

COMPTON ALL SAINTS' C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter Thursday 12th January 2017

Hello everyone,

Happy New Year to you all! I know it's already a dim and distant memory but I hope you all had a great Christmas and New Year. I think I have seen most people face-to-face to say 'thank you' for the lovely cards and gifts I received but if not, please accept these thanks instead.



It's a shame that the start of term has been spoiled by so much sickness but we seem to be over the worst – fingers crossed. Thank you for adhering to the 48-hour rule; it has made a big difference to the numbers of children being off.



You will by now have received your children's class curriculum letters that outline what they will be studying this term plus the homework they need to complete. Don't forget that all this information is on our website too should the paperwork be lost. As we've only just started, I'm not including any class news this time, just some dates for the term and general information. Finally, I would like to welcome two new members of staff. Mrs Sarah de Zoysa will be covering Miss Hewitt's management time on Thursdays and Mr Colin Roe has joined our brilliant learning

support team for three days a week in Foxes class. We hope they both feel settled and part of the furniture very soon.

Dates for your diary

Friday 13 th Jan	Celebration Assembly
Thurs 19 th Jan	Hockey tournament at Kings' – Y5/6
Tues 24 th Jan	School Nurse in to check hearing and vision – YR
Fri 27 th Jan	INSET day
Thurs 2 nd Feb	Netball tournament at Kings' – details to follow
Thurs 9 th Feb	Football tournament at Kings' – Y5/6 – details to follow
Fri 10 th Feb	Hedgehogs at Forest School – a.m
Mon – Thurs 13 th to 16 th Feb	Bikeability for Y5/6
20 th -24 th Feb	HALF TERM
27 th Feb – 10 th March	Whole school ' Foodie Fortnight' – details to follow
Thurs 16 th March	Choir take part in Southampton Music Festival at Thornden – details to follow
Weds 22 nd & Thurs 23 rd Mar	Parents' Evenings
Sunday 26 th March	Mothering Sunday service in All Saints' Church
Thurs 30 th March	Tag rugby tournament at Kings' – Y3/4 – details to follow
Friday 31 st March	School photographer in – groups/classes
Tues 4 th April	Hampshire School Games tag rugby tournament at Toynbee – details to follow
Friday 7 th April	Easter-themed service in All Saints' Church – 10.30am
	BREAK UP FOR EASTER HOLS
Mon 24 th April	Back to school
Mon 1 st May	Bank holiday
Mon 8 th – Thurs 11 th May	KS2 SATs week
Mon 29 th May – Fri 2 nd June	HALF TERM
Mon 5 th June	Back to school
Fri 23 rd & Mon 26 th June	INSET days
Tues 25 th July	BREAK UP FOR SUMMER HOLS

Attendance

If you have children at Kings' school you will be aware that the school sends out attendance letters to parents at the end of each term. These letters have a red/amber/green code and they indicate whether a child's attendance is cause for celebration or concern. Anything at 95% or above is coded green; between 90% and 94.99% is amber and below 90% is red.



The reason for notifying parents is because of evidence that children's achievement at school is negatively affected by an attendance rate that's below 95%.

In line with other primary schools in the Kings' cluster, we are also going to start sending out letters along similar lines three times a year. I appreciate that absence can be down to illness or other authorised circumstances, but I feel it is important that you know what your child's percentage is as the year progresses. It's surprising how quickly it can drop below 95% and this will be detrimental to your child, especially if it happens year after year. With regards to children being off for medical reasons, please remember that being tired or a bit under the weather is not justification for absence, especially for children older than Reception. Our attendance leaflet (attached) gives guidance about different illnesses, what to do and how long children should be off.

If you receive an attendance letter in the next week or so and would like to talk to me about it, please do ring or email the school office: adminoffice@compton.hants.sch.uk.



Head Lice

Disappointingly, we have already had a case of head lice in school since returning from the holidays. Please PLEASE can you make it a habit to comb conditioner through your children's hair on a regular basis and immediately treat them (and the rest of the family) if lice or eggs are found? Many thanks.

After school clubs, scooters etc

This term we have two after school clubs that require the playground to be cleared quickly so that the clubs can start promptly. These are Netball on Mondays and Tennis on Tuesdays.

I would also like to remind you about the restrictions to children using scooters and bikes on the playground:

- Children must not cycle or skateboard in the school playground.
- In the mornings, children can only scooter across the playground to the scooter shed.
- After school, children can scooter sensibly on the playground on the following days: Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays (as long as under parental supervision!)
- Children can use the play equipment on the field after school on any day except Thursdays, as long as they are supervised by a parent or carer.



Ice and Snow conditions

We are forecast to have some interesting weather over the next day or two. It seems timely to remind you that you can find the school's plans and procedures for dealing with ice and snow on our website; go to the 'Parents' tab and look under 'Emergency Information'.

As always, if you have any queries, concerns or brilliant ideas for the school, please do contact me.

With very best wishes

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