

Folly Hill Infant School

Newsletter 5

January 2020

Dear all,

Rainbow class

In maths the children have had lots of fun exploring numicon. We have been using it to make 5 and make 10 in different ways. They have found it really useful because it is so visual. We have also touched upon the part part whole method and the children have loved experimenting with it independently during their play.



Sunshine class



This term we have been learning about dinosaurs! We started off our learning with a workshop and then went on to learn lots of facts, make clay fossils, make art straw skeletons of dinosaurs and are in the middle of sewing felt dinosaurs and making plaster cast fossils.

We have even managed to fit in learning about Chinese New Year! Kung Hei Fat Choy!

Thoughtful **E**xplorers **A**wesome **M**otivated

Moonbeam class

Moonbeam have had a very busy start to the spring term. In history we have been looking at the moon landing and have been finding out why some people are sceptical it ever happened. In Geography we have been looking at Australia and comparing and contrasting it with the UK. Niamh from Rainbow came to talk to us about spending Christmas in Australia and how different it was.

We are looking forward to seeing the home learning projects.

Restructure:

Managing the school budget can be a delicate and difficult task. Unfortunately, due to low intake numbers over the last 2 years the school has had to look at ways to save money. Mrs Woolridge was planning on retiring at the end of the school year but has kindly offered to step down from her role as an HLTA at Easter and take early retirement to help the school financially.

It is always sad to lose a valued member of the Folly Hill Team. We are grateful for the many (20+) years of service that Mrs Woolridge has given to Folly Hill, we will miss her very much but wish her a very happy retirement. If you would like to make a contribution to her retirement gift there will be a collection in the school office. In the Summer term Mrs Bunch and Mrs Nixon will continue to work in Rainbow class.

Voluntary contributions for school trips:

Thank you for the contributions so far. We are currently organising trips for the Spring and Summer Term so would be grateful if outstanding payments for this term are made before the end of January. If you want to check your payments to date please login to Tucasi. For first time users please contact the school office for a code. <http://www.folly-hill.surrey.sch.uk/online-payments>

Unfortunately, if we don't receive enough contributions we may have to cancel planned trips/events.

Holiday requests and medical appointments:

If you are taking your child out of school for any reason you need to complete an **Application for leave of absence** form which is available from the school office. Requests for holidays and family days out will not be approved during school time. We also thank you for trying to keep medical appointments out of school hours but do understand that sometimes this is unavoidable.

Help4Harry:

On **Friday 7th February**, Folly Hill is going to **go Orange** for the day! It's a non-uniform day and along with thousands of other people at schools across the UK we are raising money for the charity, Muscular Dystrophy UK. The money we raise when we **go Orange** is going towards research into the condition that Harry Barnley has. Harry is a Y7 pupil at Farnham Heath End School.

Please don't spend too much time/money worrying about what to wear. The children can come head to toe in orange or just wear something small and orange like a ribbon or wristband along with their regular clothes. A little bit of **Orange** will be great. There is a suggested donation of £1.00.

Bring Bubbles to School:

To celebrate the end of their Bounce topic, Moonbeam children will be making bubble mixture. On Friday 14th of February we are inviting **ALL** Folly Hill children to bring bubbles into school. The mixture made by Moonbeam class and extra wands will also be available.

Cake Sale:

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We look forward to seeing all the cake donations for the cake sale on 14th February. Cakes must be nut free. Items that 'may contain nuts' are acceptable as long as they are clearly marked as such. Please check food items that you send into school for these events.

Thank you for your co-operation.

After school football is running on 14th February. You can send money in to buy cake with your child if they are in football club, just make sure we know so we can get a member of staff to take them round beforehand.

After school pick up:

Please remember to let the school office know if anyone other than yourself is picking up your child, this includes Casa Club. If you have friends or family who regularly pick up, we can add them to a list of trusted people your child can go home with.

Parking:

Sadly, we have received a number of complaints recently about parking. Please do not park on the grass verges. We urge you to park sensibly, not on bends or hatched lines. Thank you.

Friends of Folly Hill:

We have an exciting term ahead, to cheer everyone up after the post-Christmas slump, which is full of events for both the children and the parents. We've already kicked off with the Moonbeam Movie Night - and special thanks go out to the Moonbeam parents who supported the event. The children had a great time watching Angry Birds 2 in their pyjamas!

We have a Disco planned for Friday 13th March and then a Parent's Night on Friday 20th March - please keep your eyes on the Friends Facebook page, as we will be asking you about the format of this.

Following on from the success of the Christmas Fair, where we raised over £800, the Friends have agreed to purchase Lego WeDo 2.0 for the school - find out more about it here: <https://education.lego.com/en-gb/product/wedo-2>. The school have provided us with a Wish List, so the remainder of the year we will be fundraising to purchase; a water tray for Rainbow class, mobile fencing for the playground, a DT bench for in Starlight classroom, new mini whiteboards for Sunshine and Moonbeam class and a new rug for Sunshine class.

Our next Friends meeting will be on Wednesday 26th February, 7.45pm, The Alma Pub and we'd love to see you there. We have some vacant positions coming up at the end of the school year, so if you are interested in finding out more, now is the time to get involved!

From all of the Friends committee thank you very much for all of your ongoing support!

Inset Days :

The remaining inset days for this academic year Monday 24th February and Friday 22nd May 2020

Dates for your Diary:

February

- 7th Go Orange Day – wear orange to raise awareness and money for muscular dystrophy
- 11th Phonics session for Sunshine and Moonbeam parents 9.00am – 9.15am – **DATE CHANGE**
- 12th Parents invited to view this terms topic work at 2.30pm
- 14th Valentine's Cake Sale 2.30pm
- 14th Break up at 3.00pm for half term
- 24th Inset Day
- 25th Children return to school
- 26th Friends meeting and social 7.45pm at The Alma

March

- 2nd St David's Day– children can wear their club uniform e.g. Beavers, Rainbows.
- 5th World Book Day – wear pyjamas to school and bring in your favourite book.
- 5th Children invited to a bedtime story and hot chocolate with Mrs Stone 4.30pm – 5.30pm
- 10th Parent Consultations 5.00pm – 7.30pm
- 11th Sunshine visit Winchester Science Museum
- 12th School Nurse visiting YR children born between Sep-Feb
- 12th Parent Consultations 3.15pm – 5.30pm
- 13th School Disco 5.00pm – 6.00pm
- 17th St Patrick's Day - children can wear their club uniform e.g. Beavers, Rainbows
- 30th Class photographs

April

- 1st Sunshine parents invited to Easter lunch, Phonics talk, Maths talk and Assembly starting at 12 noon
- 1st All parents invited to view this terms topic work from 2.30pm
- 3rd Easter Egg hunt
- 3rd Break up at 1.15 pm
- 20th Children return to school
- 21st Friends meeting 7.45pm at The Alma
- 23rd St George's Day– children can wear their club uniform e.g. Beavers, Rainbows.
- 30th SATS meeting for Moonbeam parents 2.30pm