



## Autumn 1 draws to a close

It is now seven weeks since our school reopened to all of the children, and what a wonderful seven weeks it has been. The children have been engaged with their learning and embracing our motto of 'Aiming High.' I'm sure that, as parents, you are feeling very proud of all that your sons and daughters have achieved - I know that their teachers feel this too.

This half term, we have really focused on supporting the children back into school so that they can re-establish work patterns and expectations. We have had a strong focus on PSHE so that we can support the children's well-being following such a long time away from normal school routines. Our focus in English and maths lessons has been to identify, and develop, any gaps in knowledge or 'forgotten' knowledge from the previous academic year before moving onto this year's new learning.

The children (and staff) are ready for the half term break - have a lovely holiday and keep safe. We look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

## A message from Hampshire County Council

Hampshire County Council has asked us to share the following important public health message with you all:

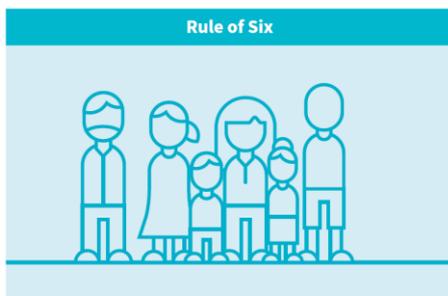
Coronavirus infections are continuing to rise, and Hampshire is on 'Medium' COVID alert level.

We need your help to stop the spread of the virus, so please continue following national public health guidance this half term.

Remember 'hands, face, space' and the Rule of 6: which means no large gatherings indoors or outdoors.

Let's all work together to Keep Hampshire Safe.

Keep Hampshire **SAFE** Have a safe half-term Remember:



Current alert level in Hampshire: **Medium**

## DIARY DATES

New dates in yellow

Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	Close for half term holiday @ 3:25pm
Sat 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Closing date for Year 7 places (September 2021 admissions)
Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Applications for Year 3 (September 2021 admissions) open
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	INSET DAY
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	Rearranged parents' evening for Hawk class 3:30-5:45pm
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	School opens for Autumn 2
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	School Lunch prices increase to £2.50 per day
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> - Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	National Parliament Week
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	Deadline for returning orders for Rudolph cards
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	Poppies go on sale in each class bubble
Thur 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov 6:00-7:00pm	Prospective parents' virtual Q&A session (for Year 3 entry Sept 2021)
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Remembrance Day Assembly
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Children in Need Day World Kindness Day
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Anti-bullying Week 'United against bullying'
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Your Time to Shine Day Non-uniform day - further details to follow
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Annual Flu Vaccinations for all children Further details to follow
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	School closes for the Christmas holiday @ 1:30pm
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	School opens for Spring term
Thur 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan 6:00-7:00pm	Prospective parents' virtual Q&A session (for Year 3 entry Sept 2021)
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Closing date for Year 3 places (September 2021 admissions)
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Jan	It is 75 years since the plane crash at Cove Junior School I
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Close for half term holiday @ 3:25pm

## Rudolph Cards

A reminder that if you would like to place an order for some Christmas cards or other products such as mugs, coasters and bags, we will need your order form to be returned to school after the half term holiday on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.



## Happy Birthday!

Maci - 9 years old today!

Jessica - 8 years old on Sunday

Sienna - 11 years old on Tuesday

Rickey - 10 years old on Wednesday

Lydia - 8 years old on Thursday

Freya - 11 years old next Friday

Reo - 11 years old Sunday 1<sup>st</sup>

Scarlett - 10 years old on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>

Attila 8 and Amelia 9 years old on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>

Jake - 10 years old on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>

Migin 8, Bailey 9 and Cameron 10 years old on Monday 9<sup>th</sup>

Oscar 9, Rubi 10 and Jack 11 years old on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>



## Words of the Fortnight

To encourage our children to use a wider range of vocabulary, we set a challenge for the children which we hope you will join in with at home too. Every two weeks, a new word is introduced in each class and the children get rewards for using them in their writing or in conversation. Our new words are:

Year 3

# 'Loneliness'

Noun - sadness because someone has no friends or company

Year 4

# 'Investigate'

Verb - carry out research or study into a subject or problem

Year 5

# 'Spellbinding'

Adjective - holding one's attention completely as though by magic; fascinating

Year 6

# 'Mechanical'

Noun - The working parts of a vehicle  
Adjective - Operated by a machine or machinery "a mechanical device"

How often can you use these words at home?

