



15/7/16

Dear Parents,

We have now come to the end of another successful school year at Meon Infant School. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, your children, the Governors and the hard working staff at Meon for all their support. We all work so hard together to make this school the best it could possibly be and I know we all want that to continue for the children.

At the end of this year sadly Year 2 will be leaving us and we wish them good luck in the future. Also to the other children who will be leaving us and I am sure the Year 2 Parents will enjoy the Leavers Assembly next Tuesday.

BUILDING PROGRAMME

During the summer holidays there will be some works being carried out:

New Heating System
New Solar Pannels

CAKE SALES

The Staff and I would like to thank you for your generosity with the Cake Sales and thank all those parents who have helped and provided cakes.

CLASS LISTS

This year, as usual, the children will be moving on as a whole class. They are as follows:

ORANGE Class will be moving to GREEN Class with Mrs. Greed/Mrs. Craig
PURPLE Class will be moving to YELLOW Class with Mrs. Bailey/Mrs. Sykes
YELLOW Class will be moving to RED Class with Mrs. Saunders/Mrs. Mundy
GREEN Class will be moving to BLUE Class with Miss Cox/Mrs. Cheshire

The children have met their “new” teacher this week and will visit their new classrooms again next week.

Other Staffing:

Mrs. Phillips will be in ORANGE Class for 3 days a week and Mrs Ricketts will be in ORANGE Class for 2 days
Miss Brown will continue with learning support and Music
Mrs Priston will continue with the ECAR programme.
Mrs Morey will be covering Preparation, Planning and Assessment Time and Teacher Non Contact.

EVENTS

FOMS:

Thank you for your support on Friday 1st July 2016 at the Summer Fayre. We raised over £718.00 and a special thank you to F.O.M's for organizing this successful event. A big thank you to F.O.M's for organising all the events throughout the year, as usual our “wish list” is endless! It really helps to raise funds for those extra special things the children have and do.



MEDICINE:

Please may I remind you that the school is unable to administer any medicine that is not prescribed by the doctor/hospital e.g. Calpol. Also we can only give medicine if it is required 4 times a day. You are more than welcome to come into school if you feel your child needs medicine that the school cannot issue. Please remember to send in a dosage spoon/syringe with the bottle of medicine. Thank you.

✓ **HOLIDAYS/ATTENDANCE** ✓

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.

If your child has 10 sessions (1 day = 2 sessions) of unauthorised absence the school will process the 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.”

You should already have received a copy of next year’s term dates for your information and to enable you to select dates for holidays during the holiday periods.

LATENESS:

Please may I remind you that the school bell is rung at 8.50 a.m. Please ensure you child is in the playground by that time. Unfortunately we have had several children arriving late and this is very disruptive to the class teacher and also for the ordering of lunches etc. The registers are taken immediately the children are in class and your child will receive a late mark if they are not in on time.

If your child has a medical appointment, please remember to inform the school office as well as the class teacher. Thank you.

ABSENCE:

May I also remind you that if your child is not coming to school because of illness please phone from 8.15 a.m. on the first day of absence. If the school has not heard by 10.00 a.m. a phone call will be made to ascertain reason for absence. This is in line with the safety policy.



For those mums and dads whose child will be leaving us to go to junior school, I would like to take the opportunity to say a big thank you for the support you have given to the school over the last three years. We will say “goodbye” with mixed feelings as we feel proud of the children’s achievements but also sad that their time with us has come to an end. I would like to wish all the children happiness and success in the future.

Red and Blue classes will be holding their “spectacular” Leavers Assembly on **TUESDAY 19th JULY** at 10.00 a.m. Parents of children in these classes are welcome to stay with the children afterwards for a drink and a biscuit. I am sure you will agree it will be a most tear jerking performance.

The Leavers Disco will also be held on this day (4.00 – 5.30p.m.). Tickets will be sent home on Tuesday evening. Please remember to bring them back with you as they are not only your entry ticket but also for the Raffle.

For other children who are leaving us. We wish you good luck in your new school and thank you for spending what short time you have with us.

