

Netley Abbey Junior School

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Newsletter 27th April 2018

I hope you had a lovely Easter break, everyone at Netley Abbey Junior School has certainly returned to school feeling refreshed and enthusiastic to learn.

Year 5 children started their swimming lessons at The Hamble School this week and will continue to enjoy these weekly sessions until July. Some of our pupils in Year 5 took part in their Bikeability training this week. At the end of the training sessions each child was assessed and awarded either a Level 1 or Level 2 certificate.

As we move into the Summer Term and the warmer weather, please can you ensure your child brings in a named water bottle to school every day. Drinking water throughout the day keeps children hydrated which in turn increases brain activity and also prevents headaches.

Old Welly Boots

Trailblazers Club is looking for donations of old wellies. These can be of any size, mismatching is fine and even just one odd welly boot! Please hand any donations into the school office. Thank you in advance.

Team Kit

Please can we request that all team kits are washed and returned back to Mrs Kenway or the school office by the Friday after each sports event. Thank you.

Minstead Information Evening - Year 3 and 4

We will be holding a Minstead information evening for both Year 3 and 4 parents on Monday 4th June at 3.30pm.

For **Year 3 parents**, please meet in **Priory class** and find out more general information about Minstead ready for next year.

For **Year 4 parents**, please meet in the **school hall**. During the meeting we will explain the children's itinerary, what they will need to bring and answer any questions you may have about the trip.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Library Helpers Required

Could you spare a couple of hours a week to help cover and repair library books?

Times: Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday 9.30am - 11.30am

If you are able to help, please leave your details with the school office.

Thank you in advance.

Mrs Wolfe

Library Assistant

Royal Wedding Lunch

We are planning to celebrate the Royal Wedding by holding a picnic lunch in school on Friday 18th May. No hot dinners will be available on this day but children will be able to choose from either a meat or vegetarian picnic lunch option or bring their own sandwiches.

Lunches will need to be ordered in advance so please look out for order forms and menus that will be coming home next week.

Children will also be invited to wear a wedding outfit or the colours red, white and blue for the day.

Attendance and Punctuality

We would like to remind all parents that Hampshire County Council's policy on attendance and punctuality remains unchanged and legal action could be taken for the following:-

- If a child has unauthorised absence for 10 or more half-day sessions in any 10 school week period.
- If a child is continually late to school and this lateness is unauthorised for 10 or more sessions in any 10 school week period.
- If a child has any unauthorised absence during any formal examinations, assessment or testing.
- A child who is continually late can have their marks recorded as unauthorised and any absence which is subsequently deemed to be untruthful can also be unauthorised.

All leave of absence must be requested in advance on the County's leave of absence form, which is available from the school office. Leave will only be granted in 'exceptional circumstances'.

Year 4 Sewing

At the end of last half term, Year 4 worked hard to create some fantastic money containers. They learnt a variety of skills including threading a needle, different stitches and tying off. They showed great resilience and teamwork to create their finished products.

A massive thank you to all the parents who gave up their own time to come and help out. The children really benefited from the extra help!



Jay Hansell

Year 4 Progress and Attainment Lead

Staff Update

Miss Barwell will be leaving us at the end of this academic year, retiring from her work in schools. Supporting others' mental health and wellbeing has been her core focus for a long time and she now feels the time is right to pursue other avenues in her working life.

Her work in successfully establishing our Lighthouse has made fundamental differences in many children's lives at NAJS and we wish her the best of luck in her new ventures!

Special Mentions

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

Jessica (Westwood)
Mollie-Mae (Priory)
Ben (Sellwood)
Hollie (Moore)
Lorrennah (Beach)
Jake (Wykeham)

Maisy (Grange)
Grace (Heath)
Amelia (Castle)
Madison (Denzil)
Finley (Seaview)
Ollie (Crescent)

Pupil Voice

This section is written by groups of children within our school and the following report is from school council.

As school council, our duty is to make sure that our school environment is used effectively to help children learn. Due to this, our question for this fortnight was 'how can we improve and use our pond area and outdoor classroom?' As the summer gets closer we are going to be using our outdoor learning areas a lot more, so for this reason we would appreciate your child to be sent in with appropriate extra clothing such as hats, trainers to change into and sun cream.

