

Folly Hill Infant School

Newsletter 6

February 2023

Dear all,

We hope you had a lovely half term. All classes have been extremely busy learning about their new topics this week.

Rainbow class

The children in Rainbow class have been getting stuck into our super stories topic. This half term we are focusing on traditional tales. Last week the children read *The Gingerbread Man*. They enjoyed making and decorating their own gingerbread men. The children 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. This week they have loved reading *The Three Billy Goats Gruff*. The children have been busy making bridges with the large construction outside and writing speech bubbles for the characters in the story. We used a story map to retell the story and the children had a go at making their own map and changing parts of the story.



Sunshine class

Sunshine Class have started their learning on their theme of 'Up Up and Away!'.

We have been learning the Greek Myth of Icarus and have done some amazing acting and writing based on this. We have also learned about the Montgolfier Brothers.

We also had a strange email and an interesting visitor...



Moonbeam class

We loved meeting our visitors for Folly Hill skills, a paramedic, GP and two police officers visited Folly Hill. During this special afternoon we learned how to make an emergency phone call, some basic first aid skills and how to keep ourselves healthy.



We have been very busy in Moonbeam class this month. To finish our 'In the Freezer' topic, we enjoyed reading non-fiction books about polar animals. We carefully researched facts and have created our own information book all about the animals that live in the Arctic and Antarctic.

In Design Technology this month we have been using Lego WeDo, to make models and complete guided projects. We have been building, programming and modifying lego models. We have also been designing and making healthy sandwiches in food technology.

4th May Polling day – School Closure:

We understand there has been upset amongst some parents regarding the school closure for polling day. We tried every avenue available to us to avoid this happening. Waverley Borough Council are aware that we are opposed to our school being used on polling day and only use schools as a last resort. However, the returning officer is authorised to make use of any school as a polling station, including academies, voluntary aided schools and local authority schools.

In order to safeguard our pupils, we have no choice but to close the school on this day, this includes breakfast and after school club. We apologise for the inconvenience this may cause, but we are sure you will understand that the reason for this closure is beyond our control. Any decision to close our school is always made with careful consideration.

Late Arrivals:

If the gate is closed when you arrive at school then you must accompany your child to the school office and sign them in, ensuring they are handed over to a member of staff. Please don't send them through the gate on their own. The class register is taken at 8.45am.

School absence:

If your child is absent from school, for any reason, please contact the school office before 9.15am 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. school@follyhill.kite.academy 01252 716121

World Book Day:

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



Online safety:

Hanni and the Magic Window is a brilliant resource to share with your children at home. The magic window is being used as an analogy for a computer screen.

Hanni's home has a very special magic window. But when Hanni sees something that upsets her, she struggles to explain what has happened. Can she find the words to get the help she needs? <https://www.childnet.com/resources/hanni-and-the-magic-window/>

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/events planned for this year, please contact the school office. Payments can be made via SCOPay, if you haven't used SCOPay before please email the school office for a code.

school@follyhill.kite.academy

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.

Friends:

Well it finally feels like there is a touch of spring in the air and The Friends have some great events lined up for this half term.

We continue our Golden Theme to celebrate 50 years of Folly Hill with a disco on Friday 10th March not only for the children (5-6pm) but the adults get their turn on the dance floor too (8-11pm). Dust off the platforms, dig out the flares and come join us to dance around your handbag or just enjoy a great night out with friends.

The cake sale at the end of last term was so successful we have decided to do another. The term finishes at 1.15pm on Friday 31st March so we will be having our Golden Easter Bonanza on Friday 24th March. The children will have a mufti day on the 24th March so we would love for them to bring in on the day Easter Eggs or Easter sweets, small Easter toy or an Easter themed craft donation for the Golden Easter tombola. As it is a cake sale too please send in your beautiful cakes but remember we are a NUT FREE school!

Friday 31st March the children will take part in the Easter treasure hunt which is greatly enjoyed every year!

We have also a fabulous range of 50th Anniversary merchandise on order and they are offered at a special price for advanced orders before 10th March As always, Thank you for all your support!

