

Church Crookham News

"Achievement By All"

This half-term has certainly been an unusual but very rewarding half-term. We have thoroughly enjoyed having children return to school and have been so impressed with how quickly they settled and have enjoyed the new school year. We know this school year is different and presents many challenges and we appreciate your support, patience and positive attitude which has helped our children settle well. At school, we have an exceptional staffing team who have continued to provide the same high level of care and exciting learning opportunities despite the restrictions we have in school, often going above and beyond and would like to publically thank them all for their support. We wish you all a happy half-term break!

Friday 23rd October – Inset Day

Tomorrow the school will be closed to pupils as staff will be undertaking training and continue to work on our recovery curriculum.

Monday 2nd November – School Photographs

Next half-term starts with individual school photographs taking place on the first day back after half-term. Sadly, we are unlikely to be able to organise photographs with siblings due to trying to avoid children moving between bubbles.

Harvest Donations

Thank you to so many of you who sent your child into school with some great Harvest Donations for Hart Food Bank. Today the children have learnt more about Harvest and enjoyed a 'virtual assembly' about the meaning of Harvest from FACCTs.

'Fabulous Friday'

Last Friday we ran a 'Fabulous Friday' (as opposed to our normal 'Fantastic Friday'). Children were involved in all sorts of creative and sporting activities and really enjoyed the new and different experiences. We will plan another 'Fabulous Friday' for the spring term.

Dates

23rd October – Inset Day
(School is closed for Inset Day)

26th-30th October – Half-term

2nd November – Start of Half Term.

18th December – last day of term (finish at 3.30pm)

Parent Consultation Meetings - Next half-term there will be an opportunity to talk to your child's teacher but unfortunately this will not be face-to-face meetings. Since the announcements this term, particularly relating to the 'rule of six' we are unable to invite parents to school for them. Details of dates and how these meetings will be sent out to you soon.

Inset Days

Provided that school remains fully open, our planned Inset Days are:
4th Jan
12th Feb
28th June

Remembrance

When we return after half-term, we will be focusing on Remembrance. The Royal British Legion have brought in some poppies, with a suggested minimum donation of 50p and some other items that children can purchase, which include the following items:

Zip Pull 50p

Poppy Reflector 50p

Silicon Wristband £1

Snap Band £1.50

Eraser 50p

Pencil Sharpener 50p

Ruler £1

Pencil 50p

The items will be sold at break time and children can bring their money in to purchase these items – we have organised this to be a Covid-safe as possible!

Fond Farewell

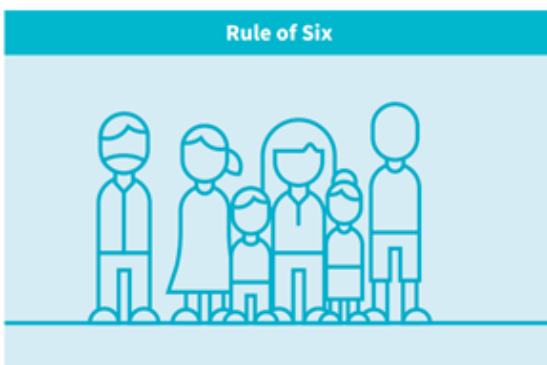
Today we said a fond farewell to Helen and Nick Halton (our Classroom Assistant and Caretaker) who are retiring. We were all able to mark the occasion by coming together outside and singing 'The Power in Me' to them. A very special time this afternoon and we wish them every happiness as they start their retirement.

... and finally....

Hampshire County Council has asked us to share the following important public health message with you all: Coronavirus infections are continuing to rise, and Hampshire is on 'Medium' COVID alert level.

We need **your help** to stop the spread of the virus, so please continue following national public health guidance this half term.

Remember 'hands, face, space' and the Rule of 6: which means no large gatherings indoors or outdoors. Let's all work together to Keep Hampshire Safe.



Current alert level in Hampshire: Medium

Kind regards,

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