

Dear Parent / Carer

Welcome to The Flying Bull Academy Newsletter.

### Important Dates to Keep for Future Reference

**EASTER HOLIDAY** - 25<sup>th</sup> March 2016 – 10<sup>th</sup> April 2016  
**HALF TERM HOLIDAY** - 28<sup>th</sup> May 2016 - 5<sup>th</sup> June 2016  
**SUMMER HOLIDAY** - 21<sup>st</sup> July 2016 – 5<sup>th</sup> September 2016

11 <sup>th</sup> March 2016	Flying Bull University Gardening Trip to Tesco
14 <sup>th</sup> March 2016	Provision Photography Trip to Foxes Forest
15 <sup>th</sup> March 2016	Under 10 Boys Football League
15 <sup>th</sup> March 2016	Reception Trip to Goodwood Farm (Class FB)
16 <sup>th</sup> March 2016	Reception Trip to Goodwood Farm (FCL)
16 <sup>th</sup> March 2016	Under 11 Girls Football League
17 <sup>th</sup> March 2016	Year 2 Kings Theatre Visit
17 <sup>th</sup> March 2016	Cheerleading Cheer Off Festival
17 <sup>th</sup> March 2016	Governors Day
18 <sup>th</sup> March 2016	Sports Relief (see below)
18 <sup>th</sup> March 2016	Year 5 Music Festival
W/B 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2016	Heroes Week
21 <sup>st</sup> March 2016	Year 4 Trip to Witterings Beach (4T)
22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2016	Year 4 Trip to Witterings Beach (4B)
22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2016	Under 10 Boys Football League
23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2016	U11 Girls Football League
23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2016	Year R & 6 children born in January – April to be measured and weighed by the school nurse
23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2016	Easter Disco - Reception and Key Stage 1 - 4pm – 5pm - Key Stage 2 - 5.30pm to 7pm
24 <sup>th</sup> March 2016	Hampshire Air Ambulance visit
24 <sup>th</sup> March 2016	Year 5 Trip to Winchester Science Centre
25 <sup>th</sup> March 2016	Student Voice Summit
19 <sup>th</sup> April 2016	U9 Football Tournament
25 <sup>th</sup> April 2016	Queen's Birthday Focus Day
26 <sup>th</sup> April 2016	U9 Football League
3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2016	U9 Football League
19 <sup>th</sup> May 2016	Fire Service Visit for Year 2
23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2016	Class & Team Photos

### Sports Relief – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March

We have organised a special event to raise money for Sport Relief this year. Children are being asked to wear their sports kit for the day and pay a £1 donation. If the weather is cold or wet, they can change once they get to school. Football kits are allowed!

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During the morning, the children will take part in a fun Bleep Test. The adults in school will also be doing this and the adults your child works with may well be looking for sponsors!

The children are not collecting sponsor money. Just the adults. I am dreading it!

### **Sainsbury's Active Kids**

The Academy is collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids tokens. These will be put to good use to provide equipment for the Academy. Please bring your tokens to office area and place them in the Sainsbury's collection box.

### **School Uniform**

The school does have a school uniform policy and by sending your child to our school, you are agreeing to this. 95% of our children wear uniform or at least the school colours. However, there are some children that do not. Please can parents/carers ensure their child is in school uniform, including black school shoes.

### **PE Kit**

Please make sure your child brings their PE kit in to school on the days they have PE. These days can change so we do advise that they bring their kit in on a Monday and take it home on a Friday. Please make sure all PE kit has your child's name on it.

For gym and dance indoors, pupils should wear:

- shorts and t-shirts with bare feet

For other activities indoors pupils may wear plimsolls or trainers.

For outdoor PE, pupils should wear:

- shorts/skirts, t-shirts, socks, trainers/plimsolls
- additional layers during cold weather. This could be their school sweatshirt and black plain tracksuit bottoms.

For swimming we encourage our pupils to wear:

- Girls – a sensible one-piece costume
- Boys – trunks or swimming shorts
- Swimming caps should be worn by all children at all times

School PE kit is on sale at the school office.

### **Attendance**

It has been a very busy year so far at The Flying Bull Academy. Attendance for the academic year is currently at 95.4%, this is exactly the same as this point last year. Attendance for the spring half term is now exactly where it was last year with 95.1%. The Flying Bull Academy has an Attendance Cup. The Attendance Cup is awarded to the

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class with the highest attendance each week. The classes with the highest attendance last week were 1S & 5D, with both achieving an incredible 100%. The class in 2<sup>nd</sup> place was FCL with a near perfect 99.2%. Closely behind, in 3<sup>rd</sup> place, was 1R with 98.4%. Well done! We continue to thank parents/carers of all pupils with 100% attendance and also to parents/carers with pupils whose attendance is above our 96% target. Well done!

### **Money Bags**

Please make sure all money is provided in a sealed envelope with the child's name, class and what it is for clearly written on it. Unfortunately, the office staff often receive envelopes without names on it, which they are unable to allocate to the relevant child.

### **Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (PSHE)**

Portsmouth City Council want parent's and carer's views on Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (PSHE). PSHE develops the understanding and skills children need to thrive as individuals, family members and members of society for now and in the future. PSHE covers areas such as alcohol, bullying, sex education and careers.

Portsmouth City Council Public Health Team are working in partnership with schools to explore parent's and carer's views on PSHE topics, and how they want to be supported to be able to talk more confidently with their children about the things the children have covered at school.

The survey will be online until 26 February at [www.research.net/r/PSHEparentsurvey](http://www.research.net/r/PSHEparentsurvey). It is quick and easy and only takes around 10 minutes to complete. The Council would be very grateful if you would complete the survey.

The findings of the survey will be analysed before the city's results are shared with you. For more information please email [sorted@Portsmouthcc.gov.uk](mailto:sorted@Portsmouthcc.gov.uk) or call 023 9284 1560 For more information on PSHE please visit [www.pshe-association.org.uk](http://www.pshe-association.org.uk)

Yours sincerely

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