



Year 2 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.

Topic

We have started our new topic, Historical Heroines. In particular we are looking at Florence Nightingale, Mary Seacole and Enid Blyton. We have started reading the Enchanted Wood in our English lessons and we are using the book to inspire our writing this half term. In art we are making Cameo profile pictures and frames, which links nicely to our Computing topic of 'Photographs'.

Trip to Fort Nelson – Tuesday 17th January

We are very excited about our trip to Fort Nelson next week. If you haven't pre-ordered a packed lunch, you will need to provide your child with a lunch and a drink for the trip. Please make sure that this is disposable and is in a named carrier bag.

Fort Nelson is a very cold location and we will be working in large Victorian buildings which are difficult to heat. **Please ensure that your child is wearing their school uniform for the trip, and make sure they have their legs covered. We strongly advise the children wear an additional layer. Please make sure they are wearing their jumper and a warm coat and hat, scarves and gloves are advisable, however the children will need to take responsibility for them. The children will need to wear sensible shoes that are secured by laces or Velcro straps as some surfaces are uneven.**

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 2 will continue to send home the Maths workbook to practice and consolidate what we have been learning. Please also keep an eye out for a project linked to our topic to be completed before half term.

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.

Lacey Library

Just to remind you that Year 2 will be visiting the Lacey library on Monday afternoons in rotation. If you are available to help walk the children to the library, your help would be appreciated, please let your child's class teacher know. If we don't have volunteers to come with us we won't be able to go.

16th January - Class 8

23rd January - Class 9

30th January - Class 7

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.

Class 7 – Tuesday/Friday

Class 8 – Wednesday/Friday

Class 9 – Tuesday/Thursday

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

The Year 2 Team