

Dear Parent / Carer

Welcome to The Flying Bull Academy Newsletter.

Important Dates to Keep for Future Reference

HALF TERM HOLIDAY - 28th May 2016 - 5th June 2016
INSET DAY - 20th July 2016
SUMMER HOLIDAY - 21st July 2016 – 5th September 2016

The Buckland Village Fair – Saturday 25th June 2016

Friends of The Flying Bull Academy Annual General Meeting (AGM) – 7th July 2016

6 th May 2016	Year 4 Ukuleles
9 th May- 13 th May 2016	SATs Week
10 th May 2016	Nursery and Reception Boogie Mites
13 th May 2016	Year 4 Ukuleles
16 th May 2016	FB visit to Blue Reef and the Beach
17 th May 2016	Nursery and Reception Boogie Mites
18 th May 2016	Year 3 & 4 Racket skills
19 th May 2016	Fire Service visiting Year 2
19 th May 2016	FCL visit to Blue Reef and the Beach
20 th May 2016	Year 4 Ukuleles
20 th May 2016	Key Stage 1 Dance Festival
23 rd May 2016	Key Stage 1 Tests Week
23 rd May 2016	Class / Team photographs
23 rd May 2016	1R trip to Goodwood
24 th May 2016	Nursery and Reception Boogie Mites
24 th May 2016	Year 5 trip to Cumberland House
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25 th May 2016	Year 3 trip to Novium Museum, Chichester
26 th May 2016	Year 5 & 6 Cricket Festival
27 th May 2016	Year 4 Ukuleles
27 th May 2016	Reception Parent / Carer Open Afternoon
27 th May 2016	Years 3 & 4 Football Festival
6 th June 2016	FIRST DAY BACK
6 th June 2016	Environmental Awareness Focus Day
6 th June 2016	Cricket League

Emergency Contact Details

We are currently seeing an increasing number of Parent/Carers who are not supplying us with emergency contact details. Should anything happen to your child whilst at school we need to be able to contact you. If you have recently changed your telephone number or are unable to be reached on the number we hold for you, you must come to the office and give us a number that we can reach you on.

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Summer Uniform

Hopefully, we will be getting some warmer weather soon! I just wanted to remind parents / carers about the uniform expectation in the summer.

The expectation is
Black shorts (not PE shorts),
White polo shirt,
White blouses,
Green/white check summer dresses,
Black sweatshirt/cardigan.

Children MUST still wear black schools shoes. There must be **no open toed shoes or flip-flops**. This is a health and safety issue.

A number of our children are not wearing school uniform currently. By sending your child to Flying Bull, you are agreeing to our uniform policy. We have deliberately chosen colours and items that you can buy at a lower price. Please support the academy with this.

Envelopes

Please make sure all envelopes are clearly named and state what the money is for before handing in at the Academy. Please also make sure they are securely sealed to ensure money does not fall out on their way to the office, as this has happened on several occasions.

Portsmouth Parent & Carer Board

The Portsmouth Parent & Carer board are looking for new members. This is an opportunity to make a difference to families within Portsmouth by helping to improve services, attending meetings as a representative of the community and gain knowledge and experience. If you are interested, please contact Jenny Atkins at Home-Start on 02392 734400.

Breakfast and After School Club Policy Change

The Academy provides a Breakfast and After School Club to help and support Parents / Carers who need additional wrap-around care. A great number are using this club as a way of accessing cheap childcare. This becomes a problem when the money to use the club is not being paid. We currently only charge £1 for the morning session and £2 for the after school session (when it is pre-booked). **This club is now running at a loss and is at risk of no longer being available.** As of Monday 18th April 2016 all Parents/Carers must now sign their children in on a Friday (or Monday morning at the latest) for the commencing week for any sessions they are attending. These sessions **ALL** need to be paid for in advance, with no exceptions. Any child who turns up who has not been pre-registered will be subject to a £15 fine to cover the additional staffing costs. We appreciate that on occasions emergencies happen and a decision will be made appropriately, following a call, in these circumstances.

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Trips

Unfortunately, despite The Academy subsidising trips, we have had to cancel a recent one due to lack of contributions from parents / carers. Please, if possible, contribute to all of your child's trips. If you are unable to afford the full amount, please contribute what you can. Please respond as soon as possible to trip letters, especially if packed lunches are required, as these have to be ordered 2 weeks in advance.

Scholastic Book Club

Your child will be bringing home a Scholastic Book Club leaflet this week. They offer reduced price books that are suitable for all ages. The school earns 20% from every book ordered from the leaflet. If you wish to order books, please put your money and order form in an envelope marked 'Book Order', hand it in to the Office, ensuring your child's name is on the order. If you are buying books as presents and you don't want your child to know about it, put 'Present' on the order and Mrs Churchill will contact you to let you know it has arrived.

Unfortunately Scholastics cannot accept cheques or debit / credit card payments.

Please send orders in by Wednesday 11th May 2016.

Sainsbury's Tokens

Sainsbury's tokens will be given out until the 3rd May 2016. The Academy will continue collecting for a couple of weeks past this date, so if you have any lying around, please send them in and we'll see what exciting things we can get for the children.

Clubs

Clubs have now started and will run right through until the end of term. Craft Club and Key Stage 1 Dance/Drama clubs have been split into 2 groups as they were so popular. If your child is unable to attend for any reason, please let the club leader or Mrs Churchill know. Likewise, if your child no longer wish to take part in the club, please let one of them know, as they may be able to offer the place to someone else.

Portsmouth Independent Support

The Academy would like to make you aware of a free service available to parents/carers, children and young people aged up to 25 years, with Special Educational Needs. Portsmouth Independent Support provides advice concerning the conversion to Education, Health and Care plans, liaising with local services and signposting other services that may be available. If you would like to contact the service, please email them at info@portsmouth.is.org.uk or call them on 0330 6600925.

Yours sincerely

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