 **LOST PROPERTY** 

May I issue one last plea for you to come in to look at lost property if your child has mislaid something. Most of the items are of very good quality and in good condition. Items not re-claimed by the end of term will be thrown away – what a waste!!

Please may I also ask **THAT YOU WRITE YOUR CHILD'S NAME IN THEIR SCHOOL UNIFORM**, especially the **new items**. This, hopefully, will eliminate the mass of lost property we acquire.

 **GATES:** 

In order to ensure the safety of your children the external school gates are locked at **9.00 a.m.** each day. Please ensure you have left the playground before this time or if not please exit through the main door in the school reception area. Late arrivals should enter through the main entrance in Shelford Road. Thank you.

 **QUESTIONNAIRE:** 

Thank you for taking the time to complete the School Questionnaire (see end of newsletter for responses). These help to inform us of your views and where possible we try to accommodate them.

On the whole the responses were very positive, however there are some issues I hope I can help with.

- I am sure you are aware that Lunchtimes at school are very busy. If you are concerned about whether your child is eating their lunch please contact the Class teacher and they will ask the Lunchtime Supervisor to monitor what your child is eating. It can be unsettling for the children to see their parents during the school day and therefore we do not encourage parents to come into School during this time.
- If any parent wishes to volunteer to help in school please come into the office and speak to the Office Staff. The usual procedure is that I ask the teachers if they would like support in the classroom and then I get back to the parent. I apologize if I have not responded to a request but would ask that parent to come in and see me.
- In the next academic year the school will be revising its website to make it more accessible.
- The school endeavours to find new charities to support and if any parents have charities they would like us to pursue please come in and see us.
- I think you will agree the children look very smart in their school uniform, however we cannot enforce this we can only request it and the vast majority of parents adhere to this request.
- I can assure every parent that any behavioural problems are dealt with promptly and the teachers inform parents when incidents have taken place.
- You will be pleased to know that the school is going to trial 'My School App', which is a communication App for i phones and Android phones in September. I will send out a letter next term to give you more details.
- The after school clubs are manned by professionally trained people as we feel this is more beneficial for your children and their experience; consequently we have to charge for them to cover cost.
- The school tries to offer as many After School Clubs as they can, however we are restricted by the age of the children as under fives are not covered by some of the external providers' insurance. Pompey in the Community have now offered to include the under fives after Christmas.
- The school would like to offer its own breakfast and afterschool club however at this present time we have limited space. Moorings Way and Milton Park Primary do offer this facility.
- At the beginning of every academic year parents are offered the opportunity to come in for a short meeting to discuss what will be taught during the year ahead. We hope to address the issue of homework in more detail in future and will be considering homework books for the new academic year and these will, hopefully give a fuller explanation of the requirements.

I have tried to answer as many of the comments raised however if you do not feel I have addressed something you have identified please do not hesitate to come and see me.

 **REPORTS** 

Your child's annual report was sent out at the beginning of this week. Please may I ask that you sign and return the slip to acknowledge receipt of the report by Monday 18th July as these will be attached to their records. May I just say that the teachers take a long time preparing these very comprehensive reports for you and any comments you wish to make are gratefully received.

 **STAFF TRAINING DAYS** 

As you are aware we do have 5 Training Days throughout the academic year. These are always used to update, improve knowledge and help teachers put into practice new initiatives that will improve the provision for your child. I have already organised 4 days for the coming academic year:

MONDAY 5th SEPTEMBER 2016
MONDAY 14th NOVEMBER 2016
FRIDAY 26th MAY, 2017
MONDAY 19th JUNE 2017

I do still have to arrange a further day and I hope to confirm dates in the Autumn Term and let you know.

Hopefully these days will remain as stated, however sometimes changes have to be made and I will endeavour to let you know as soon as possible, if necessary, once changes are confirmed. We have tried as much as possible to coincide with the Junior School dates which I know will make it easier for parents with children in both schools.

