



Issue 2: 2021/2022

# LANGSTONE INFANT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

<http://langstoneinfants.co.uk>

22 October 2021

**23<sup>RD</sup> – 31<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER – AUTUMN HALF TERM HOLIDAY (SCHOOL CLOSED)**

## **Birthday Sweets**

Please can we politely ask that you do not request school staff to give out sweets to the class when it is your child's birthday. We are a healthy eating school and this is not something we encourage. If you feel it is something you really want to do, then we are happy for you to stand and give out the sweets yourself with your child in the playground at the end of the school day.

NB: We really like the idea from one parent who was going to spend the money on a book instead of 30 packets of sweets, the book would then be kept in the class book corner for everyone to enjoy many times over.

## **PCR Tests**

Please can we ask that PCR tests are booked at a testing site rather than ordering a home testing kit whenever possible. Receiving the result from a home test can take up to 6 days from ordering the test whereas the result from visiting a testing site will usually be received within 24 hours. This means if your child's result is negative, they can return to school as soon as they are feeling well enough rather than unnecessarily missing school whilst waiting for the result.

NB: The nearest test site is Commercial Road (car park of old Sainsbury's store) but it is designated as a walkthrough so does not appear when trying to book if you say you have a car but will if you say a car is not available (this will make sense if and when you need to book a test online!)

## **Lateral Flow Tests (LFTs)**

With the ever increasing number of cases of COVID-19 in the city, we are asking parents to consider carrying out an LFT on their child before they return to school on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November. LFTs are free and can be ordered online at <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>. This is a parental choice and **we do not need** to know the result unless it is positive.

## **Harvest Festival**

Thank you very much for all the harvest donations, the Portsmouth Food Bank very much appreciate your generosity.

## **School Photographs**

All children that were in school on the morning of Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October had their photo taken by the school photographer. Photographs can only be ordered online, details of how to place an order can be found on the postcard sent home earlier this week. P&P is free on all orders placed by **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2021**. Orders will be sent direct to your home address. If you have any queries, please call the number on the postcard (01730 264213).

## **Lateness**

The number of children arriving late for school this term has been much higher than normal. We appreciate at the beginning of term this was partly due to the change in start times and whilst families settled back into the school run routine. However, the number of late arrivals has continued to remain too high. We currently have 262 children on roll, of which 103 children have been late for school at least once resulting in 223 late marks this term. (This does not include children arriving late because of medical/dental appointments). Regular and punctual

attendance at school is both a legal requirement and essential for children to enjoy and achieve during their time at school.

### **Family & Elderly Shoebox Appeal**

Please could we have your completed shoeboxes or donations for this appeal by Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. Thank you to those that have already donated.

### **Transfer to Junior School**

Advice on completing your application for transfer to Junior School for children currently in Year 2 can be found at [www.portsmouth.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.portsmouth.gov.uk/schooladmissions) or by calling the Admissions Team on 023 9268 8008. The deadline for applications is **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022**.

### **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.

### **Dates for the Diary**

23<sup>rd</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> October - (Autumn Half Term Holiday)

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need Appeal (Details in separate letter)

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November – **INSET Day**

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Nasal Flu Immunisations (Details to follow)

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Lunch

19<sup>th</sup> December – 3<sup>rd</sup> January (Christmas Holiday)

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January – **INSET Day**

14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> February – Screening of Year R by School Nursing Service

19<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> February (Spring Half Term Holiday)

9<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> April (Easter Holiday)

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May – Bank Holiday (school closed)

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May – Holiday in lieu of Queen's Platinum Jubilee (school closed)

28<sup>th</sup> May – 5<sup>th</sup> June (Summer Half Term Holiday)

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June – **INSET Day**

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July – **INSET Day**

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Last day of Summer Term