Thank you for your support,

School Council
Written by Ella and Keira

Sports News

Wednesday 28th March - Cross Country Challenge at The Gregg School

A team of 18 went to the cross country challenge only two days after the one at Fair Oak! The competition was high and the children were overwhelmed with the schools facilities. Again, it was a wet and muddy course and regardless of this, we had excellent performances all round!

Exceptional pace was demonstrated by Milly (4th), Paige (6th) and Alfie (5th), with Adyan showing good sportsmanship helping his fellow team runners.

The team: Year 4 - Saffira, Adyan, Austin, Eleanor, Joshua, Alfie, Grayson, Oliver, Madison and Paige.
Year 5 - Isabelle, Ollie, Milly, Ali, Alisha, Logan and Dylan.



Tuesday 17th April - High 5 Partnership Qualifiers at Wildern School

After winning our cluster event last term, the team qualified to compete in this event, where we had the chance to attend the Hampshire Games. The team have made so much progress in their journey. They drew their first game 0-0, won their second 2-0 and after numerous unsuccessful shots, unfortunately lost their last game by 1 in the last minute!

The team: Lexie, Samuel, Martha, Sophie, Ella and Laura.

Tuesday 24th April - Tri Golf at Wildern School

The Tri Golf Competition, even though it was wet, was an unbelievable event. The atmosphere at the contest was extremely friendly and so were the event managers and helpers. Everyone showed great sportsmanship throughout the competition.

Written by William in Year 6

The team: Shani, Emelia, Ashton, Michael, Lexie, Juandean, William, Joshua, Robert and Alisha.

Mrs Kenway - P.E. Leader

Governor Vacancy

We are looking for an enthusiastic person to join our dedicated and proactive Governing Body whose primary aim is to promote high standards of educational achievement in the school.

The role of the Governing Body is to:

- Ensure clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction
- Support the Headteacher, but hold her to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils
- Oversee the financial performance of the school and make sure its money is well spent.

In addition, all of the governors have a lead governor role with specific responsibilities.

We are looking for someone that can bring their expertise to the Governing Body and would be particularly interested in applications from people with a background in HR, Finance or Health and Safety. No experience is required, just the desire to make a difference to the children in our school. Full Governing Body meetings and committee meetings take place monthly.

Application Procedure:

Visits to our school are warmly welcomed and encouraged. For more information please contact Sandra Wolfe, our Clerk to Governors, at admin@netleyabbey-jun.hants.sch.uk
Alternatively, please call the school office directly on 02380453731 for an application form.

The closing date for applications is on 29th June 2018 at 5pm.

Launch of mySchoolApp

We are excited to announce the launch of our new parent app 'mySchoolApp'. We hope this will enhance our communication between the school and parents and offer an easy and convenient way for you to keep track of activities and events in school.

The app can be used on smartphones and tablet devices running iOS or Android and can be downloaded from the Apple App Store or Google Apps. Detailed set up instructions can be found on the attached leaflet.

We recommend that you subscribe to Notification Groups relevant to your children's year group and also enable push notifications.

We will continue to send letters out via email and class teachers but this will provide an additional means for parents to access information.

Please see the attached flyer with more information.

Theatre Production at RVCP

SUP Theatre Company will be coming to Royal Victoria Country Park on Monday 7th May 2018 to present 'Bully Beef and Whizzbangs'- a new, award-winning production written to mark the centenary of the 1918 Armistice.

Bully Beef and Whizzbangs takes a wry and often humorous look at life in a WW1 trench through the eyes of its two reluctant heroes.

This darkly comic WW1 tale features authentic WW1 costumes, props and a 12-foot section of trench! Suitable for ages 10+. Tickets available from

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/shop/home.php?cat=320>

Increase in School Meal Price

Please be aware there will be an increase in the school meal price from £2.15 to £2.30 with effect from 1st September 2018.

Thank you.

Changes to Online Payment Processing affecting Tucasi Schools Cash Office

What is happening?

Please be advised that from 30 April 2018 any users of Microsoft Windows XP or Microsoft Vista will no longer be able to make payments via the Tucasi Online Payments System which are processed by WorldPay. Unfortunately, users of these operating system may have to upgrade their systems to be able to make online payments from the 30th of April 2018.

Why is this happening?

This change is being enforced by the PCI DSS (Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard). From the 30th June 2018 all websites that accept card payments will no longer allow users of Windows XP and Windows Vista to use their websites. WorldPay are implementing this change on 30th April 2018.

