

Folly Hill Infant School

Newsletter 4

December 2021

Dear Parents,

Merry Christmas everyone, it's been an absolutely wonderful term, full of fun and wonderful learning.

Christmas is a busy time of year, and our little ones may find it all a bit too much. A tip that might help to keep the calm is to keep the bedtime routine the same and read a bedtime story (here is one to help you out - see below.) If you have any wonderful ideas that can help at this time of year, please share with one another and the school.

Keep safe over the holidays, we look forward to seeing you in the new year.

[Bedtime Story with Mrs Stone](#) password: folly

Rainbow class

Rainbow class have had a great week filled with Christmas activities. They were fantastic as they performed the nativity to parents. The children all did brilliantly remembering words, songs and actions.

This week the children have enjoyed making snowmen cupcakes. They measured out the ingredients, all had a go at mixing and carefully spooned the mixture into cases. They then turned them into some fabulous snowmen!

The children have worked so hard this term and had a lot of fun along the way, they all deserve a well-earned rest over the holidays.



Sunshine class

Sunshine Class have really enjoyed their 'Let's Celebrate' topic this term - we have learned about lots of different festivities and have taken part in songs, dances, food and customs related to these.

We have also been learning about our senses. We went on a sound and feely walk, have looked at optical illusions, been brave with feely bags, tasted a huge range of different fruits, guessed the flavours of the crisps and tried to guess the smell in the sock! A big thank you to all of our parents who have helped out by either coming in to tell us about a festival, provided a video, sent in fruit or helped with sewing. We really appreciate all of your support.



Moonbeam class

The children have absolutely loved learning about The Great Fire of London this half term. In history we looked at how to redesign London after the fire. The children came up with some excellent ideas such as, make the roads wider, build the houses out of brick or stone and create more green spaces. Our topic came to a monumental end with the burning of their Tudor houses. The children were mesmerized by the flames!

We hope you all have a very Merry Christmas



Friends:

We have had some lovely events in the build up to Christmas - Countdown to Christmas with Mrs Stone, the Christmas Fair, Rainbows Nativity and the Festive Songs evening with Sunshine and Moonbeam. It's been a busy month! Our Countdown to Christmas event made £161 and was a lovely start to December, a big thank you to Mrs Stone for making it happen



We had a fantastic Christmas Fair last week - we hope the children enjoyed themselves! We raised over £500, so thank you for all of your support, whether you helped with the setup, manned a stall, made a donation or bought a raffle ticket - we really appreciate it and the school will no doubt already have grand plans as to where the money will be going to in the New Year!

Thank you also for your generous donations after the children's performances this week.

Our next Friends meeting will be on Wednesday 12th January, 7.45pm at the Alma Pub and we'd love to see you there. There will be some more great events coming in the New Year, so keep an eye on the newsletter and Friends Facebook page to find out more.

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

Sharing information on our curriculum:

History Subject Curriculum Statement - Intent

History gives children a sense of where they have come from. At Folly Hill we set out to discover the historian in each and every child by igniting their curiosity and passion for the world in which they live and how it became as it is today. History provides children with a breadth of opportunity and experiences. By studying the past, we are shown models of good and responsible citizenship. History also teaches us how to learn from the mistakes of others. History helps us understand change and societal development, it provides us a context from which to understand ourselves and others. Through our teaching of History, we endeavour to help the children see the opportunities their world holds for them, by understanding it better and seeing how it has changed.

We place an emphasis on ensuring children's skills such as historical enquiry are progressively developed. We focus on challenging children to ask and answer though provoking and in depth questions. The language of History is taught explicitly, providing them with the necessary vocabulary

to successfully access and use a range of sources - written, pictorial and concrete. Children at Folly Hill are encouraged to think critically, weigh evidence, analyse information and develop good perspective and judgement. Our History curriculum aims to nurture their inquisitive nature. We endeavour to help children understand that the world is complex and dynamic and challenge them to question their place in this.

Countdown to Christmas:



The Pied Piper Company treated us to a spellbinding performance of 'Robin's Winter Adventure'. What a lovely way to spend the afternoon.

Colouring Competition:



There were so many wonderful entries for this year's Christmas Colouring Competition. Well done to Zoe, Aidan, Mrs Jeatt and Lyla for your winning creations.

Clubs:

Please sign up directly with clubs for the Spring term. You can find details on our website.

