



LANGSTONE INFANT SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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<http://langstoneinfants.co.uk>

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Harvest Festival

This year we will be once again be supporting the Portsmouth Food Bank with our harvest donations. The Food Bank have requested that we collect the following two items for them:

- Tinned Fruit
- Tinned Rice Pudding

Our Harvest assembly will take place on Tuesday 19th October so please could we have all donations by Monday 18th October.

Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a Lunchtime Supervisor. If you are interested in this role, please visit our Trust website unicat.org.uk/jobs for further information. Please email completed application forms to jobs@langstone-inf.portsmouth.sch.uk. The deadline for applications is **Noon Monday 18 October**. We would like the successful applicant to start on Monday 1st November.

School Lunch – Thursday 7th October

The Local Education Authority has decided that **Thursday 7th October** will be the Autumn Census day. This date is particularly important in terms of our school's future allocation of funding for Universal Infant Free School Meals, as the funding we receive will be based on the number of children who have a school meal on this day. **As a result of this decision it is vital that as many children as possible have a school meal on this day to secure the maximum funding for our school.** We would therefore be grateful if you could encourage your child to try a school lunch that day if possible.

NB: Children are **not** able to order a school lunch and bring a packed lunch from home.

School Photographer

The photographer will be in school on **Thursday 14th October** to take individual photographs of the children. Unfortunately, we will be unable to photograph siblings together this year.

Transfer to Junior School

Advice on completing your application for transfer to Junior School for children currently in Year 2 can be found at www.portsmouth.gov.uk/schooladmissions or by calling the Admissions Team on 023 9268 8008. The deadline for applications is **Saturday 15th January 2022**.

St Cuthbert's Messy Church

St Cuthbert's Messy Church (Lichfield Road, Copnor, PO3 6DE) is happening this week **on Sat 2nd Oct, 2:00-4:00pm**. We have thought carefully about spacing out our tables, providing hand gel and encouraging people to socially distance. All families are welcome for free craft activities, games, and light refreshments. This month our theme is Moses. There will be: cake decorating, balloon sword making, table football, and much more. Come along and join us.

REMINDERS ABOUT SCHOOL LIFE

School Office

The school office is open from 8.30am – 4pm (Mon-Fri).

Absence from School

If your child is unable to attend school due to illness, please contact the school on the first morning of the illness by 9.15am using the main telephone number **(023) 9283 2642**. If your child is absent for 5 or more consecutive school days you will be required to provide medical evidence. Medical evidence may be in the form of an appointment card, note from the medical practitioner's reception, copy of a prescription, copy of any medication given, etc.

Please make all routine medical & dental appointments out of school hours and allow plenty of time for travel after school. If your child will be late for school or needs to be collected during the school day due to an appointment, please inform the office in advance **and send a photo of the letter/appointment card to the admin email address – admin@langstone-inf.portsmouth.sch.uk**. Please include the time you will be collecting your child or if your child will be coming in late, then we will need to know their lunch choice.

If you wish to take your child out of school for any reason other than medical/dental appointments, you will be required to complete a **Leave of Absence from School Form** and return to the office at least 5 days in advance of the absence where possible.

Drop Off/Pick Up

Please can we ask that all information provided to you about drop off/pick up is passed on to other family members/childminders who are doing the school runs on your behalf.

Communicating with School

In the current climate we are still limiting access to the school building to essential visitors only, therefore if you need to speak to the office staff or pass on a message to the teacher please either phone 023 92832642 or email admin@langstone-inf.portsmouth.sch.uk

Class Emails

If you wish to discuss a **teaching and learning matter** with the teacher, please contact them via the class email address:

Class1@langstone-inf.portsmouth.sch.uk

Class2@langstone-inf.portsmouth.sch.uk

Class3@langstone-inf.portsmouth.sch.uk

Class4@langstone-inf.portsmouth.sch.uk

Class5@langstone-inf.portsmouth.sch.uk

Class6@langstone-inf.portsmouth.sch.uk

Class7@langstone-inf.portsmouth.sch.uk

Class8@langstone-inf.portsmouth.sch.uk

Class9@langstone-inf.portsmouth.sch.uk

ParentMail

Please can we ask that you keep your ParentMail account up-to-date as this is our main way of communicating with you. If you have any problems with ParentMail, please speak to Mrs Hodgson in the school office.

School Website

The school website <http://langstoneinfants.co.uk> is updated weekly. Please visit the website and look under "Curriculum" to see photos and information about the children's latest work and other activities that are taking place in school.

Coats

Please ensure your child comes to school every day with a coat regardless of the weather. As we have a canopy in our playground the children are still able to go outside even during wet weather.

Book Bags

Children need to bring their book bag to school every day. Please can we also ask that rucksacks are not sent into school – these unfortunately take up too much space on coat pegs/lunch trolleys and in book bag boxes.

Water Bottles

Please ensure your child's school water bottle is in school every day filled with plain water only.

PE Days

Children will **not** be required to **bring** a PE kit to school, they will continue to wear their PE kits to school on their PE day.

The school PE kit is as follows:

- Black plimsolls or trainers (**velcro please not laces**)
- A white T-shirt
- Black shorts and black tracksuit bottoms/black leggings
- Black sweatshirt or black hoodie or their school jumper/cardigan
- Ear rings must not be worn on PE days

Class 5 & Class 8 – Monday

Class 6 & Class 9 – Tuesday

Class 1, 2 & 3 – Wednesday

Class 4 & Class 7 – Thursday

Packed Lunches

If your child has a packed lunch, please ensure their name is clearly marked on the outside of their lunch box to avoid any confusion. Please do not overfill the lunchbox and also ensure the contents are **NUT FREE**. Please provide a spoon if required. Children can also bring a named flavoured drink to school to have at lunchtime if they wish.

NB: Please ensure grapes are cut up lengthways when providing them as part of a packed lunch

School Premises

- **School Fence** – Please can we remind you not to talk to the children over the fence during the school day. If you do, then you will be challenged by a member of staff.
- **Smoking** – The use of cigarettes/e-cigarettes/vaporizers is forbidden on school premises.
- **Language** – Please be mindful of the language you are using at all times whilst on school premises.
- **Bikes/Scooters** - Children including younger siblings are not allowed to ride bikes/scooters in the playground under any circumstances.
- **Dogs** - We would like to remind parents that dogs/puppies are not allowed on school premises under any circumstances. This includes the path to the school office and the area outside the entrance to Before & Afterschool clubs. We also ask that dogs are not left unattended outside the school gate as many children are wary of dogs and are unhappy about walking past them.

Toilets

The school toilets are **not** available for use before or after school. Public toilets are available at Baffins pond.

INSET Days

All remaining INSET days for the academic year 2021/2022 are published below under “Dates for the Diary”.

Dates for the Diary

11th, 12th & 14th October – Parents Evening

Thursday 14th October – Individual School Photos

23rd – 31st October - (Autumn Half Term Holiday)

Friday 26th November – **INSET Day**

Monday 13th December – Nasal Flu Immunisations (Details to follow)

19th December – 3rd January (Christmas Holiday)

Tuesday 4th January – **INSET Day**

14th, 15th & 16th February – Screening of Year R by School Nursing Service

19th – 27th February (Spring Half Term Holiday)

9th – 24th April (Easter Holiday)

Monday 2nd May – Bank Holiday (school closed)

Tuesday 3rd May – Holiday in lieu of Queen’s Platinum Jubilee (school closed)

28th May – 5th June (Summer Half Term Holiday)

Monday 6th June – **INSET Day**

Friday 1st July – **INSET Day**

Friday 22nd July – Last day of Summer Term