



Folly Hill Infant Academy

Newsletter 8

April 2022

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the Summer term. Remember to check the diary dates as we have added some new events.

Email addresses and protocol:

At Folly Hill we aim to make communication between teachers and parents as easy as possible as we know that strong teacher parent relationships helps children enjoy school and make good progress. As you are aware each class has it's own new email address. To ensure staff and parents have the same expectations about using emails we have drawn up a protocol for guidance.

School office: school@follyhill.kite.academy

Rainbow Class: rainbow@follyhill.kite.academy

Sunshine Class: sunshine@follyhill.kite.academy

Moonbeam Class: moonbeam@follyhill.kite.academy

Teachers will:

- Read their emails at some point during the school day (8am until 5pm), mainly at the start and end of the day and not during teaching time.
- Respond to an email within 3 working days.
- Where possible, arrange to meet with a parent face to face or phone them to discuss any issues.
- Only use their school email address for school matters.
- Not email about sensitive, contentious or sensitive issues.
- Keep contact professional and related to school business.

Parents are asked to:

- Use emails to let us know important things that may affect their child at school, such as a bereavement, and arrange appointments.
- Be aware that emails are not secure, so personal information should be kept to a minimum and should not be used for highly confidential issues.
- Trust teachers to read emails and not expect immediate replies.
- Be aware that teachers will not read and respond to school emails out of school hours.



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- Keep contact professional and related to school business.
- Not use teachers' email for urgent messages such as picking up arrangements or to report an absence.

All urgent messages during the day should go through the school office

When communicating via email remember to ask someone to check over what you have written to ensure it says what you mean it to say. Emails sent in haste can be misinterpreted yet remain as a written record.

Emails containing threatening or offensive language will not be responded to.

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.

An absence request form must be completed for all absences. Including picking your child up early

Covid – updated guidance from DofE:

Free COVID-19 tests will continue to be available for specific groups, including eligible patients and NHS staff, once the universal testing offer ends on Friday 1 April.

Updated guidance will advise:



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- adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature
- children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend
- adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be 3 days

Sharing information about the curriculum:

Learning Outside the Classroom

Intent

At Folly Hill Infant Academy, we want all children to have the opportunity to learn through a wide range of first hand experiences. That throughout their time at Folly hill they will be excited by their learning experiences, be inspired to try new things and develop interests in new things. Through the use of outdoor learning, we intend for the children to become passionate and knowledgeable about the environment and how we can look after it.

Enjoy the outdoors but 'be tick aware'

As the spring warmer weather arrives, it's important for our health and well-being to get outdoors, enjoy nature and the fresh air. In grassy or wooded areas, including your local park or garden, there may be ticks. Ticks are found throughout the year but are most active between spring and summer.

'Being tick aware' can help to reduce the chance of tick bites and risk of [Lyme disease](#). Ticks can transmit microbes that cause infections such as Lyme disease though not all ticks carry the microbe. Ticks generally attach to animals though can sometimes bite humans. Ticks attach to the skin of animals or humans that brush past them. They do not jump or fly.

What does a tick look like?

A tiny spider-like creature. It is an arachnid.

An image of a tick.





An image of four ticks,
demonstrating their sizes

How can you reduce the chance of getting a tick bite?

Walking on clearly defined paths to avoid brushing against vegetation, using insect repellent. Wearing light coloured clothes and performing regular tick checks. You may not feel the bite, which is why it's important to do a check.

How do you remove ticks safely and quickly?

It is important to [remove ticks](#) safely and as quickly as possible to avoid any infection by using a pair of fine-tipped tweezers or a tick removal tool.

If you begin to feel unwell with flu-like symptoms or develop a spreading circular red rash (which usually appears within 1 to 4 weeks after being bitten), contact your GP or NHS 111 promptly. Let them know if you were bitten by a tick or have recently spent time outdoors.

UK Health Security Agency [tick awareness resources](#) are available to help you raise awareness within your settings and with your family and friends. Also, find out how to take part in the [Tick Surveillance Scheme](#) including 'Tricky Ticks' lessons plans for schools.

Please see the [Enjoy the outdoors but 'be tick aware' poster \(pdf\)](#). Download and use as and where appropriate.

Keep well, safe and enjoy the outdoors

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Dates for your Diary:

May

- 2nd Bank Holiday
- 3rd Children return to school
- 5th Report meeting for Rainbow parents by zoom
- 18th Drama afternoon workshop
- 23rd Rainbow trip to Runabout
- 24th Sunshine trip to Go Jump
- 25th Moonbeam trip to Guildford Spectrum bowling
- 23rd to 25th Folly Hill Skills for all classes
- 27th Sports Day - Parents invited to bring a picnic from 12.30pm. Races start at 1.00pm. Children can leave after the races with parents. School closes at 3.00pm

June

- 6th Children return to school
- 8th Friends meeting 7.45pm at Folly Hill Infant School
- 18th Summer Fair 11.30am
- 29th Y2 transition morning for children attending William Cobbett
- 30th Moonbeam - bikes or scooters to school

July

- 1st Sunshine - bikes or scooters to school
- 2nd Hale carnival
- 4th Rainbow assembly 9.15am
- 6th Moving on morning 9.30am -11.30am Rainbow and Sunshine children visit their new class
- 6th Meet the teacher (who will teach your child next year) for current Rainbow and Sunshine parents 2.30pm
- 9th Friends Summer BBQ
- 14th Y2 transition day for children attending William Cobbett
- 14th Friends AGM at Folly Hill Infant School – 7.45pm
- 15th Grandparents afternoon at 2pm (information will be sent out in June)
- 15th Annual reports sent out
- 18th Folly Hill Skills and Golden Clubs
- 18th Open Afternoon - come and see your child's learning.
- 20th Moonbeam leavers lunch and assembly 12noon (parents invited)
- 21st Last day of term finish at 1.15 pm
- 22nd Inset Day

