

NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents,

It really doesn't seem possible that we are over half way through the school year again. Last term the children have taken part in the Music Festival and have enjoyed a successful World Book Day. A big thank you to Mrs Lipscomb for organising this and all the children had an enjoyable time with lots of fun activities. Thank you to all parents who supported the school by buying books, we sold over £600 worth of books giving us £120 to spend on reading resources. Thank you for your support.

The School will be holding an Art's Week from Monday 26th June 2017 to Friday 30th June 2017 and details will follow.

ACADEMISATION:

As you may be aware Meon Junior School and Moorings Way Infants have decided to join Thinking Schools Academy Trust from July this year.

We at Meon Infant School are still investigating possibilities and I will, of course, let you know any details as and when we have decided on what route and when.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS – COLLECTING CHILDREN:



Please may I ask that when you are collecting your child from any After School Club that you wait in the school reception area until you are either called to collect them or they are brought round to you. This is to avoid congestion in restricted areas. Thank you for your co-operation.

ASSEMBLIES:



Year R – Thursday 6th April
Year 1 – Thursday 23rd March
Year 2 – Thursday 30th March

On Monday 3rd April we will be holding an Easter Assembly, however, we will not be inviting parents to this.

ATTENDANCE/HOLIDAYS: ✓

Just a reminder for those of you who may be planning holidays etc. may I remind you of the school policy regarding taking children out of school during term time:

“We believe that children need to be in school for ALL sessions so that they can make the most progress. We are committed to providing all children in the school with the best opportunities to help them succeed. Our views follow the Government and PCC guidelines.

NO holidays will be authorised by the Headteacher unless there are extenuating circumstances.

If your child has 10 sessions (1 day = 2 sessions) of unauthorised absence the school will be issuing a Fixed Penalty Notice Request. Holidays of a lesser period will be monitored. A holiday form (LOAFs) **MUST** be completed **before** the holiday dates and parents can obtain these from the school office.”

I remind you that if you have a child in Year 2, SATs will be taking place during May and Year 1 phonics in June.

BOOK BUG:

We hope you and your child are still enjoying using Bug Club. This is such a useful resource for you and your child to enjoy valuable reading time at home. If you have any problems or questions please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher. The teachers have a list of your child's details to gain access to the site if you have mislaid them. This resource will accelerate your child's progress in reading and is a fun activity to do.

As you are aware a survey was sent out recently to gauge usage. Results of the survey will be reported in the near future.

CHILDREN'S HEALTH/MEDICINES:

It is that time of year when there are lot of colds, flu and sickness viruses going around.

SICKNESS: I would like to thank you for your co-operation with letting the school know in the event of your child being unwell. I would just like to remind you that if your child is unwell please could you phone from 8.15 to inform the school on the **first** day of sickness even if your child has been sent home sick the day before. In the interest of your child's safety, we would appreciate a call before 10.00 and if the call is not received you will get a phone call from the school just to check. It would be helpful if you could explain to the member of staff what the nature of your child's illness and the symptoms they have developed. Also, on their return, please could you send in a letter explaining why your child was off, for our records.

INHALERS: We will be sending home spacers for children using inhalers at the end of each half term. This is so they can be cleaned thoroughly. However, I ask that if they are still required they are returned to school on the first day of term. Please can I remind you that if your child has an inhaler and you wish to change the dosage, there are forms available in the office so that the first aider is aware of any change in the amount your child needs.

LIP STICK/GLOSS/SALVE: Please can I ask that your child does not bring lipstick/gloss/salve to school. Children tend to "share" these items and this is a very effective way of spreading germs. If your child has a medical condition requiring lip salve please ensure the item is **CLEARLY NAMED** and handed in at the school office.

THROAT SWEETS: May I also ask that your child does not bring cough/throat sweets such as "soothers"/"tunes" etc. to school. Again if there is a medical reason for them requiring them please ensure they are clearly named and handed in to the school office.

MEDICINES: I would like to clarify that the school is able to issue ONLY prescribed medicine, which needs to be administered 4 times a day. i.e. before lunch. If parents wish to come into school to administer other medicines please arrive at school at 12 noon and your child will be brought to the office from the classroom.

CONTACT NUMBERS :

Please may I ask that you keep the office informed of any contact persons and telephone numbers. We have had several incidents recently where we have been unable to contact parents because numbers have changed. Thank you.

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

I list at the end of this newsletter some dates of events/activities taking place in school, including assembly dates, for your information. Letters will be sent out nearer the time for some of the events mentioned.

ENVIRONMENTAL GARDEN – HELP!!:

You may have already noticed that the environmental garden is getting very overgrown! On **Wednesday 5th April** we are hoping to "prune" and tidy it up (weather permitting). We are in need of volunteers to assist us in this. If you are available for any part or all of the day to help with this task please see Miss Brown or Mrs. Simmons. We will be overwhelmingly grateful for your assistance. As we have few tools we would appreciate you bringing your own secateurs/loppers. We will provide coffee/tea and biscuits to help the day along!!! Thank you.