What is the impact?

While you will be able to access Tucasi SCO, view the content and perform tasks in the normal way if you attempt to pay online you will receive an error message.

Please be aware this is outside the Schools' control and we apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause, however, we will be unable to assist with making payments online using Windows XP & Vista following the 30th April 2018.

Thank you.

Stubbington Study Centre

Give your child the chance to be outside and active this summer with residential sports courses for school years 4 to 6.

Monday 30th July to Friday 3rd August 2018

All inclusive for only £195

For more details, please contact 01329 662244 or visit the website www.stubbingtonstudycentre.co.uk

General Reminders

We would like to remind you that children should not be on site before **8.30am**. Those children that attend breakfast club are supervised by Creative Kidz but their staff are not responsible or insured for monitoring others so please ensure that your children do not arrive before 8.30am.

With the weather improving, more children are wanting to ride to school. However, space restrictions in the bike shed mean that we operate a bike permit scheme and therefore only those children with permits can bring in bikes and they **MUST** also wear a helmet.

Thank you for your co-operation.

New Date for 2018 Hendy Eastleigh Fun Run (following March snow)

The Hendy Eastleigh Fun Run is to be held on Sunday 17th June 2018.

Around 400 local children will again take part in the popular fun run event around Fleming Park that will be the thirty fourth anniversary of the annual race organised by Running Mania and encourages children to get active.

Due to the popularity of the event we will be staging two runs:

9-12 years – 11.10am

4-8 years – 11.30am

Each child who participates in the fun run receives a free 'gold' medal and memento.

Please visit the website for more details and how to enter www.runningmania.co.uk

Useful Website Links

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

Tucasi: www.scopay.com/netleyabbey-jun

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 Mrs Parmiter in 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.

School Website - Events

Did you know that you can read about various school events on our website:

http://netleyabbey-jun.hants.sch.uk/our_school/events/

Term Time Absence

Hampshire County Council have up-dated their Behaviour and Attendance webpages with a statement explaining the legal position on non-attendance and penalty notices. Please ensure you familiarise yourself with this guidance: -

<http://www3.hants.gov.uk/education/hias/learning-behaviour-attendance/attendance-guidance-forparents/possible-penalties.htm>

Full information is available on our website, together with our attendance policy.

Dates for Your Diary

Monday 14 th May 2018	- SATs Week for Year 6
Friday 18 th May 2018	- Royal Wedding Picnic Lunch and Dress Up Day
Monday 21 st May 2018	- Walk to School Week
Tuesday 22 nd May 2018	- Happy Shoesday
Wednesday 23 rd May 2018	- Grow a Pound Launch Day (Upper School)
Wednesday 23 rd May 2018	- Class Photos
Friday 25 th May 2018	- Break up for Half Term at 3.20pm
Monday 4 th June 2018	- Back to School
Monday 4 th June 2018	- Minstead Information Evening for Year 3 & 4 at 3.30pm
Tuesday 12 th June 2018	- Summer Music Concert at 6pm
Thursday 14 th June 2018	- Year 5 Trip to Winchester
Friday 15 th June 2018	- Father's Day Shop
Saturday 16 th June 2018	- Singing at St Edward's Church Summer Fayre
Thursday 21 st June 2018	- Summer School Disco
Saturday 23 rd June 2018	- Summer Fayre
Monday 25 th June 2018	- Inset Day
Thursday 28 th June 2018	- Sports Day
Thursday 28 th June 2018	- New Parents' Meeting at 7pm
Tuesday 3 rd July 2018	- Transition Day
Wednesday 4 th July 2018	- Transition Day
Tuesday 10 th July 2018	- Fairthorne Information Evening at 3.30pm
Tuesday 10 th July 2018	- Year 6 Production at 6pm
Thursday 12 th July 2018	- Year 6 Production at 6pm
Friday 13 th July 2018	- Golden Day
Monday 16 th July 2018	- Year 4 Minstead Residential Trip Week
Friday 20 th July 2018	- Break up for the Summer Holidays at 1.15pm
Monday 23 rd July 2018	- Inset Day

Advance Inset Days and Early Closures 2017/2018

Monday 25th June 2018 - Inset Day
Friday 20th July 2018 - Finish at 1.15pm
Monday 23rd July 2018 - Inset Day

Mrs Shirley Nicholas-Bond
Headteacher