



Scantabout Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have all really enjoyed welcoming our new children to Year R. They have settled in well and already become part of our school community. We have also really enjoyed seeing the children from last year's Year 6 class come back to see us. It always makes me feel privileged to see the journey children go through from the time they start school to the time they leave.

Grant for Music Trolleys

Thank you to Jess Lacey, on the SSA, for her successful bid to secure a grant to enable us to purchase music trolleys. This will make it much easier for teachers to access the musical instruments. We are hoping to use our community room more during the day for music lessons giving the children better access to a wider range of instruments.

Redecoration

Our caretaker, Mr Wyrebek, has been busy over weekends and the holidays decorating more of the classrooms. I am now pleased to say that all the classrooms and the hall have been redecorated. They look much fresher for the children and staff.

I would like to thank B&Q for supplying most of the paint and painting equipment.

No Clubs Tuesday 9th October

We have been offered free teacher training by the Chance to Shine cricket initiative for coaching cricket on Tuesday the 9th of October. Unfortunately this means that there will be no after school football or table tennis clubs that evening.

Year 5 and 6 Residential Trips Parents Information Evening

Mr Lyon will be holding the parents information evening on the Year 5 and 6 outward bounds residential trips on Wednesday 3rd October at 5.30pm for Year 5 and 6.30pm for Year 6.

The Year 6 children will be going to the Isle of Wight after their SATs in May. This year we are moving the Year 5 residential to July and we will be going to the Stubbington Study Centre.



We need to confirm the pupil numbers to each centre and therefore would appreciate your prompt confirmation following the information evening.

School Grounds Days

We hold a number of school grounds days at weekends to help us manage and develop our outside environment. Over the last year, amongst other things, the working party has helped establish the pond area, maintain, and develop the quiet garden. Please check the notice boards at the school entrances for forthcoming dates. If you would like to volunteer but do not know who to speak to within the SSA please feel free to put a little letter with your contact details into the SSA box in the school entrance.

Staffing Update

At the end of this month, Mrs Masters will be leaving the school office. We are in the process of recruiting and once we have completed our safer recruitment process, we will announce the name of our new Administrative Assistant. This will take a little time and will leave a gap of a few weeks with just Miss Blaker in the office. Please bear with us during this time.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Masters for her hard work and diligence. I wish her every happiness and success in the future.

Integr8 Street Dance and French Club

We still have a few spaces in the above clubs run by external providers. If your child would like to join either of these, then please contact either natalie@integ8dance.com for Integr8 dance or sandrineleoni@btinternet.com for the French club.

Show and Share Years 1 to 6

Last year we introduced termly opportunities for parents to come into school to share their children's books with them, and informally talk to their child's class teacher. This is in addition to our usual Parents' Evening.

Our first one is coming up on Wednesday 3rd October. There is a 20 minute slot at 3.25 to 3.45pm and then another 30 minute session from 5.00 to 5.30pm to support working parents. Parents do not need to book these sessions, please just come to your child's class via the classroom door.

Helping Keep Your Children Safe Online

As part of both our computing and PHSCE Curriculum the children have regular lessons on staying safe online. This is a real challenge for children, parents and schools in these times of fast developing online world.

To help you to support your child, there are various websites.

The NSPCC have linked with O2 on the website:

www.o2.co.uk/NSPCC On this website there is access to an online expert who you can contact directly. You don't need to be an O2 customer and they will provide advice free of charge.



Thinkuknow also have some excellent online resources directed at children of all ages to support their understanding of online safety.

Dinner Money

We would also like to take the opportunity to remind Key Stage 2 parents of the need to pay for dinners in advance or on the day. Meals are charged at the rate of £2.30 per day. Online payments can be made via the SCO pay website. If you have not yet signed up please pop into the school office where they will be able to help you.

Pupil Premium / Free School Meals

A child is eligible for free school meals if their parent or carer receives one or more of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- income-based Job Seekers' Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit, and have an annual gross income, of no more than £16,190 as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (Parents who are made redundant or start working less than 16 hours per week, may find their children are entitled to free meals for a limited period.)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
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No other benefits qualify for free school meals from Key Stage 2 (years 4, 5, 6) or for the pupil premium for Key Stage 1 (years 1, 2, 3)

If you think you qualify and wish to check eligibility please follow the link

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/freeschoolmeals/juniorsecondary> alternatively please pop into the school office where they are always happy to help.

The school does receive funding to support any child that qualifies for Free School Meals and therefore please take the opportunity to check your entitlement even if you are currently enjoying Universal Free School Meals within Key Stage 1.

School funding is also received for families of those within the Armed Forces. Please pop into the school office for more information.

Lost Property

Our lost property bags are already full and we are only a couple of weeks into term. If your child has lost any items, please come in either before school or at the end of the day to check the lost property – these can be found outside year 5 and year 2.

With kindest regards,

Tina Thomas

Key Dates

Date	Event
21 st September	INSET Day
24 th September	Y3 Trip
1 st October	Y2 Trip
3 rd October	Show & Share 3.25pm – 3.45pm and 5pm – 5.30pm
3 rd October	5.30pm Year 5 Residential Parents Information Evening
3 rd October	6.30pm Year 6 Residential Parents Information Evening
5 th October	New Parents Coffee Morning 9am – 10am
7 th October	Grounds Working Group 1.30pm – 4pm
9 th October	No football or table tennis club
17 th & 18 th October	Parents Evenings – details to follow
19 th October	Harvest Festival – 2.30pm – details to follow
22 nd – 26 th October	Half Term
12 th November	INSET Day
14 th January	INSET Day
15 th February	INSET Day
2 nd May	INSET Day