



# Autumn One Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of our first half term, I want to take a moment to reflect on what a truly wonderful start to the school year it has been. It has been an absolute joy to see our children settle so beautifully into their new classes and routines. Their enthusiasm, kindness, and resilience have shone through in everything they've done.

We are incredibly proud of the progress the children have made, not just academically, but personally and socially too. From making new friendships and showing care for one another, to embracing new learning challenges with curiosity and determination, they have truly embodied the values we hold dear at our school. Every child is at the heart of what we do,

and it's been inspiring to watch them grow in confidence and independence over these past few weeks.

A heartfelt thank you to all the Key Stage 1 parents who attended our recent Phonics Workshop. It was wonderful to see so many of you there, engaging with your children's learning and supporting them on their reading journey. Your involvement makes such a difference.

We are also incredibly grateful for the generous donations you have made for our Harvest Festival today. Your kindness and community spirit are deeply appreciated. All the food produce collected will be donated to Youth and Families Matter – Basic Banks Totton, where it will go on to support local families in need.

Thank you once again for your continued support. I hope you all enjoy a restful and happy half term break with your families. We look forward to welcoming the children back, refreshed and ready for another exciting half term ahead.

Warmest wishes,

**Hannah Simpson-Riggs**

Headteacher



### **PE Kits**

Can we please remind you that on PE days, your child needs to wear plain black or navy blue shorts or jogging bottoms/leggings, a jade t-shirt and their school jumper or cardigan. We have noticed an increasing number of children coming into school wearing track suits and hoodies, which is not part of our uniform.



# Arbor

## **Children's and Guardians details**

It is imperative that the information we hold for your child on Arbor is correct and up to date. This includes any medical and contact information. If any of your contact details, or your child's details have change, please either update them on Arbor, or let the school office know.



## **Snacks, Nuts and Healthy Eating**

Please can we remind you that we are a nut free school. Please do not put any nut products in your child's lunch, including hazelnut chocolate spread etc. Please also ensure your child has a refillable water bottle daily.

The Government provide a piece of fruit or vegetable for all children at snack time. However, if you would like to send a healthy snack for your child to have at snack time, please ensure it is a piece of fruit or vegetable.



### Coats & Wellies

Further to our previous email regarding Opal Play, please can all children bring in a pair of welly boots to keep in school, named and in a named carrier bag. Also, can the children bring a coat into school daily, which you are happy for them to get dirty/wet.



### Family First Magazine

If you would like to read the latest addition of Family First magazine, please click on the below link;



### **Autism and Self-Care**

On Wednesday 5th November the Educational Director at Ideas Afresh will be sharing practical strategies and advice to help support children with autism who struggle with toileting and hygiene. Please use the below link to register for the event.

[Toileting and Hygiene Event](#)



### **The Sleep Charity**

The Sleep Charity provide advice and support on how to sleep better. Please see their website for more information.



### **Lost Property**

We no longer have a lost property box in reception. Please can we ask that you ensure all your child's belongings are labelled – including any lunch Tupper wear, water bottle, uniform and PE kit etc.



### **INSET Day's**

We have three remaining INSET Days for this academic year. They are Friday 28th November 2025, Monday 23rd February 2026 and Monday 1st June 2026. The school is closed to all pupils on these days



### **Smile Dentist**

Smile Dentist in Totton is currently accepting new NHS child patients.

For further information or to register, please contact the practice directly on 02380871166. Their team will be happy to answer any questions and help guide you through the simple registration process.



### **Safeguarding**

We recognise that the welfare of the child is paramount: the needs and wishes of each child will be put first. We take seriously our duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of the children and young people in our care. The Designated Safeguarding Leader is Mrs Simpson-Riggs, and there are two Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leaders, Mrs White and Mrs Davey. If you have any serious concerns about a child, particularly if you think they may be suffering or at risk of suffering harm, please share this information promptly with the Designated Safeguarding Lead Team. If you are unable to contact a member of the school team and you wish to pass on serious concern, please call 0300 5551386.

Please visit the Hampshire Safeguarding Children Partnership for further information and resources;

[Parents & Carers - Hampshire SCP](#)



Key Dates:

- Friday 24th October - Last day of term. School finishes at 2:55pm
- Monday 3rd November - First day of term, all children return to school
- Thursday 6th November - Rags2Riches collection – Please leave any filled bags at the front of the school by 9am
- Tuesday 11th November - Year R Phonics Workshop at 2.10pm
- Friday 14th November - Children in Need, children are invited to come into school wearing spots
- Friday 28th November - INSET Day – school closed to all pupils
- Thursday 4th December - Christmas Disco – More information to follow
- Friday 12th December - Year R Christmas Performance at 9.30am
- Tuesday 16th December - KS1 Christmas Performance Year 1 parent/carers - 9.30am and Year 2 parents/carers-1.30pm
- Thursday 18th December - Christmas Dinner Day
- Friday 19th December - Last day of term – School ends at 2.55pm