



# Langstone Junior School

Thinking, Learning & Growing Together

The aim of our prospectus is to introduce you and welcome you to life at Langstone Junior School. This booklet should answer some of your questions and show you how you can be an active member of the community as we work together. If you do not find all the answers you need, then please do not hesitate to ask for information - everyone will be pleased to help.

*Langstone Learners  
are resilient, reflective thinkers!*



*Think, Learn and Grow Together!*

## *Aims and Values*

*We are a Community that, together, aspire to learn and use life experiences to question and challenge our ever-changing world. We are active learners that seek opportunities to 'Think, Learn and Grow Together'.*

### **We aim to:**

- Provide all children with experiences that they can learn and develop personally from.
- Develop children's confidence to overcome any challenges, both at an academic and personal level
- Allow children time to develop thoughts and ideas so that they can be creative and reflective in their approach to learning
- Give children opportunities to work with one another so as to develop tolerance, appreciation and acceptance of others ideas as well as learn in a collaborative manner.
- Provide positive examples of learning behaviour as a community

We work closely in partnership with families to ensure every child thrives. Children are encouraged and taught to be resilient and reflective in all areas of their life. They are given time to think and direct learning so as to develop a passion to learn more. These are skills that will not only prepare children for Secondary School but for life.

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### **Your Contact Details**

Please ensure that the school office has your full address and contact details. You should also provide an emergency contact number for another family member or friend we could contact should you be unavailable. Please remember to inform us if you change any of your details.

### **ParentMail PMX**

We use a system called ParentMail PMX where we send text messages and information/letters via email. This allows for effective communication between school and home, ensuring that letters don't get lost on route home. Please ensure your registration forms are signed and returned as soon as possible. If you already use Parentmail PMX, please change your 'manage account' settings to Langstone Junior School.

### **Absence**

If your child is unable to attend school you must inform the school via telephone. If your child suffers from sickness or diarrhoea we ask that he/she not return to school for 48 hours as this type of illness can be very infectious. We have a 24 hour absence answerphone line where you can leave a short message.

### **Holiday during Term Time**

From the 1<sup>st</sup> of September 2015 DFE regulations came into force regarding leave of absence for children from school. Headteachers may not grant leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.

### **Punctuality**

The school day starts at 8:50am. In order to ensure your child is supervised we ask that they do not arrive before 8:45am. Please ensure that your child is not late for school as this will also be reported on during the year as time lost. The school day ends at 3:25pm. You are welcome to come into the school playground via the pedestrian gate from 3:20pm onwards in order to collect your child.

### **Break and Lunchtime**

We have split break and lunchtimes to allow the children more space and freedom to play. It also provides a better dining experience for all children in the school hall. The times are as follows:

|              | Breaktime     | Lunchtime     |
|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| Year 3       | 10.30 - 10.45 | 12.05 - 12.50 |
| Year 4       |               | 11.50 - 12.35 |
| Year 5 and 6 | 11.00 - 11.15 | 12.30 - 1.15  |

For those children in Years 3 and 4, it means a slightly earlier lunchtime and therefore a longer afternoon session. Your child may want to bring in a fruit snack to enjoy during a short toilet/snack break between lessons in the afternoon. Please note that nuts will not be allowed due to allergies.

## Hot dinners

Every morning the children will be able to choose their hot dinner from a choice of three colours - green, red or yellow. These choices are set by ISS who provide the hot dinner selection. These menus will be sent home for you to discuss with your child should they wish to purchase a hot dinner. Once your child has made their selection, they will be given a corresponding band that they must wear sensibly until lunchtime. Hot dinners cannot be ordered after 10am so if your child has a morning medical appointment, please ensure that you advise the school office of your child's meal requirement. Hot school dinners cost £2.05. All money should be handed to the class teacher each day in a clearly named envelope.

## Water bottles

Keeping hydrated is an important part of staying healthy and impacts upon learning. The school will provide a water bottle for your child but this must be taken home on a daily basis, cleaned and returned to school. This will ensure that optimum hygiene is maintained.

