



Folly Hill Infant Academy

Newsletter 8

April 2023

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the Summer term. Remember to check the diary dates at the end of the newsletter as we have added some new events and had to change some dates.

Attendance:

As per DFE guidelines we will be monitoring all attendance that falls below 95%. This will be checked on a biweekly basis and you will be notified if your child/children fall below this. Please be reminded that children are expected to be in school every day. If there is a reason for them not being in school, please telephone the school in the morning to let us know. If there is an exceptional reason for your child not to be in school, please complete a request form that is available in the school office.

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

The Surrey Inclusion Service have asked us to send a reminder out to parents regarding attendance and unauthorised time off school. Just to remind parents/carers that if they take their children out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not need to be consecutive), they will be liable to receive a penalty notice. Currently the amount payable under a penalty notice is £60.00 per parent/carer per child if paid within 21 days. Thereafter the amount increases to £120.00 if paid between 21 and 28 days. If the penalty notice remains unpaid after 28 days, the Local Authority will consider a prosecution in the Magistrates Court. Please note that penalty notices are issued per parent/carer per child so a family of two parents and two children will receive 4 penalty notices.

Lateness: Please remember that if your child is late to school, they must come in via the school office with an adult.

Thank you for your support regarding school attendance. Any time missed in school impacts the children and their learning.

If your child misses.....	That equals.....	Which is....	Over 13 years of schooling that is....
10 minutes a day	50 minutes a week	1.5 weeks a year	Nearly 1/2 a year of lost learning
20 minutes a day	1 hour 40 minutes a week	2.5 weeks per year	Nearly 1 year of lost learning



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30 minutes a day	1/2 a day a week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years of lost learning
1 hour a day	1 day a week	8 weeks per year	Nearly 2.5 years of lost learning

Sports Day lunch – 26th May:

Parents are invited to join us for a picnic on sport day, please bring a rug to sit on. Gates will open at 12.15pm, the children will join you at 12.30pm. Please be aware that the whole school is taking part so there is limited space. **Children who usually have school dinners will be provided with a packed lunch on sports day.** Races start at 1.00pm. More information about sports day will follow in due course.

Friends:

Thank you to everyone who supported the Easter Cake Sale and Tombola at the end of last term - we raised over £300 and every penny goes back to the school to invest in resources, equipment and experiences for the children.

Every year the Friends raise around £5.5k for the school, £3.5k of which goes towards annual curriculum costs such as books, software licences, cooking funds, stationery etc. and the remaining £2k is available to spend on additional resources. This year some of the things we have paid for include the Easter Egg Hunt gifts, the magician at Christmas, the Science Week activities and new 'rekanreks' counting frames. We are hoping that with a successful Summer Fair approaching, the Friends will be able to make a donation for a large 'wish list' item and the school are currently deciding on how best to spend the funds.

Don't forget, if you would like to make a direct donation for an item that the school needs, please use the Amazon wishlist: <https://amzn.eu/9QNxrDy> - there are currently lots of lovely books the school would like to add to their collection.

In terms of upcoming events, the Friends will be selling ice creams and drinks at Sports Day on Friday 26th May. We have also entered the Hale Carnival on Sat 1 July and will be entering as the 'Folly Hill Tigers', with a performance of 'Tiger Feet' by the whole school. Please start collecting anything that could be used to dress-up as a tiger on the day - we will also be looking for some willing volunteers for face painting!

The big event ahead though is the Golden Jubilee Summer Fair, Saturday 10th June, 11.30am-2pm. We will be looking for volunteers, both for preparing and setting up in advance, as well as on the day with manning the stalls and helping to pack away. If you can offer any time in the run up, or on the day, please let the Friends know.

Finally, the Friends will be going through a few changes next year, with the departure of both the Chair and Treasurer, plus the position of Secretary still vacant. The Friends are **desperately** looking





for a volunteer to step up to be Treasurer in particular, as well as anyone interested in taking on any of the other roles. So, if you can comfortably work your way around a spreadsheet and online bank account, we would love to hear from you. Without a Treasurer, fundraising efforts will need to temporarily cease, so it is really important that someone steps forward to volunteer. Please contact us if you would like to find out more about what the roles include.