The Friends

Folly Hill's Childrens' Golden Jubilee Disco

Friday 10 March, 5pm-6pm

Join us for non-stop dancing , laughing and fun at our Golden Jubilee Disco! £3 per ticket, includes a drink and snack.

Book your place here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/folly-hills-childrens-golden-jubilee-disco-tickets-559794058097>

Pay for your ticket by transferring £3 online to Account Number: 81258842, Sort Code: 40-21-05, Ref: Disco.

Folly Hill's Golden Jubilee Disco for Grown Ups!

Friday 10 March, 8pm-11pm

Celebrate the school's Golden Jubilee with music from the past five decades! £5 per ticket, includes your first drink free.

Starlight Classroom and the library will be set up with chairs and tables, so if you don't fancy dancing, please still come along for a few drinks and a night out with friends.

Book your place here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/folly-hills-golden-jubilee-disco-for-grown-ups-tickets-559816304637>

Pay for your ticket by transferring £5 online to Account Number: 81258842, Sort Code: 40-21-05, Ref: Disco.

Boppin:



Boppin had a great PJ Day before half term. They had newsround and snack time with teddies, got ready to dance and the teddies joined in. Finally, everyone was worn out and ready for bed!

If anyone wants to practise the dance they are doing this term it's Heartbreak Anthem by Little Mix, David Guetta and Galantis. Boppin runs on a Tuesday from 3.15pm – 4.15pm. For further information on Boppin contact chloe@boppin.co.uk

Community:



Farnham Literary Festival have 4 fantastic events suitable for children that you can book including:

Thursday 9th March - [Martin Brown](#), famed illustrator of Horrible Histories

Saturday 11th March - Children's workshop (5-11yrs) - Lions, Tigers, Football & Unicorns

Saturday 11th March - Children's workshop (9-13yrs) - Make your own myth

Sunday 12th March - [Dame Jacqueline Wilson](#) , in conversation with

Tickets for these events can be purchased here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/childrens-events-for-farnham-literary-festival-1796959>

To view all events please go to the website here:

<https://farnhamliteraryfestival.co.uk/>

A pink poster for 'Race Night' on 25 March 23. The text '25 MARCH 23' is in large black letters at the top right. Below it, 'RACE NIGHT' is written in very large, bold letters, with a top hat icon above 'RACE' and a racing helmet icon above 'NIGHT'. On the left, there is a black silhouette of a jockey riding a horse. Text on the left side includes 'Hale Carnival Committee presents a Race Night - join us in person for a night of racing fun' and 'Dress for the races – prize for best dressed!'. At the bottom left is a circular logo for 'HALE VILLAGE CARNIVAL'. At the bottom right, it says '£10 a ticket entry', '7:30 doors open', 'Bar open', and 'Hale Village Hall, Wings Road'. There is also an icon of two clinking glasses. At the very bottom, it says 'Ticket request from www.halecarnival.co.uk'.

Thoughtful **E**xplorers **A**wesome **M**otivated

A GREAT FAMILY DAY OUT AT THE SURREY HILLS SPRING FESTIVAL



MARCH 25TH & 26TH, 2023



The [Surrey Hills Spring Festival at the Rural Life living Museum](#) in Tilford on the 25th & 26th March.

It will be a fantastic day out for kids of all ages with loads of hands-on activities from corn dolly making to bushcraft to planting seeds to riding a penny farthing!!

We will have a mini children's book fair with a fabulous line of up surrey-based children's authors who will be reading their books to the kids all weekend.

Plus there will be music, entertainment and over 60 Artisan stalls all weekend. It will be great for all the family, especially as all children under 16 go free!

Dates for your Diary:

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 – 11.00pm

10th – 19th British Science week

17th St Patrick's Day - children can wear their club uniform e.g. Beavers, Rainbows

Thoughtful **E**xplorers **A**wesome **M**otivated

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

4th School closed
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 3.15pm

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
14th Grandparent or someone special afternoon 1.05pm
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