



# Hambrook Primary School

Newsletter 3 - 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018

## Staff Update

Miss Thomas (now Mrs Cranstone after her marriage!) is returning from maternity leave after half term and will be taking up the position alongside Mrs Bassett-Lowe in Year 1. We welcome her back, and also give our thanks to Miss Lynn and Mrs Daffon who have covered the position up until now.

## Residential Trips

We recently sent out a questionnaire to parents of children in Reception class to Year 4, giving details of the residential trips offered in Year 5 and 6, and asking for views. Thank you to the parents who took the trouble to reply. We will take all of your views into account and will feed back the results in full when we have collated them.



## KS2 Drama Production

KS2 (Y3, 4, 5 and 6) children have been busy auditioning for roles in our upcoming production. We now have all roles allocated and rehearsals have begun, on Mondays from 3:20-4:30pm. If your child has a part in the play, please check the rehearsal timetable as they may not be needed every week.

The performance will be on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 5:30pm.

## Family First magazine

We've been sent an online link to Family First magazine to be shared with parents. The link is [http://www.familyfirst.co.uk/ff\\_mag/](http://www.familyfirst.co.uk/ff_mag/)

## NSPCC 'Pants' Campaign

We've told parents recently about the above campaign, which helps parents to talk to their children easily about staying safe from harm. You may be interested to know that you can obtain an activity pack to support this; for a suggested donation of £5. For more information go to <https://shop.nspcc.org.uk>



## Sweets in School

I would like to remind all parents and carers that children are not allowed to bring sweets into school. This *includes* cough/throat sweets.

## Medication in School

Following on from the above, I would like to reiterate that we are unable to give any medicine (including Calpol, Ibuprofen, Piriton etc) to children unless it has been prescribed by a GP. If your child is well enough to attend school but has prescribed medicine to take (e.g. antibiotics), please go to the office as you will need to complete a form. We would expect to give medication only where 4 doses a day are prescribed (therefore a lunchtime dose is needed), as 3 doses a day can be managed at home.

## PE Kits

Please ensure your child has a full PE kit in school. It doesn't need to be brought in each week; please provide one at the start of term and it'll be sent home at the end of term.

### **Pencil cases/Rucksacks**

We've previously asked parents not to let children bring in their own pencil cases/stationery from home as we have everything here that the children need. Thank you for helping us with this; most of the children do not now bring these items in, which is fantastic and makes for more peaceful and constructive lessons!

Unfortunately there are still lots of rucksacks being brought in. Please remember that we've asked for NO rucksack-style bags, only book-bag/satchel style. We simply don't have room in our cloakroom areas for bulky rucksacks and the children don't have a need to bring a big bag to school. When buying your child's next bag, we'd expect it to be a bookbag/satchel style. Thank you.

### **Absence from school**

Please give us two weeks' notice if your child is going to be away from school for any reason (apart from illness). We appreciate that some medical appointments have to be made at shorter notice than others, but ask that routine appointments such as dental check-ups be made outside of school hours wherever possible.

Also, I'd like to remind all parents that holidays during term time are not authorised unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Please can I give a particular reminder to parents of Year 6 children (and Year 5, as this will apply next year) that NO holidays are authorised in Year 6 before SATs have taken place. This has been put in place by school governors, and at our next meeting of the full governing body, any such absences will be discussed and monitored.

### **Illness**

If your child is ill, please phone or e-mail the school office to report it by 9:30am.

You may have seen the recent upsetting news reports where a child didn't turn up at their school because their parent had suddenly died and the child was unable to raise the alarm themselves. Although the school had tried repeatedly to phone the parent, no other action was taken and sadly the child themselves died a few days later. Although this is an extreme case, it does show how important it is for that

link between parents and school to be maintained.

If your child is ill/off school and we're not notified, we will phone all contacts listed for your child, and if we still have no response we will ask either a member of staff or our Educational Welfare Officer to go to your house to ensure all is well. Please work with us and simply tell us if your child is ill, and please ensure you have provided at least three contacts for your child/ren. Thank you.

