



NEWSLETTER

September 2018



Dates for your diary

Assemblies

Friday 5 th October	Robins Class Assembly
Friday 12 th October	Owls Class Assembly
Friday 19 th October	S.T.E.P Assembly
Friday 2 nd November	Wrens Class Assembly
Friday 9 th November	Kestrels Class Assembly
Friday 16 th November	Puffins Class Assembly

INSET Days

Monday 29 th October 2018
Friday 21 st December 2018
Friday 5 th April 2019
Friday 28 th June 2019

Other Dates

Wednesday 3 rd October	Blue Bag Collection
Monday 8 th -	Y5 trip to New Barn
Friday 12 th October	
Thursday 11 th October	Y6 Think Safe
Monday 15 th - 18 th October	Book Fair
Monday 15 th October	Parents' Evening
Tuesday 16 th October	Parents' evening
Wednesday 17 th October	Parents' evening
Friday 19 th October	YR and Y6 NCMP (National Measurement Programme)

Monday 22nd to Friday 26th October Half Term

Thank You

Mrs Barnes would like to say a big thank you to everyone who contributed to her present on completing 20 years at The Butts Primary School

Welcome to a new school year and especially to all the Reception children who have joined us in Puffins and Wrens. We hope you all had a relaxing summer holiday and are ready for the exciting challenges that lie ahead.

Welcome to our new staff

Welcome to Miss Katie Perkins who is teaching in Wrens class, Miss Georgia Bell who is in Owls class. We would also like to welcome Mrs Maxine Marks and Mrs Beverley Tooke who will be our PPA cover teachers and Mrs Jennifer Machin who is joining us as Teaching Assistant in Kestrels.

Official Opening of the New Building



On Tuesday 25th September, the school held the official ceremony to celebrate the opening of the new building. This was a happy occasion, during which a number of children entertained us musically and the whole school sang beautifully. County Councillor Stephen Reid, officiated, cutting the ribbon accompanied by the school council, after which he was shown around by the two Y6 ambassadors.

Leave of Absence from School

As we have a new intake of reception children, we would like to remind all parents of the following guidelines.

The school cannot authorise term-time absence except in exceptional circumstances. Hampshire County Council have advised us that from 1st September 2015 any child who has more than 5 days unauthorised absence during a 10 week school period may be issued with a penalty notice. Further information and our attendance policy can be found on the school website.



Bicycles and Scooters in School

Please note that children are not permitted to ride their scooters or bikes within the school grounds. If they wish to bring them to school, please ensure that they push them once inside the gates. Bikes must be placed in the racks, which are located by the school kitchen; scooters should be placed in the scooter racks at either entrance to the school.

End of school day pick up arrangements

If you have arranged for your child to be collected from school by another person, please make the class teacher and the school office aware. We cannot allow children to be taken by other parents unless we have had written or verbal instruction from parents.

PE and Earrings - reminder

In line with county guidance, if your child has pierced ears, please make sure that they remove earrings on PE days, or that they have a supply of medical tape in their PE bag so they can use it to cover earrings before each PE lesson.

NB: only sleeper earrings are allowed to be worn in school.

Outside play equipment

Please remember that no children are permitted to use the outside play equipment before or after school for health and safety and insurance reasons.

During school hours children are only permitted to use it under the supervision of school staff.

Communication with parents

We communicate with parents in very many different ways - to find out more, please see the front page of *Parent Zone* on our website: www.butts.hants.sch.uk



Gardening Club

Our raised beds have been looking neglected for a long time and we are hoping to find a volunteer(s) to run a gardening club. This could start either this term, or next term, depending on availability and the club could take place either at lunchtime or after school. One person has already expressed an interest, but if you would like to help please email or call the school office.

Butts Church@4

The Butts Church are now holding an `all-age` service once a month at 4pm (on the 2nd Sunday of every month). There will be songs, bible stories, crafts and activities. Everyone is welcome to come along and join in.

The next Church@4 will be on Sunday 14th October and will be a Harvest Celebration. The Butts Church meets in the Butts School hall.



Interested in a Career in Teaching?

Did you know you can train to teach in Alton?

From the 9th October, you can apply for a place on our teacher training course to start in September 2019 .

Our course offers the chance to work with 15 local Infant, Junior and Primary schools; learning to teach on the job; 12 core training days and accreditation from the University of Winchester; specialist training days run by highly experience cluster Head Teachers and a minimum of 2 placements in two different phases and schools.

If you have GCSE Maths, English and Science Grade C or above and an Honours Degree at level 2:2 or above, we'd love to hear from you!

To find out more, please call Chloe on 01420 87675, option 2
Or email

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