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Well we are now back into the full swing of the new term. The coming week sees the start of our clubs and we are pleased to offer a broader range of extra curriculum activities throughout the week for our KS1 children. There are still a few places left in some of our clubs so please pop into the school office if you are interested.

We would just like to highlight that when dropping off your child in the morning, it is important to remember that your child remains your responsibility until they are in the class or the cloakrooms of the school. If your child runs off or misbehaves in the school grounds it is the parent/carers responsibility to address this.

#### Foundation Stage

This week we have welcomed new starters into Owlets and Owls. They are all settling in well and are getting used to the routines.

To start out new theme about winter we have been for walks around the school grounds looking for signs of the season. We have talked about what has changed since we went for an autumn walk.

#### Year 1

On Monday, we found a crashed UFO in the woods. There was a memory stick with a voice message, from an alien, on it! It was feeling scared, and needed us to be its' friend. We wrote messages back to the alien. We also found the book 'UFO Diary', which will help us on our English Journey.

In DT, we will be making space buggies. Please can each child bring in a plastic bottle to make their buggy!

#### Year 2

In English the children are learning about nocturnal animals and birds. They have used iPads, information books and the knowledge they already know to find out facts about owls. They will use these facts to write a leaflet about owls.

In Maths we have been learning about number bonds to 10 and 20. Ask your child what they know about number bonds.

#### Dates for your diary

- **Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Jan – DEADLINE for YrR and Yr3 Applications – ask the school office if you need help**
- **w/c Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Jan** – Afterschool clubs begin – collection at 4pm
- **Mon 12<sup>th</sup> – Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Feb** – Half Term Break
- **w/c Mon 26<sup>th</sup> Mar** – Last week of afterschool clubs
- **Thur 29<sup>th</sup> March** – INSET – school closed to children
- **Mon 16<sup>th</sup> April** – INSET – School closed to children

### Census Day – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January

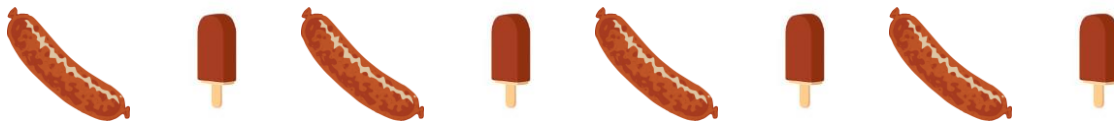
This is an important day this school term; we have a special menu for the day to encourage every single child to order a school lunch. The amount of children we have eating a school meal this day strongly affects the amount of money we receive from the government next year. Lunch will be:

Sausages with potato waffles with baked beans/peas  
With an ice cream or ice lolly for pudding  
Breads, salad and fruit will be available as normal

- **PLEASE** order a school lunch even if your child normally has sandwiches. Your child is welcome to bring in their sandwiches in case they don't like the lunch, but sometimes eating with your friends encourages them to try new things!
- **REMEMBER** all children in Year R and above are entitled to a free lunch so it won't cost you a penny.
- **OWLS** children are entitled to a free lunch if they are staying all day with us and are entitled to certain benefits. Please pop into the school office to discuss this.

**REMEMBER** the more lunches we order the more money we will have to use to purchase resources to help your child.

Thank you for your cooperation.



We're planning more trips soon so please remember to contribute to your child's trip fund; we will be contacting families who are yet to make a contribution in the near future.

### School Trips & Activities

We try to offer all our pupils a wide range of trips, and activities (both on site and off) throughout the year to complement their learning within school. These are always heavily subsidised by the school as we feel that this is an essential part of the curriculum. However to enable us to meet all the costs involved in all the organised trips and activities we do need to ask for a small contribution from our parents. This year we are going to continue with our single annual contribution which will cover the whole academic year and all the activities that your child will participate in during this time. The contribution requested will depend on what year your child is in:

**Year 1 & 2** – Contribution of £20

**Year R** – Contribution of £15

**Nursery** (not including Owletts) – Contribution of £5

This contribution can be paid in one lump sum or in instalments (a payment card can be provided if required). Please make any enquiries or payments at reception. Thank you.