### **Term Dates for 2017**

A reminder of term time dates for the remainder of this academic year:

Term 4: Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Feb - Fri 23<sup>th</sup> Mar

Term 5: Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Apr - Fri 25<sup>th</sup> May

Term 6: Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Jun - Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Jul

(INSET days - Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Jun and Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Jul)

### **Term Dates for 2018-19**

Term 1: Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Sep - Fri 26<sup>th</sup> Oct

Term 2: Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Nov - Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Dec

Term 3: Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Jan '19 - Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Feb

Term 4: Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Feb - Fri 5<sup>th</sup> Apr

Term 5: Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> Apr - Fri 24<sup>th</sup> May

Term 6: Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Jun - Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> July

INSET days have not yet been set but we will let you know as soon as we have dates available.

### **Lunchtime Supervisors needed**

We are still looking for dinner ladies to cover some lunchtimes! If you (or someone you know) can spare one or more lunchtimes each week (it doesn't have to be every day) and would like more information, please come to the office and ask for Julie Sheppard.

### **Lost Property**

We will be disposing of all unnamed items in the lost property basket at the end of the first week of Term 4. The basket is kept in the school office/foyer area. If you have lost any items please come and have a look before this date.

### **Winterbourne Library**

Please see the attached for details on what's happening at Winterbourne Library in February.

## PTA News

Although it seems a long time ago now, the PTA would like to say a HUGE thank you to everyone that came and supported the Christmas Fair. We hope you all enjoyed it, we certainly did! I'm pleased to say that the Fair raised a total of **£2,016!**

Dates have been set for some events throughout the year, so keep an eye on the school website calendar.

We will be organising a Spring Disco, Summer Fair, the Mother and Father's Day gift rooms plus a Quiz and Curry night to name a few. More details of these will be available soon.

Many of you have asked about the Nature garden. At present work is happening behind the scenes to arrange for the fencing to be fixed/replaced - to stop the cows getting in and the children getting out! Once this has happened, work can start on the nature garden and we'll be looking for ideas and suggestions from children and parents on what they would like, to make the nature garden both fun and educational.

If you would like to contact the PTA committee with any ideas, suggestions, offers of help or feedback, please do so using e-mail: [hambrookpta@gmail.com](mailto:hambrookpta@gmail.com)

Thank you for your ongoing support  
Best wishes - Vicki (PTA Chair)

Best Wishes  
Jo Dent  
Head teacher

## February 2018 at Winterbourne Library

### STAFFED TIMES

Tuesday: 10.00am – 5.00pm  
Wednesday: 10.00am – 5.00pm  
Friday: 10.00am – 5.00pm  
Saturday: 9.30am – 12.30pm

### OPEN ACCESS (Unstaffed)

8.30am – 7.30pm  
Everyday

See above for new opening times at Winterbourne library

If you register your card for our new Open Access system, and attend an induction, you'll be able to access library facilities throughout the week. You can borrow and return books and use the computers. Speak to a member of staff for more details.

**Rhymetime:** Rhymes and songs for parents and babies/toddlers to enjoy together every Tuesday morning 10.30 – 11.00am

**Pre School Storytime:** Join us weekly on Wednesdays 10.30 – 11.00am for stories and a simple craft. Now running throughout the year.

**Lego Club:** Listen to stories and poems, then create a model to display at the library.

We'll be meeting on **3 February 10.30 – 11.30am**. Suitable for the primary age range, children must be accompanied by an adult.

### New!

#### 'Feed your Soul'

Come and colour. Enjoy some company – Adults and children, everyone welcome!

Tuesdays and Wednesdays 2-4pm Starting 6 February

#### Free IT Course

Would you or someone you know benefit from learning or improving their computer skills?

Mondays at Winterbourne Library starting 5 February

Contact Ann Hawkins 0117 909 2296 or email [ann.hawkins@sgscol.ac.uk](mailto:ann.hawkins@sgscol.ac.uk)

**The Craft Group** is meeting on **10 and 24 February 10.00am – 12 noon**

New members will always be made welcome by this friendly group.  
Share tips and ideas for your knitting, sewing or crochet projects.

#### 'It's Spring Again!'

##### Half Term Drop in


Friday 16 February 10.30 -12 noon Suitable for ages 3 – 10

#### Come and meet the Gruffalo

Join us for a Special Pre School Storytime

**Wednesday 28 February 10.30 – 11am AND a special Gruffalo afterschool Storytime 4pm**

For more information on any of the above please contact us:

- Telephone: 01454 868006
- Email: [winterbourne.library@southglos.gov.uk](mailto:winterbourne.library@southglos.gov.uk)
- Visit our website to find out more: [www.southglos.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/libraries)
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