## School Lunches

Please be reminded that the price of school lunches will increase to £2.50 after the half term holiday. This is to reflect the rising cost in ingredients.

Please remember that school lunches **MUST** be paid for in advance. We would request that you send your child in with a packed lunch, until any outstanding lunches are paid for. Thank you for your support.

## Use of the crossing on Fernhill Road

Please can we ask that all parents use the crossing on Fernhill Road when accompanying their children to and from school. We are aware that more and more people are crossing the road between the two alleyways in order to save time. We have unfortunately, seen some unaccompanied children copying this behaviour.

It is really important that everyone uses the traffic lights when crossing Fernhill Road - this teaches all children to cross the road safely whether they are with an adult or not.

Fernhill Road is a busy road and unfortunately, not all motorists drive at a safe speed past our school - please support us in keeping all of our children safe as they cross the road.

## Our new Junior Road Safety Officers

Our current JRSOs, Lennon and Harriet, have been very busy recruiting for our new JRSO's. They had 15 candidates and short-listed 5 for interview. The successful candidates are Jigar, Isobel and Isla (all from Vulcan class) CONGRATULATIONS!

Watch out for them, in their hi-visibility jackets, checking the safety of our children and parents on Fernhill Road.

## Girls Football Opportunity

**U7 - U16 GIRLS  
DEVELOPMENT CENTRE**

**ALDERSHOT TOWN F.C.  
THE SHOTS**

**Running from 28th September  
Tomlinscote School 3G  
Monday evenings from 5pm until 7pm**

**Please visit [www.shotsfoundation.org](http://www.shotsfoundation.org) for booking link  
or email [admins@shotsfoundation.org](mailto:admins@shotsfoundation.org)**

**#TheShots**

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**YouTube Twitter Facebook Instagram LinkedIn TikTok**

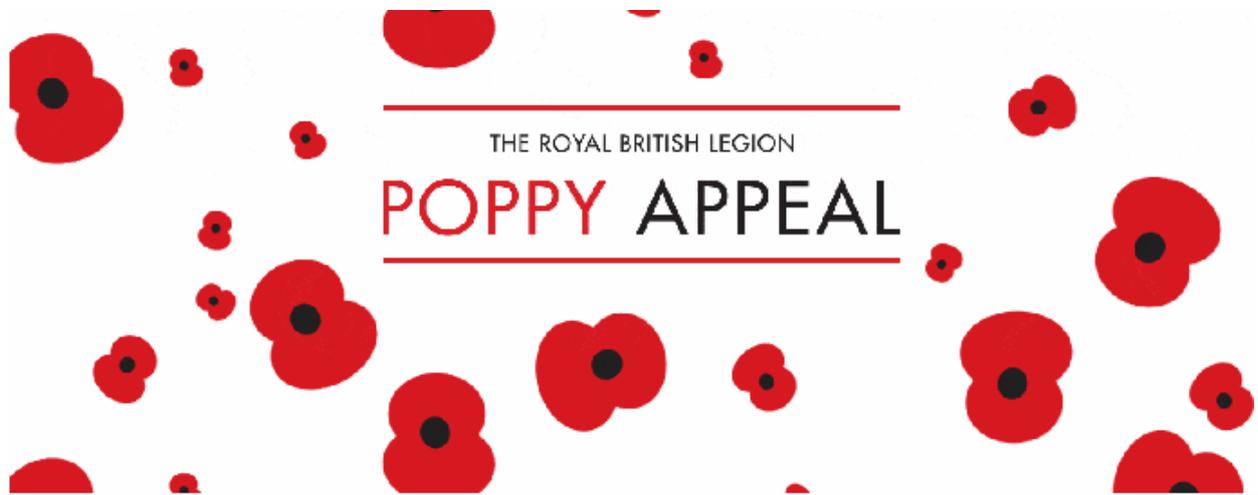
## Flu Vaccinations

This is a reminder to complete your online consent form for your child's flu vaccination - the vaccinations will take place in school on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December.

This year, more than ever, the School Nursing Service are encouraging more parents to allow their child to have this vaccine. Last year, 202 children had permission and received the vaccine - this represented 69% of our children and was lower than they were anticipating. They are hoping that this number will increase this year. If you are experiencing difficulties providing consent, please contact the school office and a member of staff will be able to help.

