work out the mission you were given. Once you finished that challenge you would be faced with a harder challenge.

Low Ropes is a team work activity. Someone would be relying on two friends to hold you up and spotting you (spotting means when you're by the person's side and if they fall then you have to catch them).

All in all I had an amazing experience and would definitely recommend going there.

The Friends of NAJS

Our first meeting for this term will be on Friday 21st September at 8.55am in The Lighthouse.
We look forward to seeing lots of new parents!

Allergies Reminder- School Dinners and Snacks

Can we please remind all parents that we have children in school with the following allergies:-

Nuts, sesame and legumes

These allergies can be triggered from indirect contact i.e. touching areas where the products have been. Please consider carefully when providing your child with a snack or a packed lunch.

The following foods should **NOT** be brought into school:

- **sesame topped buns, seeded bread and humous**
- **nut based products (i.e. chocolate spreads with nut products, cereal bars and cakes containing nuts)**
- **peas, broad beans, lentils, chickpeas, French beans, butter beans, haricot beans, kidney beans, sugar snap peas, pulses, soybeans and soya.**

The health and safety of all children in school is a high priority and trust that you will support the school to ensure that it is a safe environment for all and thank you in advance for your co-operation.

School Dinner Menu

A copy of the latest lunch menu can be found on our website:

http://netleyabbey-jun.hants.sch.uk/our_school/letters/whole-school-letters/

Special Diets - School Menu

HC3S can provide special diets for pupils with allergies who want to have a school meal, but medical evidence confirming the child's allergy is required, for example a letter from a GP or consultant paediatrician. If your child has a special dietary requirement, please contact the School Office.

Letters Home

Please note that letters home to parents are put on our school website. Should you need to refer to any letters, please check the website first on www.netleyabbey-jun.hants.sch.uk

Thank you.

Useful Website Links

School website: <http://netleyabbey-jun.hants.sch.uk/>

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Dates for Your Diary

Wednesday 19 th September 2018	- School Individual Photos
Friday 21 st September 2018	- Friends Meeting at 8.55am
Thursday 27 th September 2018	- Year 3 LINK Evening at 5.30pm
Thursday 27 th September 2018	- Year 6 SATs Information Evening at 6.30pm
Tuesday 9 th October 2018	- Book Fair Arrives in School
Friday 19 th October 2018	- Break up for Half Term at 3.20pm
Monday 29 th October 2018	- Inset Day
Tuesday 30 th October 2018	- Back to school

Dates for Your Diary - Continued

Tuesday 30 th October 2018	- Parents' Evening 3.30pm - 6.00pm (Castle Class only)
Wednesday 31 st October 2018	- Parents' Evening 3.30pm - 5.30pm (Castle Class 3.30pm - 6.00pm)
Thursday 1 st November 2018	- Parents' Evening 3.30pm - 7.00pm (Excluding Castle Class)
Friday 16 th November 2018	- Children in Need
Tuesday 4 th December 2018	- School Panto Trip
Wednesday 5 th December 2018	- Year 3 Christmas Performance at 9.15am
Thursday 6 th December 2018	- Year 3 Christmas Performance at 4.00pm
Saturday 8 th December 2018	- St Edward's Church Christmas Fayre
Tuesday 11 th December 2018	- Year 4 Christmas Performance at 4.00pm
Wednesday 12 th December 2018	- Year 4 Christmas Performance at 9.00am
Friday 14 th December 2018	- Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day
Wednesday 19 th December 2018	- Upper School Christmas Performance at 9.00am & 6.00pm
Thursday 20 th December 2018	- Upper School Christmas Performance at 9.00am & 6.00pm
Friday 21 st December 2018	- Early Finish at 1.15pm

Advance Inset Days and Early Closures 2018/2019

Monday 29 th October 2018 - Inset Day
Friday 21 st December 2018 - Early Finish at 1.15pm
Monday 25 th February 2019 - Inset Day
Friday 28 th June 2019 - Inset Day
Monday 1 st July 2019 - Inset Day
Tuesday 23 rd July 2019 - Early Finish at 1.15pm

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