



## NEWSLETTER : ISSUE 1

13<sup>th</sup> September 2019

### Welcome:

Dear Parents,

Welcome back, I hope you all managed to get some quality family time and are ready for the exciting year ahead. Changes in staff and to the grounds in the shape of a sensory garden path and cleared field have progressed over the summer and everyone is excited about exploring our environment and learning together.

Year R have settled very quickly to being in school and Year 6 are having a wonderful time challenging themselves on the Isle of Wight. I was lucky enough to join them kayak surfing, coastering and cliff scrambling on Wednesday. To see children trying so hard when faced with challenges warms the heart. It shows resilience, teamwork and a determination. We are so blessed in our children and caring team. We are a unique school and we should all rightly feel proud.

We understand that parents may be taking out their children next Friday 20th September to join the Climate Strike Emergency outside Lymington Town Hall. The strike is happening because students want the government to declare "a state of climate emergency". They want better education about global warming, and are demanding a change to the school curriculum which will include education about climate change. If you do decide to take your child out, you will be marked as unauthorised absent, but we can say why you chose to take your child out of school.

Best wishes

J Littlewood, Head Teacher

### Reasons to Celebrate:

Dear Children & Parents,

My first two weeks at school have been very exciting and I love all the attention I get! I have enjoyed meeting the staff, having a fuss made of me and making everyone smile. I spend the majority of my time in the office with Mrs Gale where I have my bed (meeting new people can be quite exhausting!), lots of toys and chews, and there I can keep an eye on the comings and goings of the school. I am going to puppy training classes at the moment and am learning to be polite; as I am only 3 months old I have a lot of learning to do. In the next few weeks I am hoping to meet each class in turn (I will be on a lead) so that everyone recognises me and has a chance to say hello if they want to. See you soon!

Luna x  
School Dog-in-training

### School Notices:

- Your PTA AGM will be held in the school hall on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September; we look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible to support the current committee and make plans for the coming year.
- Collection times for your child's year group:  
**Year R** 3.05pm - YR door in YR playground  
**Year 1** 3.10pm - Main pupil entrance  
**Year 2** 3.10pm - Top of YR playground  
**Year 3** 3.15pm - Outside Y3  
**Year 4** 3.15pm - Outside Y4  
**Year 5** 3.15pm - Outside Y5  
**Year 6** 3.15pm - Main pupil entrance
- Please note that blue Permanent Collection Arrangement slips for your child need to be renewed every September. Please drop into the office to fill this in.
- Please ensure your child has a water bottle in school every day; these are available in the classrooms at all times. We are trying to recycle more and reduce our use of single-use plastics - including disposable cups that are provided when a child does not have a water bottle.
- As you are aware we now have PE T-shirts available in our four house colours. If you have bought your child a new PE T-shirt ready for the new academic year please consider donating your old red T-shirt to the school's spare uniform cupboard. If you do not currently need to replace your child's PE T-Shirt please do not feel you have to buy one unless you wish to do so.
- There are limited spaces left at some of our before and after school clubs for the autumn term. Please contact the office for more information.
- Our school follows HCC policy when approving any Leave of Absence application. Holidays in term time are not authorised. Ten unauthorised sessions of absence (a morning or afternoon is one session) in any 10 week period results in a penalty notice being issued to each parent, for each child. The school does not receive this money as it is collected by the HCC. If it is felt that a previous penalty notice has not prevented a further application for Leave of Absence for holiday in term-time a referral can be made straight to the Attendance Legal Panel rather than a further Penalty Notice being issued.

### Important Dates:

<b>Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	Open Morning for prospective parents
<b>Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	Open Morning for prospective parents
<b>Thur 19<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	Y6 visit Highcliffe School
<b>Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept</b>	Y6 visit Priestlands School
<b>Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept</b>	Harvest Festival
<b>Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	Highcliffe School Open Evening
<b>Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	Macmillan Coffee Morning
<b>Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	PTA AGM
<b>Tues 1<sup>st</sup> Oct</b>	Priestlands Open Evening
<b>Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	Priestlands Open Morning for parents
<b>Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Oct</b>	Parents Evening
<b>Thur 24<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	Parents Evening
<b>Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	YR Little Flames @ St Saviours
<b>28<sup>th</sup> Oct-1<sup>st</sup> Nov</b>	Half Term
<b>Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	Inset Day
<b>Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	Grandparents/Family Representative Day

### Pause For Thought :

Talent wins games, but teamwork and intelligence wins championship – Michael Jordan