

HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE
Friday 14 October 2022



Dear Parents,

I would like to thank you all for the support shown at this year's harvest festivals. It was fabulous to be able to have all the children in the services at the same time and to once again invite parents and carers to join us for these. We were overwhelmed with your generous food offerings which were distributed to the Lockwood Day Care Centre, other care homes and Acts of Kindness. We were also extremely grateful for your kind donations at the end of the services. We raised £330.78, for the Trussell Trust and I know this contribution has been greatly appreciated by the organisation.

Parents' evenings took place last week and the teaching staff were very pleased to talk with you all face to face in school. If you were not able to take part in these sessions and would still like the opportunity to have a conversation regarding your child, please contact the school office.

Wellbeing Questionnaire: Please can we ask parents to use this link to complete a wellbeing questionnaire. The closing date is the 21 October 2022. <https://forms.office.com/r/zN4d3MzqDC>

New Menu & Meal Price Increase – We have been advised by HC3S that the cost of a school meal will increase to **£2.80** commencing **Monday 31 October**. After half term there will also be a new HC3S three weekly rotating menu and weekly Jacket potato menu. **The Street choices will no longer be available**. New menus can be downloaded from the school website, please can you go through the new choices with your child in advance of it coming into force.

Poppy Appeal - Poppies and other Remembrance items will be on sale in school from Monday **31 October**. Items will cost between 20p and £1.50, please ensure your child has the **correct money** as no change can be given.

Reception September 2023 Tours - We are conducting individual tours of the school for any parents whose children start in September 2023. In addition to this we will be holding Open Afternoons on **Wednesday 19 October & Thursday 3 November** at 1:45pm. If you know anyone with a child due to start next September please ask them to contact the school office for further details.

School Photos – “Yellow” School Photographers will be in school on **Thursday 10 November** to take Individual pupil photos.

Remembrance Sunday – Sunday 13 November - We will be joining with St Mary's Church and the Warsash community in remembering those who fought and lost their lives in times of conflict. As in pre-Covid times, children and their families will be invited into school on the morning of **Sunday 13 November** for a short service of Remembrance and creative activities. This will begin at approximately **10.45am**, following the wreath laying at the war memorial in the village. We look forward to welcoming many of you into school for this important annual event.

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal – We are pleased to say that we will be collecting shoeboxes again for the Operation Christmas Child initiative. As usual please refer to the leaflet which your child will be bringing home next week to ensure you are selecting suitable items to fill your box. Please also remember to include your donation of £5, payable online or via the envelope attached to the leaflet. All filled shoeboxes need to be in school ready for collection by **Monday 21 November**.

Christmas Services - We are pleased to be inviting parents to join us for our Christmas Services later this term. The Services will take place in St Marys Church on:

Infants Monday 12 December	9.30am – P, 1H, 2L	10.45am T, 1EH, 2H
Juniors Wednesday 14 December	9.30am – 3S, 4H, Y5, Y6,	10.45am 3H, 4S, Y5, Y6

Parent Helpers - Thank you to all the year 1 to year 6 parents/carers who applied for DBS's at the end of the last academic year. I am pleased to say that we will be starting to invite parents back into the classrooms, to support the children and staff, after the half term holiday. Prior to doing this I would like to invite you to a short session regarding safeguarding and confidentiality which will take place on Friday 4 November at 9:15am in the Teacher's Workroom. Please come into school via the school office. Booking for this is required so if you are planning to attend please can you let the office know.

Year R parents who would like to help in school also need to complete a DBS application. Please bring 3 documents confirming your identity and address (passport/driving licence/council tax bill/bank statement) into the school office and complete an application form.

Responsible Internet Use Agreement - Please look out for a paper form in your child's bag next week regarding the rules for responsible internet use by children in the school. This is a requirement under the latest safeguarding legislation and we will need all children and parents to sign and return the form to school.

PTFA - Thank you to everyone who attended the AGM last night. Here are some dates for your diary:-

Film night – Juniors - 20 October straight after school

Film night – Infants **Date change TBC**

Cake Bake "Fireworks" theme cakes - Friday 4 November

Christmas Fair - 3 December 11.00 – 14.00

Day Closures - There will be INSET days next **Monday 17 October, Friday 18 November** and **Friday 3 February**. Further dates are still to be agreed and we will inform you of these as soon as possible.