## Poppy Day Appeal

After the holiday, poppies will go on sale. Boxes of poppies will be placed in each of our classrooms and the children can buy a poppy for a donation. The British Legion have also put together packs which contain a ruler, sharpener and wrist band. The suggested donation for these special packs is £1.50-£2.00. Please note, we only have limited supplies of the packs but plenty of poppies for everyone.



## Children in Need Day

This year, we would like to support the Children in Need fundraising day. The theme is 'Come as Yourself' and this is what they are sharing:

"This year we are making children's mental wellbeing our number one priority. Together, we can show our support and raise money to help young people's well-being. It's a 'Come as Yourself' non-uniform day. No big fancy dress theme. Just a chance to wear whatever makes you comfortable, and to encourage anyone who might be struggling to feel the same about themselves."



# SEND

We have been asked to advertise these two services which provide core support to those parents and carers looking after young people with SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities).

**Hampshire SENDIASS** offer information, advice and support to families. You can click the link below to watch a video that explains more about how they work with families.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3hcSSDDFVn8&feature=youtu.be>

**HPCN** - you can join as a member of HPCN and can then access sessions, events and training opportunities. There's a monthly newsletter full of information and ways to get involved. The best part is you can choose how little or how much you want to be involved. To join go to:

<https://hpcn.us14.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=2f04c431b9ff23f7fe135d9b0&id=411d1c1d1b>

There is also an active Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/HampshireParentCarerNetwork>.



**SENDIASS stands for Special Educational Needs & Disabilities Information Advice & Support Service.**

Hampshire SENDIASS offer a free, confidential and impartial service for parent carers, children and young people from 0-25 in Hampshire. The service offers expertise on issues relating to a child's or young person's special educational needs or disability. No diagnosis is needed to access our service. The service can help you to explore:

- National and local policy
- The Local Offer
- Your rights and choices
- Your opportunities to participate
- Where you can find help and advice
- How to resolve disagreements
- How you can access support



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**Hampshire Parent Carer Network (HPCN)** offers parent carers of children and young people aged 0-25 with an additional need (diagnosed or not) or disability the opportunity to tell the Local Authority, Health and other services, what life is really like.

We use our lived-in experience to shape, challenge and ultimately improve services for our children and young people living in Hampshire. Professionals have a duty to listen to parent carers and with HPCN your voice will be heard loud and clear.



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## Christmas Card Competition

If your child is looking for something to do over the half term holiday, they might like to enter a Christmas card competition:

### Leo Docherty MP's Primary Schools Christmas Card Competition 2020

I'm very pleased to announce I will once again be running my annual Primary Schools Christmas Card Competition for local schools across Aldershot, Farnborough, Blackwater and Hawley.

All local infant and junior schools have been invited to take part, and last year I received well over 300 designs during the course of the competition. I hope to receive many excellent designs again this year!

This year's theme is: **"The Magic of Christmas"**

This year's competition is kindly sponsored by *Farnborough Airport*, and the winning entry will feature as the design of my card alongside the name, class and school of the winning pupil. The card will be sent to over 1,000 individuals and organisations across the constituency, many of whom I work closely with as the local MP, including community groups and businesses.

All pupils that take part will receive a hand-signed certificate of participation, and letters of commendation will be sent to the shortlisted entries of each school. A winner will be selected from the shortlist, and I would be pleased to visit the school of the winning pupil, before the holidays, to present them with their prize.

Leo Docherty MP

If your child would like to take part, they should complete a picture on a piece of plain A5 or A4 paper and return it to school after the half term holiday. We will then send the entries in time for the closing date of Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November.

## PSHE Consultation

Thank you to everyone who has been involved with the PSHE consultation over this half term. This process has now been completed and our new RSE Policy has been ratified by the Governing Body.

Thank you especially to the parents who joined us for our virtual meeting. Mrs Wittels (our PSHE Leader) and myself were joined by 23 parents. As promised, these are the questions and answers which were discussed during the meeting:

Q. Can we show the children the videos at home as well as school?

A. No. We subscribe to 1Decision and are not able to share the access passwords with parents.

Q. Will there be notification of when the lessons will take place?

A. Yes. When RSE parts of the curriculum are taught, parents will be notified and invited to view the resources which will be shared with the children.

Q. Can you give us an idea of what might not be covered in school?

A. Content that relates to secondary school aged children will not be covered. If children ask questions about this content, it will be suggested that they chat to a parent.

Q. Will the videos which were missed last year be shared this year?

A. For children in Year 6 who did not take part in lessons about puberty last year, due to the school closure, they will cover this work as well as the Year 6 content later on in the year.