 **END OF TERM:** 

The school finishes at 3.20 p.m. on Wednesday 20th JULY for the summer holiday. The school re-opens at 8.50 a.m. on **Tuesday 6th SEPTEMBER.**

... AND FINALLY

May I take this opportunity to wish you a very happy and sunny! summer and I look forward to seeing many of you back in September for the start of another exciting year in the life of Meon Infant School.

Kind Regards

Lynda Daish

Headteacher



PARENTS – 82 responses

		Strongly Agree		Agree		Disagree		Strongly Disagree		Don't know	
		No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
1	My child likes school	53	65	27	33	1	1	0	0	2	2
2	My child is making good progress	53	65	27	33	0	0	0	0	2	2
3	Children, behave well	40	49	38	46	3	4	0	0	1	1
4	My child is able to play and co-operate with others	56	68	24	29	1	1	0	0	1	1
5	Teaching is good	62	76	19	23	0	0	0	0	1	1
6	I have the opportunity to discuss how my child is getting on	45	55	33	40	2	2	0	0	2	2
7	I feel comfortable about approaching the school with questions or a problem or complaint	51	62	29	35	1	1	0	0	1	1
8	Staff expect my child to work hard and do his or her best	59	72	22	27	0	0	0	0	1	1
9	The school is led and managed well	58	71	24	29	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Staff treat my child fairly	56	68	23	28	1	1	0	0	2	2
11	The staff praise and encourage my child	54	61	25	30	1	1	0	0	2	2
12	The schools deals firmly with bullying	39	47	31	38	1	1	1	1	10	12
13	The school seeks the views of parents and takes account of their suggestions and concerns	39	47	27	32	4	5	0	0	12	15
14	Staff explain how I can help my child at home – or – the school provides appropriate homework	44	54	36	44	2	2	0	0	0	0
15	Staff encourage my child to become mature and independent	53	65	24	29	0	0	0	0	5	7
16	There is a good range of activities that my child finds interesting and enjoyable	48	58	33	40	1	1	0	0	0	0
17	The arrangements for my son/daughter to settle in when they started school are good	48	58	31	38	3	4	0	0	0	0
18	There is a range of After School Clubs	41	48	29	35	9	11	1	1	2	2
		YES		NO		DON'T KNOW					
19A	Do you use the school's website at home?	64	78	16	20						
19B	Do you find it useful?	61	74	4	5						
20	Would you recommend this school to others?	82	100	0	0						

CHILDREN – 77 Responses

		Strongly Agree		Agree		Disagree		Strongly Disagree		Don't know	
		No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
1	Do you like being at this school?	55	71	20	26	1	1	0	0	1	1
2	Do you find out new things in lessons?	50	65	23	30	1	1	0	0	3	4
3	Are your lessons interesting and fun?	50	65	25	32	1	1	1	1	0	0
4	Do you get help when you find the work difficult?	41	53	29	38	3	4	0	0	4	5
5	Do you work hard?	48	62	26	34	2	3	0	0	1	1
6	Do teachers show you how to make your work better?	52	67	21	27	2	3	0	0	2	3
7	Do most children behave well?	32	41	37	48	8	10	0	0	0	0
8	Are other children friendly?	36	47	38	49	2	3	0	0	1	1
9	Is there an adult you would go to if you are worried at school?	46	60	24	31	2	3	0	0	5	6
10	Do teachers listen to your ideas?	50	65	17	22	3	4	1	1	6	8
11	Are you trusted to do things on your own?	44	57	28	36	0	0	1	1	4	5
12	Are you happy at school?	54	70	21	27	2	3	0	0	0	0
13	Do you feel safe at school?	52	67	20	26	1	1	0	0	4	5
14	Do you enjoy After School Clubs?	46	60	17	22	2	3	0	0	12	15
15	Do you enjoy using the Book Bug Club at home?	38	49	26	34	4	5	3	4	6	8
16	Do you use Education City at home?	23	30	24	31	4	5	2	3	24	31
17	If you do, do you enjoy using Education City?	30	39	14	18	6	8	0	0	27	35