
LANGSTONE INFANT ACADEMY

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Harvest

In previous years our harvest collection has always been for local charities but this year we are going to focus on ourselves. Therefore we will be collecting 2 items that are regularly used in school. These items are boxes of tissues & glue sticks and can be any brand or size. Please pass any donations to the class teacher by **Tuesday 17th October** when we will be having our Harvest assembly.

Asthma

Following a recent asthma training update we have been advised by the Asthma nurse that spacers should be washed every 6 weeks to remove any build-up of medication inside the spacers. Therefore asthma pumps & spacers will be sent home at the end of each half term.

Playground

The playground before & after school is a very busy place. With this in mind we feel it necessary to ask that children do not play with toy swords/guns etc in the playground especially as some children have recently been hurt by other children waving these toys around.

We want our playground to be a safe environment for everyone so can we please remind you that: smoking (including e-cigs) is not allowed, dogs are not allowed and children must not ride their bikes & scooters in the playground

Children's Flu Vaccine

In the autumn/winter of 2017/18 the annual nasal spray flu vaccine will be available for all **children** as part of the [NHS childhood vaccination programme](#). Flu vaccinations will take place in school on **Thursday 16th November**. The flu vaccine for children is given as a single dose of nasal spray squirted up each nostril. Not only is it needle-free (a big advantage for children), the nasal spray works even better than the injected flu vaccine. It's quick and painless and will mean your child is less likely to become ill if they come into contact with the flu virus. **Consent forms will be sent home on Tuesday 31st October and need to be completed and returned to school for every child even if you do not want your child to have the vaccine.**

Footwear

We would like to clarify what footwear can be worn to school during the winter months. **ALL** footwear should be plain black (no coloured motifs or soles), low heeled and without laces (unless your child is proficient at tying them). It is acceptable during the winter months to wear boots providing they are **plain black leather/leather look**. All other boots (ie fur, wellingtons, ugg etc) must be changed on arrival in the classroom so please ensure your child brings their school shoes with them.

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.

INSET Days

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

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 10th October – Parents Evening

Wednesday 11th October – Parents Evening

Thursday 12th October – Parents Evening

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)

10th – 18th February – Spring Half Term Holiday

Thursday 29th March – INSET Day (School closed)

30th March – 15th April – Easter Holidays

Monday 7th May – Bank Holiday

26th May – 3rd June – Summer Half Term Holiday

Monday 4th June – INSET Day (School closed)

Tuesday 24th July – Last day of Summer Term