Thank you once again for all your ongoing support.

The Friends

friends@follyhill.kite.academy

PS - Don't forget, you can still order the 50th Anniversary merchandise, including bags, teddies and mugs - please let us know if you would like to order anything.

Start times for September 2023:

The start and finish time for September 2023 will remain as they currently are, with registration starting at 8.45am and pick up at 3.15pm. Thank you to the current YR and Y1 parents who shared their views through our questionnaire, 63% supported the school times remaining the same. As always, if you have any difficulties with school drop offs/pick ups please come and talk to us.

Planned Inset Days for 2023/2024:

01/09/2023 04/09/2023 05/09/2023 02/01/2024 28/03/2024 24/05/2024

<https://www.facebook.com/follyhillschool>

https://twitter.com/folly_hill



Dates for your Diary:

May

- 1st School closed – Bank holiday
- 4th School closed – polling station
- 5th Coronation lunch for the children
- 8th School closed – Bank holiday
- 19th Rainbow trip to Rushmoor gym – Sports week
- 23rd Sunshine trip to 'Jump In' trampolining- Sports week
- 24th Moonbeam trip Guildford Spectrum Bowl – Sports week



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- 24th Rainbow reports and early learning goals meeting via Zoom 11.30am **(moved from the 5th May)**
- 25th Friends meeting
- 26th 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 3.15pm

June

- 5th Inset Day
- 6th Children return to school
- 10th Summer Fair and 50th celebration 11.30am – 2.00pm
- 21st Champions Day
- 28th Rainbow and Sunshine meet their new teachers
- 28th Rainbow Assembly 2.30pm – parents invited **(moved from 4th July)**

July

- 1st Hale carnival
- 5th Meet the teacher (who will teach your child next year) for current Rainbow and Sunshine parents 2.45pm in school
- 7th Summer disco
- 8th Friends Summer BBQ at Hale Rec
- 10th Report portal open to parents (closes 16th July)
- 13th Friends AGM at Folly Hill Infant School – 7.45pm
- 14th Grandparent or someone special afternoon 1.05pm
- 20th Moonbeam leavers BBQ (children only) and assembly at 1.15pm (parents invited from 1.15pm)
- 21st Last day of term finish at 1.15 pm

Community:

Free Trial Session and £40 discount at Perform

Popular children's drama and dance school Perform is offering a Free Trial Session and a **special introductory discount of £40 for members of Folly Hill County Infant school** if they sign up by Saturday 23rd September. Parents should quote FOCL230923 when they book their free session by going to perform.org.uk/try or calling 020 7255 9120.

You can find out more about the classes at perform.org.uk/try. Alternatively, pdf flyers can be downloaded from [here](#).

The nearest classes to Folly Hill County Infant school are as follows (please click for a map and further details):





Perform Farnham (Drama for 4-7s)
(1.4 miles)
Wednesdays **at 4pm**

Farnham Maltings
Bridge Square,
GU9 7QR

Perform Farnham (Drama for 7-12s)
(1.4 miles)
Wednesdays **at 5.05pm**

Farnham Maltings
Bridge Square,
GU9 7QR

Perform Fleet (Drama for 4-7s)
(2.8 miles)
Mondays **at 4pm**

Zebon Community Centre
Danvers Drive,
GU52 0ZE

Perform Fleet (Drama for 7-12s)
(2.8 miles)
Mondays **at 5.05pm**

Zebon Community Centre
Danvers Drive,
GU52 0ZE

Perform Hartley Whitney (Drama for 4-7s)
(6.7 miles)
Fridays **at 4pm**

Victoria Halls
West Green Road,
RG27 8RQ

There are others too. Click to find all the nearest [here](#) or view a list of [all areas](#).



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What does Farnham mean to you?

It's Local History Month and Community and we want to know what represents Farnham to you. It could be a place, a historic event, or a historic person.

Your entry could be:

- An artwork, such as a painting, drawing, or collage
- A short story (500 words max)
- A poem

This competition is open to children and adults.
Entries will be chosen for a library display!

Please hand your entry in to the library by
Wednesday 31st May



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