



HOMELINK

#12– September 2014

Welcome to the new school year. It has been delightful to see all the children back in school again and hear about their exciting summer holidays. The pupils have settled quickly to their new routines and we are already looking forward to the many exciting events that will take place this term. In particular, I would like to welcome our new (and returning) pupils and families. There are many ways to become involved with school-life so please do make the most of them.

Admissions 2014-15

We are looking ahead to September 2015 when our next Reception Class will start as the application window opens soon. For parents seeking a place at Newlands for September 2015 **applications for starting school in September 2015 in Year R will open on Saturday 1 November 2014**. From this date, Hampshire County Council residents can apply either:

- online
- by completing a paper application form. Forms are available by calling 0845 603 5623.

For prospective new parents, we will be holding an open afternoon on **Tuesday 7th October** from 1.30-2.30pm. We will also hold an open evening on **Wednesday 8th October** 7.00-8.00pm.

Year 7

For those parents applying for places in Year 7, **applications will open on Monday 15 September 2014**. From this date, Hampshire County Council residents can apply either:

- online, by clicking on this link: [Apply online](#)
- by completing a paper application form. Forms are available by calling 0845 603 5623.

The closing date for all Year 7 applications is Thursday 31 October 2014.

Pre- and after-school clubs

At this time of year we send out details about options for our pre- and after-school clubs and activities. Clubs include: Badminton, Chess, Judo, Chelsea FC football, Cheerleading, Choir, Netball, Drama, Mathematics and Tag Rugby. There are many opportunities for pupils to explore their interests further - we hope that as many as possible take part. During lunchtimes we are trialling the use of SCL activity clubs to support some of our children with playground games. These games are free, open to all and are great for children who want to join in with organised games during lunchtimes.

School Uniform

It has been good to see that the children have come back to school looking very smart and ready for their learning. Please remember that all uniform **must** be in-line with our school policy. For PE, this includes: pale blue t-shirt and white sports shorts, plimsolls for indoor activities, trainers for outdoor activities; and a plain navy-blue tracksuit for outdoor activities.

Please note that **plain**, single stud earrings are permitted, but with the expectation that they are removed for PE and Games lessons for health and safety reasons. No nail varnish, false nails or make-up may be used at school. Finger nails to be short, neat and clean.

In addition to correct uniform, we expect a smart appearance from all our pupils, **including appropriate hairstyles** and suitable outer garments. Braided hair with beads or coloured decorations, extreme hairstyles, spiked, coloured hair or designs shaved into the hair are not acceptable. If pupils are not wearing the correct uniform, parents will be contacted.

All children with longer hair, boys or girls, are expected to have it tied back. This is for safety reasons as well as to guard against any potential spread of headlice/nits.

The school must reserve the right to decide what is or is not allowed, both in uniform and general appearance, in cases not catered for by specific rules.

Individual photographs

Individual portrait photographs will be taking place on **Monday 13th October**. Siblings will be photographed together.

School Office

The school office is open from **8.30-9.00am** and **3.00-3.30pm**. All parents must sign in if they have an appointment to speak with a member of staff. For 'quick notes' or messages to junior teachers parents must visit the school office and we will ensure that your message is passed on.

Cycle to School Passports

At the back of the school we have storage available for bicycles and scooters if children wish to cycle or scoot to school. 'Cycle to School Passports' are available from the school office by request and if these are taken home, completed and returned, we then allow pupils to leave their bikes and scooters here. If your son/daughter would like to make use of this facility that we have at school please contact the school office.

FONDS

Being part of FONDS is a great way to get to meet new friends and play a vital part in the life of the school. If you would like to become involved please come along to the **AGM** which is being held on **Thursday 25th September at 7.30pm**.

Curriculum Evenings

You will soon receive an invitation to attend your child's curriculum afternoon/evening. There will be supporting materials available on our school website but we strongly encourage you to come along as they give you the opportunity to formally meet your class teacher, ask questions about your child's learning, homework and get involved from the very start of term. There are some excellent on-line tools to support learning throughout the year such as 'Education City', 'Spellodrome' and 'Mathletics' - you can also find out about school visits, trips and the main dates of the school calendar.

INSET Days

Our confirmed INSET days are: **Monday 3rd November, Monday 5th January, and Monday 23rd February**.

Job Vacancy—Catering Assistant - Newlands Primary School

Would you like to join the Newlands team? HC3s have a vacancy for a catering assistant based here at Newlands. It is an exciting opportunity to be involved with day-to-day life here at school.

Salary Range £6.54 per hour

Hourly rate £6.54 Work

Location Newlands Primary School, Yateley

Hours per week 10

Contract Type Term Time Only

Details You will help to prepare, cook and serve lunchtime meals at this local primary school.

Job Purpose Under the direction of the line manager, help prepare, cook, serve and pack (where required) a nutritional, balanced meal and to deliver to customer at the correct time. In addition prepare and dismantle dining room areas and carry out cleaning duties.

Desirable Knowledge, Skills & Experience

Experience of working in a relevant catering environment.

Physically able to lift service and kitchen equipment

Ability to use a calculator and carry out simple calculations

Criminal records check This post is subject to a criminal records check.

Additional information on the application process

Hampshire County Council is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults. We expect all employees, workers and volunteers to share this commitment. We will ensure that all our recruitment and selection practices reflect this commitment.

We aim to contact shortlisted applicants as soon as possible after the closing date. Should you not have heard within three weeks of the closing date, please consider that your application has been unsuccessful.

Contact details for an informal discussion Sandra Butcher on 07718 146880. Alternatively, for an application pack and job summary, telephone 023 8062 7733 (24 hour answering service) or our HR Department on 023 8062 9388. Textphone users only 0808 100 2484. Closing date 16 September 2014

The advert for this vacancy can be found here - <https://newjob.tal.net/vx/lang-en-GB/mobile-0/channel-1/appcentre-4/brand-1/xf-6269dae20f28/candidate/so/pm/4/pl/7/opp/392-Catering-Assistant-Newlands-Primary-School-SBt/en-GB>

Thank you for your continued support.

Carl McCarthy

Headteacher

Diary Dates

Monday 8th September	Phonics groups begin
Friday 12th September	Roald Dahl Day - 'Chocolate'
Monday 15th September	School-led after-school clubs start this week
Tuesday 16th September	Frogmore College taster day
Wednesday 17th September	KS1 / EYFS curriculum afternoon
Thursday 18th September	Curriculum evenings (KS2)
Friday 19th September	Celebration assembly
Tuesday 30th September	Y5 open morning at Yateley School
Wednesday 1st October	Y5 open morning at Yateley School
Thursday 2nd October	National Poetry Day
Monday 6th October	World Space Week
	Pupil-led learning reviews
Tuesday 7th October	Prospective YR parents open afternoon
Wednesday 8th October	Prospective YR parents open evening
	Pupil-led learning reviews
Monday 13th October	Individual photographs
Friday 17th October	Harvest Festival at St. Peter's Church
Friday 24th October	Last day of half-term: school closes at 3.15pm

