

Folly Hill Infant School

Newsletter 6

February 2022

Dear all,

We hope you had a lovely half term and didn't have too much storm damage! Luckily the school remained safe. This term is a very exciting time for us here at Folly Hill as we extend our family by joining the Kite Academy Trust on the first day of March. Towards the end of term, we will celebrate the joining of this union by walking all the children up to Hale Academy and together with children from all the other Kite academies we will fly kites high up into the sky. Watch out on social media for the photos

Over the next few months, we will be altering some of our internal systems to be in line with the Kite Academy Trust, this may take us some time to get used to, so please bear with us.

Rainbow class

In rainbow class we are carrying on our Topic of Super stories with a focus on traditional tales.

We had great fun retelling the story of the gingerbread man. The children made their own gingerbread men and then used a piping bag to decorate them, all the children then enjoyed eating them during milk time.

They made some fantastic predictions, writing down what they thought would happen to the gingerbread man if he tried to swim across the river.

The children then made careful observations as we tested out their predictions. Some children designed and made a safe way for the gingerbread man to cross the river, they come up with some fantastic ideas such as boats, bridges and a magic door!



Sunshine class

When Sunshine Class returned after half term, we discovered there had been an alien crash landing during the recent storms! We have become detectives and gathered all the parts of the space craft and then found it's Alien pilot stuck in a nearby tree. We're now looking after

the 'Zorglet' carefully in class whilst we email her captain to find out how to rebuild her space craft. Thank goodness we're also learning all about the planets and materials - we're bound to be able to save her and get her safely home.



Moonbeam class 🌙

Moonbeam class are really enjoying their new topic Jamaica. So far, we have listened to music by Bob Marley and discussed what sort of music he made. In history, we are starting to look at Mary Seacole and find out why she is famous. In geography we have been learning where in the world Jamaica is and how it is different to Farnham. We are enjoying seeing the children's question create tasks from home, please do keep them coming.

Parents' Evening:

Sign-up sheets for parents' evening will be available from 7.45am on Monday 7th March.

There will be a table set up outside the school office. If it's raining the table will be in the hall – please use the main entrance by the school office. The meetings will be via Zoom and will be in 10 minute timeslots with your child's class teachers.

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.

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Sharing information about the curriculum:**Intent**

Our vision in science is to encourage curiosity in children so that they ask questions that fuel explorations and investigations about the universe we live in. Throughout the school science is a practical, interactive, hands-on subject that develops the skills and processes of scientific enquiry, as well as understanding about the concepts being explored. The children systematically build a bank of scientific vocabulary which supports their acquisition of scientific knowledge and enables them to effectively describe and explain the concepts they are learning about. We want the children to be excited and inquisitive about science.

After school pick up:

Please remember to let the school office know if anyone other than yourself is picking up your child. If you have friends or family who regularly pick up, we can add them to a list of trusted people your child can go home with.

World Book Day:

Thursday 3rd March - wear your pyjamas to school and bring in your favourite book.

Voluntary Contributions:

When organising school trips or visits, the school invites parents/carers to contribute to the cost of the trip. This is in line with our charging policy, available on the school's website. Contributions are voluntary and the suggested amount is £50 for the year. If you would like a breakdown of the trips planned for this year please contact the school office.

If we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions, we may need to cancel a planned visit or trip. If you are experiencing any financial difficulty, please feel free to discuss this with Mrs Stone in confidence.

Covid update:

Please read the following guidance from Surrey County Council, which we will be following in school.

- **Pupils/Students and staff should stay at home if they are unwell – schools/settings should refuse entry to those that are symptomatic or unwell**
- **Have a PCR test if you have COVID-19 symptoms and stay at home and avoid contact with other people if you test positive for at least 5 full days and then continue to follow the guidance (tests will remain available until the end of March 2022)**
- **Get vaccinated**
- **Let fresh air in if meeting indoors, or meet outside**
- **Wear a face covering in crowded and enclosed spaces, especially where coming into contact with people you do not usually meet and when rates of transmission are high**
- **Wash your hands and following advice to “Catch it, Bin it, Kill it”**

Friends:

As we enter the second half of the Spring Term, we have lots of events in the pipeline to plan up to the end of the year.