### **School Attendance – What do you need to know?**

Coming to school every day on time is really important. The law says it is the parent's responsibility to send your child to school every day. School have to decide if an absence is Authorised or Unauthorised and put a code on the register to show which it is.

Authorised absences are

- Illness (I),
- Authorised absence in exceptional circumstances (C).

Unauthorised absences are

- more than 30 minutes late (U),
- absence which has not been approved (G),
- absent without any reason or one which is not good enough to be off school (O).

Registers are taken first thing in the morning at 9.00 and after lunch. Each child has 2 register marks every day which totals 10 marks each week. Hampshire County Council says that if you have 10 unauthorised codes in a 10 week period you should be given a Penalty Notice (a fine).

#### **Will I get fined?**

- Yes if you take a holiday which is unauthorised for 5 days or more in a period of 10 weeks.
- If your child is getting close to having 10 unauthorised absences you will be asked to come into school and meet with Sally (Family Partnership Manager) to see how we can help. Following on from this if the absences keep happening you may be fined.
- If your child is late (up to 30 minutes) more than six times in a half term you will be asked to meet with Sally to discuss this and see how we can support you to make a change. We will make an action plan to help you improve your attendance. If your child continues to be late they will automatically be marked as Unauthorised which will start counting up towards their 10 sessions before receiving a fine.
- If you are already having support from other services and agencies we will talk to them about how we can work together to support you improving your child's attendance.
- If your child has any unauthorised absence during time that has been set aside for "formal testing" eg SATS, Phonics testing week etc., then you will receive a fine. We always let you know when these formal testing weeks are through the newsletter.

#### **Anything else..**

- A fine is £60 if you pay in 21 days, £120 after that if you don't pay you get taken to court.
- Both parents can be fined £60 each.
- Hampshire County Council are issuing and receive the money from the fines it is not Knights Enham Nursery and Infant School.
- The school policy on attendance, and further information is on our website.
- We want to help you, please talk to us with any worries or concerns about your child's attendance.

New Year Resolutions? Weight Watchers are running a scheme where you can go for FREE for 12 weeks if your BMI is over 30 (or over 28 if you have any other health issues). Sally is driving the minibus and for anyone who wants to go to a group at the Adelaide Health Centre on Thursday mornings from 10-11am. We started this week so follow our progress in my regular weekly updates here. If we inspire you to want to join us, or you aren't sure about your BMI please do come and see me – you will be very welcome. Sally 😊



### School Website

We are pleased to announce that we are updating and changing our school website within the coming weeks. Our new site will be much more mobile friendly and easier to navigate with information accessible with ease.

As part of the development we will be having a photographer visit the school on the morning of Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January. They will take pictures of both the school premises and the children and staff. All parents complete a consent form when their children are admitted to the school on whether we can use images of their child on our website. WE will refer to these consent forms when photographing and using these images. If you have any queries on this please ask at the school office.

### **Knights Enham Nursery**

We are re-branding our nursery and will also be offering a limited number of 30 hours free childcare to eligible families with effect from **1<sup>st</sup> April 2018**. If a child were to attend for the full 30 hours with us they would attend 5 days a week from 9am until 3pm (6 hours a day) term time only. Depending on capacity levels if we were not able to offer the full 30 hours we may still be able to offer more than the normal 15 hours per week but in multiples of 3 hours i.e. 18,21,24 or 27 hours. If you are interested in increasing your child's hours and are eligible for the 30 hours funding, or know someone who is please pop into the office to discuss this. Please tell your friends and families that as of April we will be offering a limited number of spaces for 30 hours funded childcare.

Watch out for our posters advertising this as well with our new logo.

