



Christmas Jumper Day - change of date

Please note that the Christmas Jumper Day, in aid of Save the Children, will be held on **Tuesday 19 December** which is the last day of term and not Friday 15 December as advertised in the calendar.

Thursday 14 December will be a 'free' non-uniform day as children are able to come to school on party clothes on this day.



Well done to Hedgehogs class with an impressive attendance for the last two weeks.

School Attendance Matters

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Class assemblies

We look forward to seeing you at the following class assemblies this half term.

Hedgehogs class (Y2)

Thursday 23 November
9.00am - 9.30am



Dates for your diary

Thursday 23 November 9.00am - 9.30am	Hedgehogs class assembly (Y2 - Mrs Clark)
Friday 24 November 2.00pm - 3.25pm	Stay 'n' Play session (Reception)
Tuesday 5 December 6.00pm - 7.00pm (approx.)	Reception Nativity at Hampton CSK Church (Reception)
Wednesday 6 December 6.00pm - 7.00pm (approx.)	KS1 Production at Hampton College Secondary (Y1 and Y2)
Thursday 7 December 6.00pm - 7.00pm (approx.)	KS1 Production at Hampton College Secondary
Thursday 14 December Lunchtime	Christmas Lunches (Reception, Y1 - Y5)
Thursday 14 December Afternoon	Christmas Parties (Reception, Y1 - Y5)
Friday 15 December 9.00am - 10.00am	Coffee Morning

Vivacity Car Park

Please could we ask parents driving to school to support us in keeping our children and their families safe by ensuring they drive to and from school carefully, including in the car park next door. This includes not blocking the car park entrance, driving into the car park too fast and being aware of children and adults on foot in the car park at all times.

Please could we also ask that pedestrians also take care, particularly when crossing the exit and entrance to the car park. This includes reminding children to **stop** at the entrance/exit, **look** both ways for any oncoming traffic, **listen** for the sound of approaching cars and then cross safely whilst remaining alert. Thank you for your support with this.

Keeping children's belongings safe in school

We have an increasing number of children bringing valuable items into school, e.g. mobile phones. Please could we ask that children hand these into their class teacher at the start of the day in order for them to be kept safe. Children can then collect their belongings at the end of each day. Unfortunately we cannot continue to accept personal belongings at the office, however each teacher has a basket to store children's belongings safely in their cupboard. Please note, however, that we cannot be held responsible for any lost / mislaid items that have been brought into school and that expensive items should be left at home.

Absence calls

If your child is unwell and cannot come into school, please phone the school office before 8.00am and leave a message on our voicemail clearly stating the child's name, class and a reason for their absence.



Numbers to the office

If you change your contact details e.g. mobile phone number, please ensure that you pass this information on to Mrs Burdett or Mrs Carr in the school office who can update our records. Changes of details should not be handed to class teachers. Many Thanks.

Volunteer helpers

Mrs Harris and Mrs Lewis, our HR Officers, have updated the procedures for volunteer helpers in school and we are now looking for enthusiastic parents to come into school and support our children with classroom based activities; additional reading, writing or maths activities; administrative tasks in the classroom and trips or visits. If you would like to help out in the primary phase, please pick up a Volunteer Helper pack from the primary phase office.

We look forward to receiving your support!

Road Safety

If your child is in key stage 2 and has begun walking to or from school without an adult, please remind them of road safety rules when walking or cycling to school.

Children should be encouraged to:

- use the pavement or designated cycle paths when coming to and from school
- use road crossing points e.g. pelican crossings, zebra crossings, where possible to cross in the safest place
- stop at the kerb and ensure they look and listen for oncoming traffic before crossing the road
- **always** wear a helmet when cycling to and from school
- concentrate at all times when walking or cycling and not be distracted
- be alert and aware of their surroundings
- wear reflective clothing in the winter months to be seen by drivers on the road.

Primary Phase Home Learning

Thank you very much to the parents who have spoken to our teachers giving feedback about the recent changes we have made to our home learning in years 1 - 5. We would like to clarify the expectations of our home learning to avoid any further confusion. Apologies for causing any confusion in the first place!

The table that each child has brought home has a range of tasks on it, each of which will develop a different aspect of their learning. Each of these tasks can be completed in the child's learning log, should they wish to keep it, or presented in an alternative way e.g. as a poster, a menu, a powerpoint presentation etc.

Over the course of this half term, we would like the children to complete as many activities as they would like to, with the aim being to acquire 20 points or more in total for this half term's home learning. They do not have to complete all of the tasks, and may choose to do their home learning in a block or as weekly tasks over the coming weeks.

By 15 December, all of this half term's home learning tasks should be handed in or shared with their class teacher; there is also a space on the table for parents to write a comment about how the children have felt about their home learning, what they have learnt or accomplished, what has inspired or motivated them, what has extended or challenged them or what they have found less interesting.

We have already had some really positive feedback from children and parents about the independence that this new approach to homework is fostering and that the children are more engaged and enthused about their home learning.

Should you have any further questions/comments, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.