

Autumn 2021 Newsletter



Welcome to the first newsletter of the year!

It has been some time since we have sent newsletters out with information about events in school—how lovely that we can begin making tentative plans for these now! However, I hope that you understand that some events may have to be slightly different or even cancelled at short notice should the Covid situation change.

We have been so pleased with the way that the children have returned to school from the summer holiday—and particularly thrilled at the way our new Year R children have settled in already! We are very aware that the children in school at the moment have all been affected by the Pandemic with less time in school or pre school than previous children. However, they seem to have developed real resilience and even more enthusiasm for school which is a great bonus!

We look forward to getting to know our new families over the coming months, and we hope that we can continue to weather this storm together.

*Best wishes,
Jacky Halton*

Wraparound Care!

We are pleased that our breakfast and afterschool clubs are being so well used by our community. Please note, we are approaching capacity on some days so to secure your child's place, please book in plenty of time to avoid disappointment.

Our school money system allows you to book and pay for sessions in half termly intervals. If you are paying by childcare vouchers then book your child's place via the school office.

We will advise when the next booking window is open.



Polite reminder: the school car park is only available for parent use **before 08:00** or **after 16:30** (unless a prior agreement has been provided by the school).

Thank you.

Did you know? Our website has lots of useful information such as;

- **details on H3CS our school caters, including the current menus.**
- **a calendar of dates including inset days and term dates.**
- **the Request for Absence and Consent to Administer Medicine forms.**

Is your child joining Year R or Year 3 in September 2022?

Hampshire County Council school admissions, for both Year R and Year 3 applications, open on Monday 1st November 2021. For children due to start in Year R, we are holding a parent opening evening on Monday 4th October, at either 18:00 or 19:00. These sessions include a talk from Jacky Halton and a show round, allowing parents a chance to learn more about our school environment. Spaces should be booked via the school office. Please feel free to share this information with other parents!

Our parent and teacher association, **Crofton Hammond Infants, Parents, Staff (CHIPS)** are holding a meet and greet coffee morning on Thursday 23rd September.

In order for CHIPS to run several successful events throughout the school year, they need volunteers from our school community.

Please come along to find out more information.



Walktober 2021

We are pleased to be participating in this event again which highlights walking to well being! We would encourage our whole school community to walk, scoot or ride all, or part, of their school journey. We will also be looking at finding opportunities to enjoy spending time outside.

Walk to School week will take place between Monday 4th and Friday 8th October and focusses on getting active and staying safe.



Can we also remind you that we are a nut-free school, as we have several children with severe nut allergies. We thank you for your co-operation on this matter.

Autumn Term Dates 2021

September

23rd: CHIPS meet and greet coffee morning, 09:00, School Hall

23rd: Year R class photographs by The News

27th: Crofton Extra Clubs commence after school this week, on relevant days

October

4th: Year R starter for September 2022—Parents Open Evening, 18:00 or 19:00, School Hall

4th—8th: Walktober

11th: Bounce Parent Workshop, 09:15-10:45, School Hall

11th: Harvest Assembly led by Holy Rood Church (parents will not be able to attend but donations received will be passed onto Fareham Food Bank)

18th-21st: Parent consultation evenings, more details to follow (no Crofton Extra clubs this week)

18th: Drama 4 All visiting school and delivering outer space workshops

22nd: Inset Day, school closed for training

25th—29th: Half Term

November

1st : First day back after half term

1st: Year R and Year 3 for September 2022 applications open online via Hampshire County Council admissions

8th: Individual school photos

17th: Flu Vaccinations, carried out by the South East Hants Immunisation Team, for all year groups (more details communicated nearer the time)

December

We are planning a Christmas Production, Children's Gift Fair, Christmas lunch and party, please look out for these dates in our next newsletter.

17th: Last day of Autumn term—see you on January 4th!!

Please note these dates are subject to change but we will try and keep to these. If unsure please contact us.