

Folly Hill Infant School

Newsletter 1

September 2019

Dear Parents,

Welcome to a New Year, and what a busy but amazing start it has been. Well done to all of Rainbow class for coming into school so well and settling in beautifully, it's so lovely to have you here as part of our TEAM.

Rainbow class

We have been learning how to make apple juice! Mr Ely visited Rainbow class to show us how it is made. First we talked about the different types of apples, what they look like and what they can be used for. We discussed choosing apples that are grown in the UK such as braeburn apples. The ones we used were a mixture of apples picked by Mr Ely and apples from the school grounds – zero air miles!

Mrs Woolridge helped Mr Ely cut the apples, then grind them up ready to be pressed. The children were fascinated to see all of the juice come out. The children had a taste of the apple juice, it was so sweet!

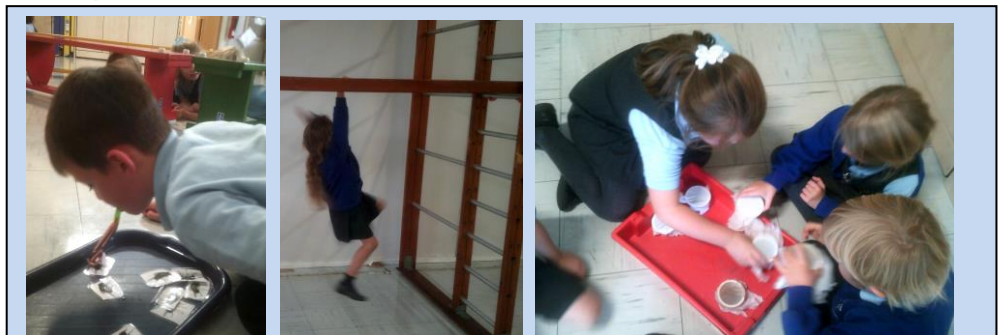


Sunshine class

Sunshine Class's topic this half term is 'Paws, Claws and Whiskers'. We have been to visit donkeys as well as having visits from the Cats Protection League and other animals.

We have become experts in making pop up cards and have been investigating what we can do compared to other animals. We have also learned some 'Just So' stories.

Every Friday we spend some time learning about how to look after our world.



Some photos from our animal behaviour lessons

Moonbeam class



Moonbeam have settled well into year 2 and have been enjoying our topic Scented Garden. We have been learning about The Great Plague in history, jungles around the world in geography and cooking with herbs in design technology. Mrs Allan and Mrs Prince are looking forward to seeing the projects from the children.

Safeguarding:

All aspects of safeguarding your child are taken very seriously at Folly Hill School. This includes health and safety, appropriate behaviour, anti-bullying, achievement in learning and child protection. Staff have had appropriate safeguarding training. Designated Lead: Ali Stone; Deputy Leads: Jane Norbury, Charlie Farr, Emma Mann and Governor Emma Hardy.

As parent volunteers we appreciate the help you can give us in school. If you would like to help in school on a regular basis you will need to be DBS checked- please see Mrs Mann for further information. If you would like to help on a more ad hoc basis you do not need a DBS checked but you will be supervised at all times.

Attendance:

The school staff, alongside the local authorities, Ofsted and the Department for Education (DfE), firmly believe that all children benefit from regular school attendance. We are fully committed to promoting school attendance by aiming to provide an ethos and environment where children feel safe and can build positive relationships with their peers. To this end we will do all we can to encourage parents to ensure that the children in their care achieve maximum possible attendance and that any problems that prevent full attendance are identified and acted on promptly. We expect that in return parents ensure their child attends school regularly and punctually and that any absence in term time is avoided.

Please note: Penalty Notices to Address Poor Attendance at School

The Education Welfare Service, acting on behalf of Surrey County Council, may issue a Penalty Notice as an alternative to the prosecution of a parent for their child's unauthorised absence from school and requires the recipient to pay a fixed amount. The amount payable on issue of a Penalty Notice is £60 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice, rising to £120 if paid between 21 days and 28 days. If the Penalty Notice is not paid within 28 days, the Local Authority must prosecute the parent for failing to ensure regular school attendance under Section 444 Education Act 1996. Each parent is liable to receive a Penalty Notice for each child. Please see our Attendance Policy on our website for further information.

Y2 Football Festival

Well done to our Y2 team who represented us so well at the Aldro Football tournament. It was a lovely opportunity to compete against other schools and the afternoon tea went down a treat.



Parking:

To ensure easy access, it is suggested that parents arriving in cars should enter Coniston Drive from the upper end by Folly Hill South and exit at the lower end by Windermere Way, thus creating a system which would provide less congestion and easier access both to the school and to the neighbouring houses. Please ensure the entrance to the school is left clear at all times to allow access for emergency services.

Our neighbours would also appreciate it if their driveways could be left accessible at all times and please do not park on the grass verges. Please park safely and sensibly.

