



Year 1 Newsletter

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Happy New Year.

We hope that you had an enjoyable holiday and would like to thank you for all your warm wishes and generous gifts.

Learning

We have started our new topic, Space. The children have enjoyed preparing their classrooms and beginning to make papier mache planets. Thank you for the donations of wool and tubes, we will be using them in our learning soon. We have learnt about Tim Peake and Neil Armstrong and have compared them both. In English we have been reading and writing about The Tiger Who Came to Tea. This week the children have begun to write their own story about a different animal having an adventure! As part of our computing this term, the children will be creating their own cookery video preparing a dish to give the tiger so we can have our own class picnic. The children are very excited about the learning that is taking place this term and it is lovely to see!

School Lunch – Thursday 19th January

The Local Education Authority has decided that **Thursday 19th January** will be the Spring Census day. This date is particularly important in terms of our school's future allocation of funding for Universal Infant Free School Meals, as the funding we receive will be based on the average number of children who have a school meal on this day and the previous census day in October. **As a result of this decision it is vital that as many children as possible have a school meal on this day to secure the maximum funding for our school.** To encourage the children to have a meal the catering company (ISS) have changed the menu to the following choices: RED – Pork Sausages, GREEN – Margherita Pizza, YELLOW – Mexican Rice Wrap, all three choices will come with chips and sweetcorn.

Home Learning

Feedback from our recent questionnaire has shown that some parents feel home learning is not appropriate. Comments were made both in favour of more home learning and some requesting less. Therefore, it has been decided that from this term we will only send home weekly spelling and reading, which parents over time have said repeatedly, is manageable to fit into busy family life."

In addition to this Year 1 have sent home a series of different activities that your child can complete to consolidate and extend our topic learning within the class.

Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a lunchtime supervisory assistant to commence as soon as possible. For further details please visit www.forms.portsmouth.gov.uk/schoolvacs

Reading

Your child reads at least twice a week with an adult in school and it is therefore important that they have their book bags, reading books and reading message books in school every day. When you hear your child read at home please make sure that you record it in the message book, even if it isn't their school reading book. It is really important that the children practise their reading skills at home to ensure they continue to make progress.

Outside PE

We will be continuing to have PE outside even though the weather is becoming colder, so please make sure that your child has a track suit. Also please remember to remove or tape your child's earrings for PE sessions. It is important that your child has a suitable indoor and outdoor kit, please check your child's PE kit if you are unsure. Unfortunately we do not have enough spare PE kits to cater for the amount of children who have items missing in their PE bags and this does waste learning time.

Class 4 – Monday/Friday

Class 5 – Monday/Wednesday

Class 6 – Wednesday/Thursday

As always please don't hesitate to ask about anything you're unsure of.

The Year 1 Team