



NEWSLETTER ISSUE 5 – AUTUMN TERM



Children in Key Stage 2 had a special visitor in assembly last week: Jayne Godden from the Minstead Study Centre made us think about our waste. With over-use of plastics being firmly in our news, Jayne discussed why reducing our use of these is important for our planet. She then gave us all tips on how to reduce plastics in our everyday lives e.g. putting our sandwiches in a reusable box rather than in cling film or a plastic bag, using refillable water bottles rather than buying bottles of water, using bars of soap rather than liquid soap in plastic bottles and many more! We will soon be asking you to support your children in reducing plastic waste by entering the competition set by Jayne.

Look out for details in your child(ren)'s bags over the coming weeks!

Watch this Space!

As a school we are no longer subscribing to Mathletics.

We will shortly be moving over to "My Maths" (<https://www.mymaths.co.uk>) which is an interactive online teaching resource.

Year 2 & Year 6 SATs Workshops for Parents

Partnership with parents is incredibly important to us at Sopley School. In order to support our Year 2 and Year 6 children who will be undertaking SATs tests later this academic year, we will be running two workshops to inform parents of what is involved and how they can support their children. These are as follows:-

Year 2 – Thursday 22nd November 2.30pm – 3pm

Year 6 – Thursday 22nd November 3.20pm – 3.50pm

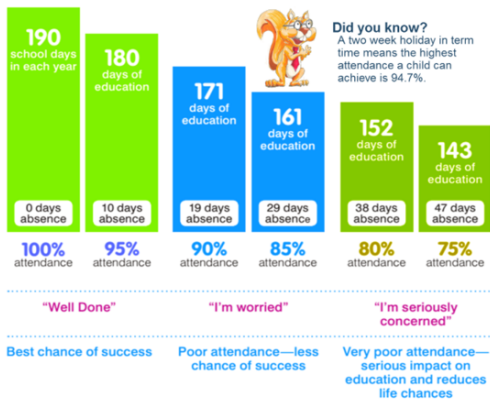


When it comes to times tables, speed and accuracy are important – the more facts your child remembers, the easier it is for them to do trickier calculations.

Times Table Rock Stars is a fun and challenging programme designed to help students master the times tables! Please speak to your child's class teacher if you need a reminder of their login details.

<https://trockstars.com/>

ATTENDANCE



School attendance is subject to various education laws and it is very important to make sure your child attends regularly. For each child to reach their full educational potential a high level of attendance is essential.

Good attendance is important because:-

- Statistics show a direct link between underachievement and absence below 95%
- Regular attenders make better progress, both socially and academically.
- Regular attenders find school routines, school learning and friendships easier to cope with.
- Regular attenders are more successful in transferring between primary, secondary and higher education and employment or training.

Further support, advice and guidance is available <https://www.gov.uk/school-attendance-absence>



Lost Clothing

We still have a concerned parent looking for their child's trainers. These trainers are not in School so may have found their way into another child's bag during the PE clothes change time.

We also have a missing navy blue neck cowl belonging to another child.

Could we ask that bags are checked at home for anything that has mistakenly found its way to you and return the items to the office?

Children need to be responsible for their own belongings whilst in school. We know that the children are little and still learning responsibility and independence and we understand that things go astray during busy changing times, particularly at this time of year when we add coats, hats and gloves to the equation! To help the children find their own belongings, please ensure that ALL items are named clearly and if you find something that doesn't belong to your child in their bags, please return it to the office as soon as possible.

We would also like to thank Mrs McLees for her help in sorting through our lost property. All named items have been given back to their owners, but there are so many items (including coats and footwear) that are un-named and un-claimed! If anyone knows of any charities or organisations that can make use of these clothes, please let us know.

Thank you for your help.



UPCOMING EVENTS

INSET DAYS: Friday 15th February, Friday 5th April, Monday 3rd June

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY: Monday 24th December – Friday 4th January

Wed 21 st November	FSS Movie Night 3.15pm-5pm
Thurs 22 nd November	Flu Immunisations Years R-5
Thurs 22 nd November	Parents SATS Meetings
	Year 2 – 2.30pm-3.00pm
	Year 6 – 3.20pm-3.50pm
Thurs 22 nd November	4.30pm-6pm – Yr R 2019 Open Evening
Fri 23 rd November	“Time to Shine” Mufti Day
Monday 3 rd December	FSS Christmas Craft
Wed 5 th December	3.15pm FSS Christmas Fayre
Thurs 6 th December	Choir members singing at Silverways and Care Together @ 1.15pm
Wed 12 th & Thurs 13 th December	Infants Nativity
Thurs 13 th December	KS2 Carol Service at Sopley Church (KS1 Choir members also attending)
Fri 14 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Fri 14 th December	School Christmas Lunch
Tues 18 th December	Christingle Service / Open the Book
Wed 19 th December	Choir Christmas Carol Concert 6-7pm
Fri 21 st December	FSS Father Christmas Visit to School

Choir Christmas Carol Concert on Wed 19th Dec 6-7pm

The choir will be singing Christmas carols and songs, Year 6 Musicians will be playing and the staff will be singing a song!

If there are any parents who play a musical instrument or sing and would like to perform please let Mrs Cooper know as soon as possible so that the programme can be organised.

FSS will be providing drinks and nibbles.