Data Collection Forms – These have now been issued to all children in all year groups. Please can you ensure that you **check the details thoroughly (especially email addresses and contact numbers)**, make amendments where necessary, sign and date it and return it to the school office **as soon as possible**. As we are required to do this for every child we will be chasing until all forms have been returned.

Secondary School Applications - Reminder that Year 7 applications for a secondary school place are currently being accepted via the Hampshire Admissions online portal and the deadline for applications is midnight on **Monday 31st October 2021**. (<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions>)

Vacancy School Cook – If you are interested in a position in the school kitchen working for HC3S, vacancies are advertised on their website - <https://careers.newjob.org.uk/HCC/go/Hampshire-County-Council-Catering-Assistants-Jobs/1428001/?q=&q2=&alertId=&locationsearch=&title=&location=Southampton&date=>

Vacancy Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant - We currently have a vacancy for an immediate start of 1 hour 25 minutes per day, Monday – Friday for 39 weeks a year; Grade A £9.27 - £9.45 per hour depending on experience (we are happy to consider a Job Share). Application forms are available from the Academy Business Manager, Ann Willmott a.willmott@warsash.hants.sch.uk or call the office on 01489 572393.

ID PE & Sport Half-term sports courses are back at Hook-with-Warsash School again in October half-term. These day courses will be action-packed with sports and recreational play. Games include dodgeball, football, racket sports, strike and field games, capture the flag and loads more. Please find flyers for both courses attached to this email for information. Bookings for all courses are via the online shop at www.idpesport.co.uk

Yours sincerely

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Diary Dates

Mon	17 Oct	INSET DAY – School Closed	
Tue	18 Oct	HMS Music – Drums (pm)	Spanish – Lunchtime Dodgeball Yr1-2 3:15/4:15pm Dodgeball Yr3-4 5:00/6:00pm Dodgeball Yr5-6 6:00/7:00pm
Wed	19 Oct	HMS Music – Brass & Woodwind (am) Open Day New Year R 2023 1:45pm	Y1/2 Football 3:20/4:20pm Judo 3:30pm
Thurs	20 Oct	Rock2theBeat (pm) PTFA Junior Film night	French – Lunchtime Y5/6 Football 3:30/4:30pm
Fri	21 Oct	HMS Music – Piano Y6 Swimming Wellbeing Questionnaire Deadline	Y5/6 Netball 3:30/4:30pm Multisports 3:30/4:30pm (Yr1-4)

24/10 – 28/10		Half Term
Mon	31 Oct	Deadline for Y7 Senior School Applications New Menu and Meal price increase £2.80 start Poppies & Remembrance items on sale
Tue	01 Nov	New Year R 09/2022 Application Portal Opens
Thurs	03 Nov	Open Day New Year R 2023 1:45pm
Fri	04 Nov	PTFA “Fireworks” Cake Bake
Mon	07 Nov	Book Fair
Thurs	10 Nov	Individual School Photos
Sun	13 Nov	Remembrance Service in School approx. 10:45am
Thurs	17 Nov	Children In Need Dress Down Day (£1 donation)
Fri	18 Nov	Inset Day / Children In Need
Mon	21 Nov	Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Deadline
Sat	03 Dec	Christmas Fair
Mon	12 Dec	Infant Christmas Service – 09:30am P, 1H, 2L & 10:45am T, IEH, 2H
Wed	14 Dec	Junior Christmas Service – 09:30am 3S, 4H, Y5, Y6 & 10:45am 3H, 4S, Y5, Y6
Fri	16 Dec	Last day of Autumn Term
19/12 – 02/01		Christmas Holiday
Tue	03 Jan	First day of Spring Term
Fri	13 Jan	Music Instalment due
Sun	15 Jan	Deadline for New Year R 09/2023 Applications
Fri	27 Jan	Cross Country
Fri	03 Feb	Inset Day – School Closed Cross Country