Scooter Shed:

If your child scoots or cycles to school they can use the scooter shed located at the front of the school to store their scooters and bikes. Please don't leave items in the shed overnight and also please don't allow your children to scoot or cycle on school grounds. Thank you.

Fruit and Milk:

Every child at Folly Hill is offered a piece of fruit or vegetable each school day as part of the School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme, a government programme. Please don't send extra snacks into school with your child unless they are staying for an after school club. If you would like your child to have milk at school, please register with Cool Milk. Milk for under 5's is free.

<http://www.coolmilk.com/>.

Flu Vaccine:

All children will be offered a flu immunisation which will take place on Monday 25th November. The immunisation is recommended to help protect your child against flu. An e-consent form has been emailed to you all, if you have not received this or would like it resent please contact Mrs Mann.

For further information please see: www.nhs.uk/child-flu

Nut Free School:

Please remember not to send any peanut or nut containing products to school with your child. Please also avoid products that state they may contain nuts. If your child has eaten peanuts/nuts before coming to school, please be sure your child's hands and face have been thoroughly washed before entering the school.



After school events with or without children are also nut free. Items that 'may contain nuts' are acceptable at cake sales and parent socials 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.

Autumn Assembly:

Come and join us on Friday 25th October at 2.00pm for our Autumn Assembly, Cake Sale and Topic Work Viewing. As the assembly is a whole school performance we can only accommodate parents and siblings at this event, or a representative if neither parent can attend.

Please remember to bring along some money to this event as there will be a collection for Farnham foodbank after the assembly as well as the cake sale.

Parent Consultations:

The appointment sheets for Parents' Consultations will be available from 7.45am on Monday 7th October. There will be a table set up outside the school office. If it's raining the table will be in the vestibule outside the school office or in the hall.

Please note gymnastics will not be running on Thursday 17th October.

Tissues:

As the weather starts to get colder we have an increase of runny noses in school, therefore we would welcome a donation of a box of tissues from each child.

We would be grateful if you could hand them into the school office or via the classroom.

School absence:

If your child is absent from school, for any reason, please contact the school office before 9.30am to let us know where they are. If your child has sickness or diarrhoea the recommended time off is 48 hours after last bout of sickness/diarrhoea.

We understand that sometimes it is difficult to book medical appointments outside of school hours, if this is the case please complete a leave of absence form, available from the school office.

Friends:

Welcome back from the Friends - and a warm welcome to the new Rainbow parents! We have lots of fundraising activities planned for the year, for both the children and us parents! Coming up over the next few weeks (before half term) is the Quiz Night on Friday 18th October at 7.30pm. Join us as a team of 6 at our annual Quiz Night and pudding auction for just £5pp - and enjoy the return of Mr Eva as Quizmaster. Snacks and a licensed bar will be available on the night. If you can't attend, please still support us by donating a pudding for the auction. Please complete the booking form, on the letter which has already been sent home in book bags.

On Friday 25th October, from 2.30pm, we will be hosting the first cake sale of the year - immediately after the Autumn Assembly. Please donate either a homemade or shop bought cake – Halloween themed if possible... and don't forget your pennies to buy them all back again! Please remember that for both the pudding auction and the cake sale that the school is not free, so please ensure that you don't include any within your bakes.

You should also have received a letter home about the new 100 Club - the first draw will be taking place on Fri 18th October, so please make sure you have bought your numbers at least a week beforehand. Finally, the next Friends Meeting will be held on Thursday 14th November, 7.45pm at The Alma. Please join us – everyone is welcome!

Clubs:

There are clubs every day at Folly Hill. Please check our website for further information:
<http://www.folly-hill.surrey.sch.uk/clubs>

Monday: French **Tuesday Lunchtime:** Spanish **Tuesday:** Boppin (dance) **Wednesday:** Tennis
Thursday: Gymnastics **Friday:** Football

Start and end dates of clubs can be found on the school website.



Thank you all for your lovely feedback at the end of the Summer Term.

Please find the responses to your “even better if...”

You said...	We did...
<p>What are Golden Clubs?</p> <p>My child loved Golden clubs and would like them weekly!</p>	<p>Golden clubs are activities run every other Friday afternoon by a member of staff or a DBS checked Volunteer (parent/grandparent). The children choose an activity from a range e.g. sewing, Lego, walk in the park, yoga, dance, singing to name but a few. This then runs for a half term and then the children choose another one. The clubs are part of our promotion of good mental health.</p> <p>Information on the clubs will be in the newsletters and they will start up again after October half term.</p> <p>If you would like to help with Golden Clubs please contact Mrs Norbury or Mrs Allan</p>
<p>Update on how many Golden Points children receive and what they receive them for.</p>	<p>We will have the children’s Golden Point cards available at parents evening, however, if you wish to see them before that feel free to ask your child to show you at our topic viewing times or after school.</p> <p>Children receive golden points for their outstanding behaviour by following the school rules, for their hard work or for following the school values (TEAM – thoughtful, explorers, awesome and motivated). More detail can be found in our Behaviour Policy which is found on the website.</p> <p>We will be adding a section about Golden Points into the school brochure to explain more about them.</p>
<p>Know what the children need to know and at what stage.</p>	<p>We are currently updating our website to enable parents to have full access to the curriculum. It will be complete by October half term</p>
<p>Spelling tests and learning at home.</p>	<p>Some parents have requested a spelling list to practise at home- these will be sent home via email or on the class page of the website.</p> <p>On our website we <i>will</i> have some useful links.</p>