## School Uniform

- Black or grey trousers or skirt
- White shirt or polo shirt
- Bottle green sweatshirt/ cardigan/ fleece
- Summer dress in green and white check
- Flat heeled black shoes (not open-toed shoes or trainers)
- Smart grey shorts



Fleeces/polo shirts/ fleeces bearing the school crest are on sale from Hargreaves and Penelope Ann.

**Please ensure that all uniform is clearly labelled.**

## PE Kit

This should be in school at all times as PE slots are subject to change with our flexible timetable. However, your child's class teacher will advise you about the scheduled PE slots allocated on the timetable at the start of the year.

- A pair of shorts
- Trainers or plimsolls
- Plain T-shirt
- Tracksuit bottom and sweatshirt for winter.



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Jewellery should not be worn in school. If your child has pierced ears they may wear stud earrings which must be removed for PE. Watches are permitted but children are responsible for looking after them.

## National Curriculum Tests

Children are required to undertake tests in Maths and English at the end of KS2 (Year 6). The results for 2016 were:

|                      | ARE | National | GDS |
|----------------------|-----|----------|-----|
| Maths                | 63% | 70%      | 6%  |
| Reading              | 59% | 66%      | 7%  |
| Writing              | 77% | 74%      | 5%  |
| Grammar and Spelling | 69% | 72%      | NA  |
| RWM combined         | 47% | 52%      | 2%  |

## Homework

Learning is an essential part of good education. Regular homework is important as it gives pupils the opportunity to apply skills, deepen understanding and further their own learning independently. These important life skills are essential in developing our learners, fostering a love of learning and increasing confidence. It is important to encourage your child to attempt homework with little support but lots of encouragement from you. We want children to feel that they are able to discuss their processes when sharing their homework.

At Langstone, homework will be:

- Weekly times tables
- Regular reading at home, recorded in a reading record alongside reflective comments
- Optional project based

Sharing Success booklets allow your child to record each step of their project and should form part of the child-teacher-parent dialogue. Please ensure you sign this each week throughout a project and that your child brings this into school for the class teacher to see weekly.

## Enriching the curriculum

A range of after school activities are available for all children during the year. Many of these are run by staff from the school and some by outside providers. Clubs offered range from football, dancing and choir, to chess and many more.

The school plans for residential visits for Year's 4 and 6. Year 4 has the opportunity to visit Minstead in the New Forest and Year 6 will visit Fairthorne during the Summer Term, after the stresses of tests. Apart from this, we encourage learning outside the classroom and as such regular visits to places linked to the curriculum are planned by teachers to further promote the learning experiences of the children.

## Class Assemblies

These are held regularly throughout the school year and everyone is welcome to attend. They start at 9.00 and finish at 9.20. This is an opportunity for your child to share with you their recent learning and celebrate their achievements from across the curriculum. Please note that we cannot allow

photos/videos to be taken and shared on public/social media for safeguarding reasons. Thank you for your understanding on this matter.

### Special Education Needs

We recognise our responsibility to develop a curriculum accessible by all. We monitor the progress of all children and aim for children to achieve their full potential. We endeavour to identify and make provision for any difficulties a child is experiencing as quickly and professionally as possible. Parents' support in helping us identify and overcome issues is valued.

We aim to provide appropriate support in relation to the needs of individual children and the support offered may include reading, handwriting, spelling, speech and language, mathematics and or physical needs. Children encountering emotional, social, behavioural or friendship issues will work with the pastoral team. For more information contact the SENCo (Mrs Emma Lamb) or take a look at our website.

