



LANGSTONE INFANT SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the new school year and a special welcome to all our new children

School Governing Body

Below is a list of our current Governors and their roles within the Governing Body:

Daniel Brentnall - Chair

Alex Charge - Vice Chair, Health and Safety

Nicola Ellson - SEN

Debbie Wicks - Chair of Learning, Attainment & Achievement Committee and Safer Recruitment

Caroline Williams - Chair of Staffing, Premises & Finance Committee and Training Liaison

Gillian Heath - Safeguarding

All Governors can be contacted via the school email admin@langstone-inf.portsmouth.sch.uk or in writing via the school office.

Charity Events 17/18

The school will be supporting the following charities this academic year:

Autumn Term – Service Charities (Red, White & Blue Day)

Spring Term – Local Charity (Portsmouth Food Bank)

Summer Term – Cancer Research (Race for Life)

Details of how we will be raising money for these charities will be published nearer the time. In addition to the above we will also be raising funds for the school on World Book Day during the Spring Term.

Coats

Please ensure your child comes to school every day with a coat regardless of the weather. As we have a canopy in our playground the children are still able to go outside even during wet weather.

Absence from School

If your child is unable to attend school due to illness please contact the school on the first morning of the illness by 9.30am using the main telephone number **(023) 9283 2642**. If your child is absent for 5 or more consecutive school days you will be required to provide medical evidence. Medical evidence may be in the form of an appointment card, note from the medical practitioner's reception, copy of a prescription, copy of any medication given, etc.

Please make all routine medical & dental appointments out of school hours and allow plenty of time for travel after school. If your child will be late for school or needs to be collected during the school day due to an appointment please inform the office in advance **and provide a copy of the letter/appointment card**.

If you wish to take your child out of school for any reason other than medical/dental appointments you will be required to complete a **Leave of Absence from School Form** and return to office at least 5 days in advance of the absence.

Toilets

With immediate effect the school toilets will **not** be available for use by parents & younger siblings during the school day (8.50am – 3.20pm). Public toilets are available at Baffins pond.

ParentMail

All parents of children in Year R have now been sent their registration text for ParentMail. Thank you to those parents that have already registered. **Please can parents who already have a ParentMail account log into their accounts and check their email/mobile details are correct.** If you have any problems please speak to Mrs Hodgson in the school office.

School Photographer

The photographer will be in school on **Thursday 12th October**. All children will be photographed individually for school records. Siblings will also be photographed together. If you **do not** want your children photographed together please let the school office know as soon as possible.

Playground Noticeboard

The noticeboard on the playground fence is updated regularly and contains the latest Newsletters as well as other current information such as details of the next Achievement Assembly and the school lunch menu.

School Website

The school website <http://langstoneinfants.co.uk> is updated weekly. Please visit the website and look under "For the Children" to see photos and information about the children's latest work and other activities that are taking place in school.

School Uniform

It has been lovely to see the children in their smart new uniforms and we want to maintain this smart appearance and for the children to wear their Langstone uniform with pride. The acceptable uniform is:

Green sweatshirts/cardigans

White polo shirts (not blouses/shirts)

Grey skirts/pinafores/shorts/trousers

Black sensible shoes (**plain black, no coloured motifs or soles, no laces**)

All items should be clearly marked with your child's name. Jewellery (including watches) should **not** be worn in school.

Book Bags/PE Bags

All children need a green Langstone book bag and a string bag (any design) for their PE Kit. Character book bags/satchels/rucksacks are **not** to be used. There is a limited amount of room between the children's coat pegs and in the book bag boxes and rucksacks take up too much space. If your child does have a rucksack in school please arrange for this to be replaced as soon as possible.

Dogs

We would like to remind parents that dogs/puppies are not allowed on school premises under any circumstances. This includes the path to the school office and the area outside the entrance to Before & Afterschool clubs. We also ask that dogs are not left unattended outside the school gate as lots of children are very wary of dogs and are unhappy about walking past them.

INSET Days

All 5 INSET days for the academic year 2017/2018 are published below under "Dates for the Diary".

Dates for the Diary

Friday 6th October – Red, White & Blue Day (Details to follow)

Tuesday 10th October – Parents Evening (Details to follow)

Wednesday 11th October – Parents Evening (Details to follow)

Thursday 12th October – Parents Evening (Details to follow)

Thursday 12th October – Individual School Photographs

21st – 29th October – Autumn Half Term Holiday

Monday 30th October – INSET Day (School closed)

1st - 7th November – Travelling Book Fair

Thursday 16th November – Flu Vaccinations (Whole School)

Thursday 30th November – Screening of Year R children by School Nursing Service

Friday 22nd December – INSET Day (School closed)

23rd December – 7th January – Christmas Holiday

Monday 8th January – First day of Spring Term

Friday 9th February – INSET Day (School closed)

Thursday 29th March – INSET Day (School closed)

Monday 4th June – INSET Day (School closed)