<p>No cars at the top of the drive at drop off.</p>	<p>The rule is no cars; however, we have some blue badge holders who need to collect from the top of the drive. We will remind the children to walk on the path please can you could also do the same.</p> <p>Any delivery vehicles are booked for times when children are not on the path. Sometimes this does not happen, and we do send them reminders!</p>
<p>Breakfast maths at breakfast club.</p>	<p>Breakfast club offers a variety of games and activities for the children to enjoy, we will look into some maths games to play.</p>
<p>Sports day moved to a later time to avoid taking the whole day off.</p> <p>Have sports day somewhere else.</p>	<p>Sports day will this year will start at 12.30 for a family picnic and 1 pm for the races.</p> <p>We have thought of this and discussed using Hale Rec or asking Hale school. There are health and safety reasons why this has not gone any further. We keep discussing in the hope to come up with a suitable venue. Suggestions welcome.</p>
<p>Emails sometimes go to junk.</p>	<p>Unfortunately, this happens with emails Only suggestion is to keep checking and mark as not junk.</p>
<p>Assemblies not all at 2.30.</p>	<p>We have looked into the amount of times we offer parents to join us for events. We have tried to reduce the number of days by combining events. And we have varied the times for topic viewings. We have changed the Rainbow assembly time to the morning and linked the harvest to a cake sale and Sunshine assembly to an information session too. Christmas performances are am and pm</p> <p>Parents, please don't feel you have to come to everything (we understand you'd love to) you could send a representative instead.</p> <p>Talk to us if you are concerned. We all understand what it is like to be a working/busy parent.</p>
<p>More lunch clubs.</p>	<p>We currently offer Spanish (from an outside company). Every day one of the midday supervisors runs an activity which any child can join in with if they wish to. Activities range from: Tag rugby, basketball, football, cheerleading and yoga. In the winter months we will be offering art and crafts as well.</p>

Learn a musical instrument.	The children in Year 1 learn to play the djembe drum and have lessons which include other untuned instruments. In Year 2 they learn a recorder. It is not in the KS1 curriculum, this is an added extra our school offers. This will be added to the school brochure to inform new parents and maybe we will have a performance at one of their assemblies!
In the summer term to have a parents evening.	At the bottom of the school report there is a tick box if you would like a meeting with the teacher. <i>'Please tick here if you would like the teacher to contact you and make an appointment'</i> There is also an opportunity to meet the new teacher and if you would like to meet one to one with the new teacher, they are happy to make a date.
Every child that wants a turn at school council to get a turn and children should only get voted in once. Teachers to get a say on who should be voted in.	In order to promote British Values, we run the school voting process like a mini election. This is part of learning about democracy and the voting system in Britain. In Year 1 they learn about what makes a good leader in order to make an informed decision to get the right person for the job rather than just voting for their friends. For the children to get maximum impact from being part of the School Council it works best if they are part of it for a year, giving them time to embrace the role. Teachers are not excluded from voting if they wish to do so.
Please send reminders to bring money to events if we need it.	Yes sure- in newsletter and emails
Don't change	We will endeavour to strive for excellence at all times. Changes we make are in order to do this!

And remember if you have any queries, concerns, questions or suggestion please talk to any member of the TEAM.

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Important dates for your diary

October

- 1st Whole school visit to St Marks
- 14th Deadline for design your own veg picture.
- 15th Parent Consultations 5.00pm – 7.30pm
- 17th Parent Consultations 3.15pm – 5.30pm – No Gymnastics
- 18th Friends Quiz night 7.30pm
- 19th Gardening Saturday 10am -12noon
- 25th Parents invited to Autumn Assembly, Cake Sale and Topic Work viewing at 2.00pm. There will be a retiring collection for Farnham Food Bank - children may leave with parents after the assembly.
- 25th Break up at 3.00pm for half term.

November

- 2nd Farnham Firework and Torch Lit Procession
- 4th Inset Day
- 5th Children return to school
- 6th Rainbow parents invited to lunch and reading workshop
- 12th Magic Road Safety Show
- 14th Friends meeting 7.45pm at The Alma
- 22nd School Disco 5.00pm – 6.00pm
- 25th YR, Y1 and Y2 - nasal flu immunisations
- 29th Crazy hair day - children can wear their own clothes to school and bring in a bottle for the bottle tombola
- 29th St Andrew's Day– children can wear their club uniform e.g. Beavers, Rainbows.