### School Staff September 2016

#### Teaching Staff

|                              |   |   |
|------------------------------|---|---|
| <b>Headteacher</b>           | Mrs J Bush                              | Assessment, Teaching and Learning, Safeguarding               |
| <b>Deputy Headteacher</b>    | Mr J Wessels                            | Assessment, Teaching and Learning, Safeguarding               |
| <b>Assistant Headteacher</b> | Miss G Morton                           | Curriculum, Teaching and Learning, Year 5 teacher             |
| <b>Assistant Headteacher</b> | Mrs S Wessels                           | Curriculum, Teaching and Learning, Year 5 teacher             |
| <b>SENCo</b>                 | Mrs E Lamb                              | SEN, Designated Teacher for LAC, Safeguarding, Year 4 teacher |
| <b>YEAR 3 TEACHERS</b>       | Miss L Howard<br><b>(Year Leader)</b>   | Assessment  |
|                              | Miss S Bygrave                          | Shadow Humanities   |
|                              | Mrs H Williams                          | PE  |
| <b>YEAR 4 TEACHERS</b>       | Miss H Thompson<br><b>(Year Leader)</b> | Science   |
|                              | Miss G Chappell                         | Humanities and Off site Visits                                |
|                              | Mrs M Walters                           | Art / DT  |
|                              | Mrs E Lamb                              | SEN   |
| <b>YEAR 5 TEACHERS</b>       | Miss N Bellamy<br><b>(Year Leader)</b>  | ICT   |
|                              | Mr D Shaw                               | PE  |
|                              | Miss V Lawry                            | PSHE / P4C  |
|                              | Miss G Morton                           | Curriculum, Teaching and Learning                             |
|                              | Mrs H Lyne                              | Music   |
| <b>YEAR 6 TEACHERS</b>       | Mr N Bosnic<br><b>(Year Leader)</b>     | RE  |
|                              | Miss C Shawyer                          | Maths   |
|                              | Mr J Phelan                             | English   |
|                              | Mrs S Wessels                           | Curriculum, Teaching and Learning                             |
|                              | Mrs L Knight                            | MFL,  |

## Support staff

|                        |                |                          |
|------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|
| Mrs J O'Donnell - HLTA | Mrs F Sexton   | Mrs L Wilkinson          |
| Mrs H Dorkings - HLTA  | Mrs S Phillips | Mrs S Ceeley             |
| Mrs A Selway           | Mrs G Randall  | Mrs P Ball               |
| Mrs S Weatherston      | Mrs B Carter   | Miss H Wright            |
| Mrs L Page             | Mrs T Eade     | Mrs J Wallis             |
| Mrs S Small            | Mrs A Campbell | Mrs L Coombs - LIBRARIAN |
| Miss J Ripley          | Mrs D Cormican | Mrs V White              |

## Pastoral Team

|                                |                |
|--------------------------------|----------------|
| SENCo                          | Mrs E Lamb     |
| School and Home Support Worker | Mrs L Geall    |
| Learning Mentor                | Mrs A Campbell |

## Office Staff

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|----------------------|----------------|
| Office Manager       | Mrs E Wrighton |
| Finance              | Mrs T Clark    |
| Admin and Attendance | Mrs L Reeves   |
| Admin Assistant      | Mrs L Page     |

## Caretaking

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|--------------|--------------|
| Site Manager | Mr E Talmond |
| Cleaner      | Mrs C Burton |
| Cleaner      | Ms C Willis  |
| Cleaner      | Mrs K Tanner |
| Cleaner      | Mrs S Powell |

## Lunchtime Supervisors

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|--|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| <b>Senior Lunchtime Supervisor: Mrs A Selway</b> |                |                 |              |
| Ms P Ball  | Mrs A Campbell | Mrs K Tanner    | Mrs C Burton |
| Miss H Wright                                    | Mrs T Eade     | Miss E Holt     | Miss Ripley  |
| Mrs S Small                                      | Mrs J Wallis   | Mrs L Wilkinson | Mrs V White  |

## Complaints

We hope that you will be very happy with your child's education. If, however, you have cause for complaint please contact the class teacher in the first instance. If you still have concerns, these should be brought to the attention of the Year Leader, Deputy Headteacher and then the Headteacher. If you still feel you need to take a matter further then contact the Chair of Governors. Our Complaints Policy can be found on our school website.

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Headteacher: Mrs Jane Bush

Site Manager: Mr Eric Talmond

Chair of Governors: Mrs Irene Baldry

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