<http://www.folly-hill.surrey.sch.uk/clubs>

Online Safety: Digital Pledge

The Digital Family Pledge. It is a free online tool to help families (parents included!) set good digital habits. The Pledge covers four important topics: screen time, online bullying, social media, and gaming – and using a series of quiz like questions prompts families to discuss and agree some rules on how to use tech and act online. The information is tailored for children 5-13 years.

If you think the Digital Family Pledge would be useful please go to

[https://www.vodafone.co.uk/mobile/digital-parenting/family-pledge?cid=vnty-vod-auto/dvynfvtq\(uv\(bx\)fncjewaeqyhq](https://www.vodafone.co.uk/mobile/digital-parenting/family-pledge?cid=vnty-vod-auto/dvynfvtq(uv(bx)fncjewaeqyhq)



[Digital Family Pledge Tool | Vodafone](https://www.vodafone.co.uk/mobile/digital-parenting/family-pledge?cid=vnty-vod-auto/dvynfvtq(uv(bx)fncjewaeqyhq)

Want to set guidelines for how you and your family use the Internet, but don't know how? From quality screen time to being kind online, try out our Digital Family Pledge tool to help set better digital habits.

Safeguarding:

Holiday gatherings of family and friends give parents a special chance to teach their daughters an empowering lesson: you don't owe anyone your physical affection. To read more from experts on why this matters, especially for girls, visit <https://www.amightygirl.com/blog?p=21616>

To start teaching children -- girls and boys alike -- from a young age about the need to respect others and their personal boundaries, try "Let's Talk About Body Boundaries, Consent, and Respect" for ages 4 to 7 (<https://www.amightygirl.com/body-boundaries>) and "My Body! What I Say Goes!" for ages 3 to 7 (<https://www.amightygirl.com/my-body>)

For older children, check out "Consent (for Kids!)" for ages 6 to 10 at <https://www.amightygirl.com/consent-for-kids>

There is also a new picture book about a young lovebird who learns there are many ways to show that you care, "Rissy No Kissies" for ages 3 to 7 at <https://www.amightygirl.com/rissy-no-kissies>



I AM 5.
MY BODY IS MY BODY.
DON'T FORCE ME TO
KISS OR HUG.

I AM LEARNING ABOUT
CONSENT AND YOUR SUPPORT
ON THIS WILL HELP ME KEEP
MYSELF SAFE FOR
THE REST OF MY LIFE.

Admissions:

The closing date for Reception and Junior applications for September 2022 entry is **15 January 2022**. Applications received after the closing date without good reason will be treated as late and will not be considered until all on time applications have been processed. This may jeopardise the chance of a parent being offered one of their preferred schools for their child.

Surrey County Council encourage online applications via
<https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/eAdmissions/app>

Full information is available on Surrey's website at www.surreycc.gov.uk/primaryadmissions

Important dates for your diary

January

- 4th Inset Day
- 5th Children return to school
- 7th Long Ago half day workshop – Sunshine Class
- 11th Moonbeam trip to Gilbert White's House
- 12th Friends meeting 7.45pm at The Alma

- 19th EYFS meeting 12.30pm – 1pm by zoom
- 21st Movie Night for Moonbeam class
- 25th SEND zoom meeting – 12noon – 1.00pm
- 25th Reading workshop KS1 – 7pm by zoom
- 28th Book collection - children can wear their own clothes to school and bring in books for tombola
- 31st Coffee workshop on anti-bullying at 2.30pm

February

- 4th Phonics session for Rainbow, Sunshine and Moonbeam parents 9.00am – 9.15am
- 9th Cake Sale and book tombola – Rainbow class
- 10th Cake Sale and book tombola – Sunshine class
- 11th Folly Hill Skills
- 11th Cake Sale and book tombola – Moonbeam class
- 11th Break up at 3.00pm for half term
- 21st Children return to school
- 23rd Friends meeting and social 7.45pm at The Alma

March

- 1st St David's Day– children can wear their club uniform e.g. Beavers, Rainbows.
- 3rd World Book Day – wear pyjamas to school and bring in your favourite book.
- 11th School Disco
- 14th – 18th British Science week
- 15th Team building afternoon – whole school
- 15th Parent Consultations by Zoom 5.00pm – 7.30pm
- 17th Parent Consultations by Zoom 3.15pm – 5.30pm
- 17th St Patrick's Day - children can wear their club uniform e.g. Beavers, Rainbows
- 18th Parent Social
- 29th Folly Hill skills and Golden Clubs
- 30th Sunshine parents invited to Easter lunch and assembly 12 noon.

April

- 1st Easter Egg hunt
- 1st Break up at 1.15 pm

**Wishing you a Merry Christmas and
a Happy New Year**