

Folly Hill Infant School

Newsletter 4

December 2022

Dear Parents,

Thank you for a wonderful Autumn term. We wish you a happy and healthy break and look forward to seeing you all again in January.

Rainbow class

Rainbow class have been busy baking Christmas cupcakes. They did a great job weighing out the ingredients, mixing them all together and filling their cupcake cases. They finished them off by decorating them with marshmallow snowmen! Merry Christmas!



Sunshine class

Sunshine Class have been very busy - we certainly haven't been winding down. We finished our learning on senses with a 'Smelly Sock' investigation. The children had to use their senses of smell to work out what was in each sock! We have also been story writing using 'Stickman' as our inspiration. We have sent him on many more adventures but he still made it back to his family tree!

We hope you all have a lovely Christmas and we look forward to seeing you in 2023.



Moonbeam class 🌙

Moonbeam had a super end to the term learning about the Great Fire. In art we made Tudor houses, recreated Pudding Lane and set fire to them! In DT we are busy building our own fire engines, using measuring and sawing skills! In geography we have learned all about London landmarks and compared and contrasted London today with London in 1666. In computing we looked at how to be photographers and take the perfect photo. We have loved all the home learning that has come in this term. Thank you for your continued support. Merry Christmas!



Countdown to Christmas:



The Pied Piper Company treated us to a exciting performance of Burglar Bill. What a lovely way to spend the afternoon. Click on the link below to watch the performance.

[Burglar Bill 2022 - Full Show](#)

The Christmas Fair was a huge success and a lovely opportunity for the children to independently shop and have a concept of money, prices and change. Some children also enjoyed hot chocolate and stories with Mrs Stone and Mrs Hylton.



Friends:

We have had some lovely events in the build up to Christmas - Countdown to Christmas with Mrs Stone and Mrs Hylton, the Christmas Fair, Rainbows Nativity and the Festive Songs evening with Sunshine and Moonbeam. It's been a busy month!

We had a fantastic Christmas Fair last week - we hope the children enjoyed themselves! We raised over £800, 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 Thursday 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 your class What's App group to find out more.

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

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>

Reading:

Tom's Bobble



Victoria Blayney

The mother of local author Victoria Blayney came to read Victoria's new book, Tom's Bobble, to some of the children. We love having new people to read stories to us. If you would like to film yourself reading a story, we would love to share it with the Folly Hill children.

Tom's Bobble can be ordered in instore or online at WH Smiths, Waterstones and Amazon.

Colouring Competition:



We had some fantastic entries for the Christmas colouring competition. Well done to Georgia, Henry, Charlotte and Mr Chapman for their winning creations.

Online Safety: Setting up devices

Children are using devices at a younger age so it's important to consider setting control on the devices they use.

It can be difficult knowing all the different settings that are available on different devices to help protect children, this includes allowing or disallowing chat, friends, spending money, content filters and much more. On these pages you will find the details, as well as non-technical instructions, which will help you understand what is available to you and how to set up your child's devices.

Gaming consoles and devices - <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/gaming-consoles/>

Smartphones - <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/smartphones-and-other-devices/>

Broadband and mobile networks - <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/broadband-mobile/>

Entertainment and search engines - <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/entertainment-search-engines/>

Useful new features on YouTube and YouTube Kids

YouTube is hugely popular with all age groups but parents haven't had a lot of control over what their children can/cannot watch. But things have changed and YouTube now gives parents a greater degree of control. Take a look at the page below where you will see a few short videos of newer features that can help you on YouTube and YouTube Kids.

<https://www.esafety-adviser.com/youtube-parental-restrictions/>

Admissions:

The closing date for Reception and Junior applications for September 2023 entry is **15 January 2023**. 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

School meals:

[Click here for Twelve15's Parent/Carer December Newsletter](#)

Important dates for your diary.

January

- 3rd Inset Day
- 4th Children return to school
- 6th Long Ago half day workshop – Sunshine Class
- 10th Moonbeam trip to Gilbert White's House
- 12th Friends meeting 7.45pm at The Alma
- 27th Movie Night for Moonbeam class - 5.30pm

February

- 3rd Dress down day. Children can wear their own clothes to school and bring in a toy/bottle
- 6th Phonics session for Sunshine and Moonbeam parents 9.00am – 9.15am
- 7th Parent Consultations 5.00pm – 7.30pm
- 8th Sunshine and Moonbeam parents invited to view topic work at 2.30pm
- 9th Parent Consultations 3.15pm – 5.30pm
- 10th Folly Hill Skills
- 10th Cake Sale and tombola
- 10th Break up at 3.00pm for half term
- 10th Report portal open to parents (closes 24th February)
- 20th Children return to school
- 23rd Friends meeting 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.
- 10th School Disco 5.00pm – 6.00pm
- 10th Adult 70's Disco 8.00pm – till late
- 10th – 19th British Science week
- 17th St Patrick's Day - children can wear their club uniform e.g. Beavers, Rainbows
- 22nd Class and whole school photo
- 29th Rainbow trip to Painshill Park
- 29th Sunshine parents invited to Easter lunch, Phonics talk and assembly 12 noon.
- 31st Easter Egg Treasure Hunt
- 31st Folly Hill Skills and Golden Clubs
- 31st Break up at 1.15pm

April

17th Inset Day

18th Children return to school

20th Friends meeting 7.45pm at The Alma

19th SATS meeting for Moonbeam parents 2.45pm

21st St George's Day– children can wear their club uniform e.g. Beavers, Rainbows

21st Pizza Night

May

5th Report meeting for Rainbow parents by zoom -12 noon

22nd Dress down day in exchange for donation for the tombola

22nd to 25th Sports Trip for all classes - destinations TBC.

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 3.00pm

June

5th Inset Day

6th Children return to school

10th Summer Fair and 50th celebration

21st New parents meeting

21st Champions Day

28th Rainbow and Sunshine meet their new teachers

July

1st Hale carnival

4th Rainbow assembly 9.15am

5th Meet the teacher (who will teach your child next year) for current Rainbow and Sunshine parents 2.45pm

7th Summer disco

8th Friends Summer BBQ

10th Report portal open to parents (closes 16th July)

13th Friends AGM at Folly Hill Infant School – 7.45pm

15th Annual reports sent out

20th Moonbeam leavers lunch and assembly at 1.15pm (parents invited)

21st Last day of term finish at 1.15 pm

