



Sholing Infant School

Newsletter: April 2019

Welcome back to the summer term. I hope you had a fantastic Easter break! The children have come back full of enthusiasm and ready to start their new topics. This term will be a busy one with new topics, trips, Year 1 phonics screen and the Year 2 SATs all happening, as well as lots of exciting transition activities to ensure that the children are all well prepared to move up to their new year groups. As part of our transition programme, parents will have an opportunity to come into school to find out about their child's new year group and expectations for learning.

Staffing

We are delighted to welcome our new Business Manager, Mrs Kennedy. She has had a wealth of experience in another Hamwic school and will be line manager for the office and site staff.

Miss Stickland will be returning from her maternity leave in July. She has already been in for a couple of mornings and will join the Year 1 team as a TA.

Miss Smith and Miss Brewer will both be taking maternity leave in the 2019-20 school year - congratulations to them both! They will both be back for a couple of weeks in September before taking off the rest of the year. We are currently advertising for temporary teachers to cover their maternity leave.

FOSI

Thank you to FOSI for organising the sponsored bounce and thank you to everyone who has raised money towards our FOSI fundraiser - the fitness trail for Key Stage 1. We had lots of designs submitted by the children and the final design has been produced. The installation will be in the summer half-term and we will make sure the Year 2 children have plenty of opportunities to use it before they move on to their junior schools. FOSI will be contributing £5,000, half the cost of the fitness trail for which we are incredibly grateful. Future FOSI events in the summer term will be the summer disco on **Friday 19 July 2019 from 4.30-6.00pm** and the summer fayre will be on **Friday 12 July from 3.00-5.00pm**. As always any help in supporting FOSI events will be really appreciated. Look out for event dates over the coming weeks.

Clubs

It is fantastic that so many children are attending the after school clubs. We have tried to run clubs that children have said they are interested in and this is reflected in the take up. Mrs Wallington is now in charge of the organisation of all clubs, so please speak to her if you have any queries/concerns about clubs. All clubs will run every week of a half-term. Mrs Wallington will inform you of any changes by ParentMail.

Photographs

The photographer will be in on Wednesday 1 May to take class photographs.

Parents Evenings

Thank you for attending parents' evenings. We hope that you found your meeting with the teacher useful and enjoyed reading your child's report. The summer report will be a longer, more detailed report summarising your child's achievements across the whole year. Thank you for the returned slips and comments. They are really useful feedback for the school, so please continue to send them in. Your feedback enables us to further refine and improve our practice.

Thank you also for the end of year questionnaires returned so far. Please continue to send these in if you have not yet done so. If you have a few minutes to share your views, we would be very grateful. We start thinking about our School Improvement Plan at this time of the year and it is always good to hear what parents think is positive about the school and any suggestions for further improvement. We will update you on the results of the questionnaire and any resulting actions. Although as an outstanding school we are not expecting an OFSTED inspection, we have used the OFSTED questions.

Attendance

Attendance continues to be good at 96.98%. We have dipped just below our 97% target but have had a lot of illness recently and will hopefully pick up again this term. Please remember that the school is happy to give medicine with your consent. Please speak to the school office in the first instance to complete a consent form. Mrs Churcher, one of our paediatric first aiders, will then dispense medicines. We will be celebrating children's attendance at the end of the summer term in our year group assemblies.

SATs

Year 2 pupils will be undertaking SATs tests in May. These are currently statutory and must be taken by all children unless dis-applied by the headteacher. We are very careful to ensure that children are not put under undue pressure and fit the assessments around our normal lessons as far as possible, spreading the tests out across three weeks in May. Please talk to your child's teacher if you have any concerns or your child has any worries. Any child not present for SATs on the scheduled sessions for their class will be able to complete the tests at another time during the May test window.

Phonic screen

The phonic screening check for Year 1 pupils will be administered the week of the 10 to 14 June 2019. The children will be practising their reading of real and alien words, using their phonics to decode in their phonics lessons so completing the screen will be similar to what children are doing. Should you need any help to support your child or would just like some more information, please speak to the class teachers. Children's results will be included on their end of year school report.

INSET days for 2019-20

INSET days for the next academic year are as follows:-

2 September 2019
3 September 2019
6 January 2020
25 October 2019
13 March 2020
20 July 2020

Summer term dates for your diary so far!

Wednesday 1 May	Class photographs
Wednesday 1 May	Jane the Baker in Year 1 (Great Fire of London topic)
Thursday 2 May	Fire service in to visit Year 1
Tuesday 14 May	5:30pm meeting for 2019-20 Year R parents
Monday 3 June	INSET day
w/c 10 June	Phonic Screening check
w/c 24 June	Being healthy – Keeping safe theme week (Sports day dates to be confirmed shortly)
Monday 1 July	Year 1 trip to Bolderwood
Tuesday 2 July	Year 1 trip to Bolderwood
Wednesday 3 July	Year 2 at junior schools Transition morning in new classes for new Year 1 and Year 2 pupils 2:15pm Year 1 – Year 2 transition meeting for current Year 1 pupils
Wednesday 10 July	2:15pm Year R – Year 1 transition meeting for current Year R parents
Friday 12 July	Reports sent out Summer Fayre
Monday 15 July	9:15am Otters class assembly 2:15pm Civic Award Presentation - Mayor of Southampton in school 3:15-5pm Drop-in Parents' Evening for any parents with concerns following report.
Tuesday 16 July	9:15 Robin's class assembly
Wednesday 17 July	9:15 Squirrel's class assembly
Friday 19 July	School disco - 4:40-6:00pm
Monday 22 July	9:15 Year 2 Leavers assembly (Badgers parents) 2:00pm Year 2 Leavers assembly (Foxes parents)
Tuesday 23 July	9:15am Year 2 Leavers assembly (Kestrels parents)