FOMS ACTIVITIES THIS TERM:

There will be a Movie Night on **Friday 24th March** for Years 1 & 2 and all tickets have now been sold. We are hoping that if this is successful other Movie Nights will be arranged in the future.

FOMS will be meeting on **Wednesday 30th March** at 3.20 p.m. (an email will be sent to members) to discuss future events for the year. A letter was sent out last week giving dates of events and more detailed information will be sent out nearer the time.

On Friday 7th April FOMS will be holding a sponsored "Bounce". Sponsor forms and more details will be sent out in the near future.

OLD COMICS/ANNUALS:



If you have any old comics or children's annuals which are in a good condition that you do not need any more we would be grateful if you could send them in for the children to use at playtimes/lunchtime. Thank you.

PARKING ISSUES:



As you are aware the Traffic Warden/Police have been patrolling outside the school for people who are parking illegally at drop off and home times. This is partly in response to various complaints received by both the Infant and Junior Schools. Please may I re-iterate how important it is that you **DO NOT** park on the zig-zag lines OR stop/pull- in to the middle of the road to drop children off.

PROFESSIONAL DAYS:



Friday 26th May – Assessment
Monday 19th June – Outdoor Pursuits

RED NOSE DAY:

On **Friday 24th March** we will be supporting Red Nose Day. Children may come to school dressed in red or "wear" a red nose. £1 Donation is requested. All donations received will be forwarded to the Charity.

ISS, our school meals Catering Company, has offered to supply some "Red Nose Cookies" which will be on sale on the day for £1 each. Again all proceeds will be sent to the Charity.

SCHOOL UNIFORM:

May I ask that if you have any uniform your child has grown out of that is in good condition, please could we have it for spare clothing. Also children's underwear i.e. boys/girls pants and socks.

SOCIAL NETWORKING:



Over recent months there have been some incidents where pictures of the children, at school events, have been uploaded on to Social Networking sites. I am sure you can appreciate that some parents do not wish to have their children appear on these sites even if they are part of a group where the main focus of the picture may not necessarily be them. Please could you refrain from putting pictures of school events on these sites especially if it is a photo that has other children in it. Thank you.

T.V. SCREEN (ANOMALY):

With ring fenced funding the school will be having a TV screen fitted in the playground this week. Once set up the programmes transmitted will be varied and will promote healthy lifestyles in the main. The staff will also be able to use the network in the classroom to support areas of the Curriculum.

WEBSITE LAUNCH:

This year the school has worked very hard on updating the website. I am pleased to say changes have been made so that information is more accessible. The Deputy Headteacher, Chair Governors, Bursar and our I.C.T. Technician have streamlined lots of the information and I would like to thank them for their hard work. It is still a work in progress and there are still more changes to be made. Please have a look and if you have any ideas let the office know. There is now a facility to read our newsletters in different languages through a translate button and there is also the capacity to enlarge the print size and read it in the dark! A special thank you to F.O.M's for raising the money to pay for the new web design.

Year 2 SAT's

Year 2 staff continuously collect evidence all year on your children's progress and this informs their judgement at the end of the year. The tests are a snap shot in their education and would form part of the Teachers Assessment. The testing of children has always happened at the end of Year 2 and the Teachers make this experience stress free for them. If any parent would like to discuss this further please come in and make an appointment with the Class teacher.

AND FINALLY ... May I ask that during this changeable weather you ensure your child is wrapped warmly to come to school and has sensible, sturdy shoes on (make sure all items are clearly named). Unless it is raining we do send the children outside for some fresh air at play/lunchtimes. Hopefully in the near future the weather will become warmer and more sunny!!!

Best wishes

Lynda Daish

Headteacher

DATES FOR THE TERM

MARCH		
Thurs 23rd	10.15 a.m.	YEAR 1 ASSEMBLY
Fri. 24 th	ALL DAY	RED NOSE DAY
	3.30 – 5.30 p.m.	FOMS "Movie Night" – Years 1 & 2
Thurs. 30 th	10.15 a.m.	YEAR 2 ASSEMBLY
	3.30 p.m.	FOMS Meeting – crèche available
Fri. 30 th	3.20 p.m.	Orange Class Cake Sale
APRIL		
Mon. 3 rd	10.15 a.m.	EASTER ASSEMBLY – no parents to this.
Wed. 5 th	ALL DAY	ENVIRONMENTAL GAREN CLEAR UP DAY
Thurs. 6 th	10.15 a.m.	YEAR R ASSEMBLY
Fri. 7 th		FOMS SPONSORED BOUNCE
	3.20 p.m.	END OF TERM
Mon. 24 th	8.50 a.m.	SUMMER TERM BEGINS
MAY		
Mon. 1 st	ALL DAY	MAY DAY – NO SCHOOL
Fri. 26 th	ALL DAY	INSET DAY – NO SCHOOL