Our Valentines cake, craft and book sale was a great success. Thank you to everyone who contributed whether it was to make some cakes, contribute your time or even make a few purchases. We made an amazing £202.

We have received contributions of £43 from our online shopping fundraiser Easyfundraising. If you shop online, log on via www.easyfundraising.org.uk and a percentage of your sales will be donated to the school.

We have also since received funds for the Christmas cards of £123.50.

As we mentioned in the last newsletter the school are compiling a shopping list and we are committed to helping them buy this equipment and supplies. We will share the details with you as soon as we have them.

Up and coming events:

- School Disco – 11th March – This will follow the same format as our previous disco and letters will be coming out shortly.
- Parent Social - 18th March – This will be postponed for the time being. We are looking for your ideas of events that you would like to see in the future so will be sending out a survey to gather your feedback.

- Easter Egg Hunt – 1st April. The children will be taking part in the egg hunt on the last day of term and will receive an Easter craft, which will be donated by The Friends.
- Pizza Night – 29th April – This has been booked in with Doughies where you will be able to order artisan pizza kits to make at home. Details will follow shortly of how you can order. They were delicious last year and a fun thing to do with the children.

A quick reminder, that it's not too late to get involved in some of our other fundraisers for the year: the 100 Club, the Coin Challenge or even purchasing a small item from the school's Amazon wish list: <https://amzn.eu/cEmvX0K>

Finally, the next Friends meeting will be held on 19th April. Details will be sent out nearer the time, but please join us – everyone is welcome! **As always, from all the Friends committee thank you very much for all your ongoing support!**

(Friends of Folly Hill Infant School, A/C: 81258842, Sort Code: 40-21-05)

Thank you:

Here is a small selection of the wonderful items that the 'Friends' have bought for the school this term...there are still more on the way!

Thank you!



Community:

RELAX KIDS

Mindfulness and Yoga Classes for Children at Farnham Well-being Space (opposite Waitrose)
 MOVE. PLAY. STRETCH. FEEL. BREATHE. BELIEVE. RELAX.

Tuesdays 9.30-10.30am (ages 2-4) and 4-5pm (ages 4-8)

For more information or to book please visit: WWW.RELAXWITHFAYE.COM

Develops Self-Awareness 	Teaching Mindfulness	
Improves Self-Control 	Teaches Coping Skills 	Helps Manage Emotions
Creates a Sense of Calm 	Increases Focus and Attention 	Promotes Self-Acceptance

Dates for your Diary:

March

- 1st St David's Day– children can wear their club uniform e.g. Beavers, Rainbows.
- 2nd Storyteller visit for Rainbow class
- 3rd World Book Day – wear pyjamas to school and bring in your favourite book.
- 11th School Disco
- 14th Sunshine bikes to school
- 14th – 18th British Science week
- 15th Team building afternoon – whole school
- 15th Parent Consultations by Zoom 5.00pm – 7.30pm
- 16th Moonbeam bikes to school
- 17th Parent Consultations by Zoom 3.15pm – 5.30pm
- 17th St Patrick's Day - children can wear their club uniform e.g. Beavers, Rainbows
- 22nd Class photographs by Imago photography
- 25th Sublime Science Workshop
- 29th Folly Hill skills and Golden Clubs
- 30th Sunshine parents invited to Easter lunch, phonics talk and assembly 12 noon.

April

- 1st Easter Egg hunt
- 1st Break up at 1.15 pm
- 19th Inset Day
- 19th Friends meeting 7.45pm at The Alma
- 20th Children return to school
- 22nd St George's Day– children can wear their club uniform e.g. Beavers, Rainbows
- 26th Rainbow trip to Painshill Park
- 27th SATS meeting for Moonbeam parents 2.30pm
- 29th Pizza Night