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Dear Parent

We have enjoyed a wonderful first week back at school. It has been lovely to meet our new children in Robin, Woodpecker and Kingfisher and we look forward to getting to know you all so well over the next three years.

Our children in Year 1 and 2 returned to school last week looking smartly dressed and enthusiastic about the exciting adventures ahead. We have so many wonderful plans for the next few weeks and you can find out more by reading the weekly newsletters and from posts on Seesaw and Instagram. At the end of each term, we shall send out a Newsletter celebrating all our news and giving latest updates and information. For now, I shall include some important dates for the year ahead and also communicate some information that I hope you will find useful. As ever, please do not hesitate in contacting us if you have any questions or concerns. We are delighted to help in any way we can in order to ensure that your child is safe and happy at their time with us.

Warm wishes,
Mrs Cooper

School Timings

Our school day starts at 8.45am. Both the gates will be open for you to access. These gates will be locked at 8.50am and any children arriving after this time will need to go through the Main Office and would be marked as late. Thank you for helping your children to start good life habits by arriving in school on time.

Community Friday

Each Friday morning, we would like to invite you to go inside your child's classroom and enjoy spending time looking at their learning and talking with them about their work. This will be a wonderful opportunity for them to share their books, pictures, paintings and other achievements with you. There will be a chance to help your child with learning or a lovely time for you to see the sorts of things we do each day. We will extend this morning time and the gates on a Friday will not close until 9.00am. We hope you all enjoy a little look at what your children do each day!

Nut Free school

As you may remember, we have several members of our school community, children and adults, who have a known allergy to nuts. This can be serious and if they come into contact with nuts within any food, they may become seriously ill. Please be extra careful when you send food in for lunches or snacks. They must be completely **free from nuts or nut products**. We will send out some guidance about the food that you are able to provide and we are grateful to you all for your consideration.

Clubs

Later this week, you will receive information about our Autumn Term Clubs. These are initially for our children in Year 1 and 2 with Early Years invited for the Spring Term. We are committed to offering as many children as would like, a place at an extra-curricular club over the course of the year. Clubs are £1.00 per week and last for 5 weeks. They range from dancing, singing, cooking, sports, writing, craft and board games to name but a few. In addition, we also have lunchtime clubs such as reading, colouring and sports clubs as well as our popular Friday Disco!



Important dates

Inset Days

- Monday 4th Sept
- Monday 30th Oct (day after half term)
- Friday 17th Nov
- Tuesday 2nd Jan (day after Christmas Holidays)
- Monday 15th April (day after Easter Holidays)
- Wednesday 12th June
- Monday 8th July

Wednesday 20th September – Year 2 visit to Portsmouth Historic Dockyard

Wednesday 4th October – Year 2 visit to Arundel Castle

Monday 9th October 2.45 – Phonics Workshop for parents of Early Years children

Tuesday 10th October – World Mental Health day

Thursday 12th Oct – Harvest Festival – Portsmouth Food Pantry attending

Thursday 12th Oct – 2.45 - Phonics workshop for parents of children in Year 1

Wednesday 18th Oct – There will be no Teatime Club due to staff training

Friday 20th Oct – 'Proud to be Pompey' – Blue non uniform day

Half term Monday 23rd – Friday 27th

Monday 30th Oct – school closed INSET

Wednesday 1st November – Fire Service visit Year 2

Parents Evening:

Wednesday 8th November 4.00 -7.00

Thursday 9th November 4.00 - 7.00



Monday 13th Nov – School photographer

Wednesday 15th Nov – Flu immunisation

Thursday 16th – Stamshaw celebrates Children in Need Day

Thursday 16th – Dental Academy fluoride varnish for Early Years children

Friday 17th – school closed – INSET

Tuesday 5th December 2.00 Kingfisher Nativity

Wednesday 6th – 915 Robin Nativity

Wednesday 6th – Open Box Christmas show

Thursday 7th 9.15 – Woodpecker Nativity

Thursday 7th Christmas Jumper day (donations from 1st November)

Tuesday 12th December – Year 2 Nativity at St Saviour's Church 10.00am

Wednesday 13th December – Year 1 Nativity - 9.15am and 2.00pm at Stamshaw Infant School

Thursday 14th December – Christmas dinner and party day

Friday 15th – 1.00 gates open – Break for Christmas

Tuesday 2 Jan – school closed – INSET

Open Day Times and Dates - for families who have children starting school in September 2024

Wed 11th October 10.00am

Monday 16th Oct 10.00am

Wednesday 1st Nov 1.30pm

Saturday 4th November 10.00 - 11.00

Wednesday 15th Nov 6.00 - 7.00

Wednesday 10th January 10.00am.