



Dear Parents,

13 October 2023

Autumn Newsletter No. 6

Mrs Waters

We are very sad to tell you of the passing of Mrs Susan Waters.

Mrs Waters was the Head Teacher at the Infant School for 19 years, leaving in 2015, we know that most of our families with older children would remember her and some of our parents may have been at the Infants themselves during her Headship. She was also the acting Head Teacher at the Juniors for a period of time before I was appointed Head Teacher in 2009.

Her absolute dedication and commitment to both schools was unquestionable. The children were at the heart of everything she did and she inspired her staff to be the very best they could be. She will be much missed and we send our love and best wishes to her family.

The funeral service will be held at West Berkshire Crematorium on Saturday 21st October at 11 am. More information on sending flowers or making a charitable donation to Cancer Research UK can be found at <https://susan-waters-1954-2023.muchloved.com> Any queries, please contact Howe and Sons Funeral Directors Telephone: 01635 298303

Harvest Festival

We will be taking the children to St Marks church on 16 October for the Harvest Festival. Please do not forget to bring in your longlife, tinned and dried goods on Monday. Please also confirm with the office if you wish your child to remain behind due to religious reasons. Thank you.

Rugby

The tournaments have begun! This year the team will play North Waltham, Hatch Warren, St Johns and Cliddesden. They played Hatch Warren yesterday afternoon, winning one, losing one and drawing two games. Great fun and they played very well, our next match will be in February.

Scopay and Online Payments

We are getting reports from parents that they are having issues using the Scopay apps on their phones. We have spoken with Tucasi who recommend that if you wish to use this, only do it via the website on a laptop or PC, not a smartphone.

Walk to School Badges

We have been rewarding the children for walking to school via the WOW (Walk Once a Week) scheme for many years with plastic badges. We have decided that due to the sheer volume of badges that we provide it is not very environmentally friendly and we are going to replace the badges with a DoJo point or something similar. We will continue to encourage, record, reward and celebrate the children walking to school as we feel strongly that walking to school is important.

Outside Achievements Awards

The outside achievements of our children is growing rapidly, so much so, that we no longer have time to award the children during Friday's Celebration Assembly. In order not to miss out this important section of our assembly, this will now be moved to a Wednesday.

Film Club - 19 October NETBALL CLUB IS CANCELLED, Rugby Club/Football matches are still on

Year 4 to Selbourne 18 and 19 October

Year 5 Swimming - the last swim will be Wednesday 18 October

Year 7 Applications Don't forget to apply for your child's Year 7 place by 31 October 23

Year 2 Information for Children starting Year 3 in September 2024

If you have a child currently in Year 2, we are having an information evening for parents on 14 November at 6.00pm, along with some dates which you can visit and see the school in action. 30, 31 October and 1 November at 9.15am.

Inset Day Friday 20 October - SCHOOL IS CLOSED.

School reopens for the second half of Autumn Term on 30 October.

HALF TERM School Holiday Club INFANT CHILDREN ARE WELCOME

We are taking bookings now, 23 - 26 October

9.00 - 4.00pm £30 per child, £27 for siblings.

If you are interested in booking a place for your child, please contact the school office on 01256 326713 or email adminoffice@kempshott-jun.hants.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely

Fiona Craig

Head Teacher

Inset Days for 2023/2024

1 September 2023

20 October 2023

15 December 2023

28 March 2024

3 June 2024

Term Dates and Inset Days 2023/2024 - PLEASE NOTE NEW DATES OR CHANGES IN YELLOW

Autumn Term 1 Monday 4 September to Thursday 19 October 2023

Half Term 23 - 27 October 2023

Autumn Term 2 Monday 30 October to Thursday 14 December 2023

Spring Term 1 Tuesday 2 January to Friday 9 February 2024

Half Term 12 - 16 February 2024

Spring Term 2 Monday 19 February to Wednesday 27 March 2024

Summer Term 1 Monday 15 April to Friday 24 May 2024

Half Term 27 May to 31 May 2024

Summer Term 2 Tuesday 4 June to Tuesday 23 July 2024

October

16 October Harvest Festival at St Marks's Church

18 October Last Swimming Session Year 5

18 October Year 4 at Selbourne, **Girls Football Match,**

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23-26 Oct HOLIDAY CLUB

30 October Children return from half term., **Year 2 parents school visits 9.15am**

31 October Deadline for applying for Year 7 places, **Year 2 parents school visits 9.15am**

November

1 November **Year 2 parents school visits 9.15am**

6-10 Nov Year 6 to Calshot

14 November Year 2 parents evening for children starting Year 3 in September 2024

17 November Toy Sale - NON UNIFORM day in exchange for a toy for Children in Need

20 November Year 4 at QMC

21 November Year 4 at QMC