

Folly Hill Infant Academy

Newsletter 5

January 2023

Dear Parents,

It's been a very busy start to the new year, with lots of fun learning all around the school.

Rainbow class



Rainbow Class have been enjoying our Topic of Super Stories. We kicked off the term with a bedtime story pyjama day, the children enjoyed making reading dens and snuggling up to share a good book. We discussed the importance of sleep and how a bedtime routine can help you get to sleep. We then thought about what else helps to keep our body and mind healthy. The children all helped chop up vegetables and make hummus as a healthy snack.

We made the most of the chilly mornings and went for a frosty walk in the park. The children enjoyed crunching on the icy puddles and squelching in the mud where the sun had thawed the ice.

The children have also been learning about Chinese New Year and became the storytellers as they acted out the story of how the years got their names. They enjoyed practising their fine motor skills as they made paper dragons, lanterns and red gift envelopes. The children also had a go at performing a dragon dance and playing music to accompany the dance.

Sunshine class



Sunshine Class are loving their 'Dinosaur Roar' topic. We started with a fossil workshop, have, amongst other things, been doing dino orienteering, made dino fact sheets, learned about Mary Anning, sorted animals into carnivore, herbivores and omnivores, and played a game of 'Whose Teeth?' In DT we have been making moving dino pictures and making toy dinosaurs. In art we have been making skeletons using art straws and colour mixing.

Moonbeam class



In Moonbeam we had a great start to our topic 'In the Freezer' by visiting the Gilbert White Museum. The children got to find out all about Scott's heroic journey to the South Pole and handle actual artefacts from the exhibition. They also had great fun learning Semaphore and reading a compass to solve clues. It was a really great day and I thoroughly recommend a visit if you haven't already been. We are really enjoying seeing all the question/create work come in. Thank you for your continued support.

Attendance:

Attendance is monitored regularly by the school, the Kite attendance officer and Surrey County Council. In line with Ofsted and the Department for Education (DfE) we will continue to target poor attendance by sending home letters and emails if attendance is below 95%. We firmly believe that all children benefit from regular school attendance. To this end we will do all we can to encourage parents to ensure that the children in their care achieve maximum possible attendance and that any problems that prevent full attendance are identified and acted on promptly. We expect that in return parents ensure their child attends school regularly and punctually and that **any** absence in term time is avoided. You can find our attendance policy here <http://www.folly-hill.surrey.sch.uk/other-policies>

Attendance Ladder



Please note: Penalty Notices to Address Poor Attendance at School

The Education Welfare Service, acting on behalf of Surrey County Council, may issue a Penalty Notice as an alternative to the prosecution of a parent for their child's unauthorised absence from school and requires the recipient to pay a fixed amount. The amount payable on issue of a Penalty Notice is £60 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice, rising to £120 if paid between 21 days and 28 days. If the Penalty Notice is not paid within 28 days, the Local Authority must prosecute the parent for failing to ensure regular school attendance under Section 444 Education Act 1996. Each parent is liable to receive a Penalty Notice for each child. Please see our Attendance Policy on our website for further information.

Sickness and medical appointments:

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

We understand that sometimes it is difficult to book medical appointments outside of school hours, if this is the case please complete a leave of absence form, available from the school office.

[Worried about your child \(aged 3 months and over\)? :: Healthier Together \(what0-18.nhs.uk\)](http://www.healthier-together.nhs.uk)

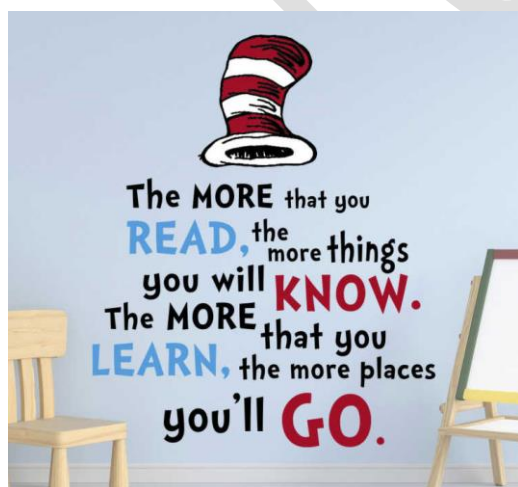
Safeguarding:

All aspects of safeguarding your child are taken very seriously at Folly Hill School. This includes health and safety, appropriate behaviour, anti-bullying, achievement in learning and child protection. Staff have had appropriate safeguarding training. Designated Lead: Ali Stone; Deputy Leads: Gina Hylton, Jane Norbury, Charlie Farr, Emma Mann and Governor Jackie Doe.

Parent Consultations:

The appointment sheets for Sunshine and Moonbeam Parents' Consultations will be available from 7.45am on Wednesday 1st February. 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 in 10 minute timeslots with your child's class teacher.

Guest Reader:



Are you feeling brave? Would you like to video yourself reading a story to the children? Or maybe you would like to come into school and read a story to them, we would love to see you. Please contact the school office to arrange a time or send your videos to school@follyhill.kite.academy

Author Visit:

Children's author **Alison H Simpson** will be visiting our school on **Tuesday 7th February** to read her first book **Bodhi the Pirate Dog** ([Book 1 on her website](#))

If you would like to purchase Alison's book to be delivered during the author visit:

- Please place your order by Tuesday 7th February at www.bodhithepiratedog.com/shop giving your child's name, class and the school address as the delivery address. Books are £8.99 and other books and bundles are available. Please use discount code FOLLY for free shipping.
- If you would like any books signed, you can add a note to your Paypal payment or email alisonhsimpson@hotmail.com to confirm the name(s) you would like the book(s) signed to.
- Cash/card payments can be accepted after school, but it's advisable to place your order beforehand.



Logo Competition:

Congratulations to Serena, Alice and Evie C who were the 3 winners of our design a logo competition. The Friends are sorting out some promotional items, with the logos on, as well as the digital image of the school created by Rainbow Mum, Naomi Mansbridge. These will be available to buy later in the year.



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Tips to stay safe online with your children:

Jack Changes the Game

A book all about online friends and how online friends are not always as they seem. This a brilliant new resource to share with your children at home.

<https://www.thinkuknow.org.au/resources-tab/parents-and-carers>

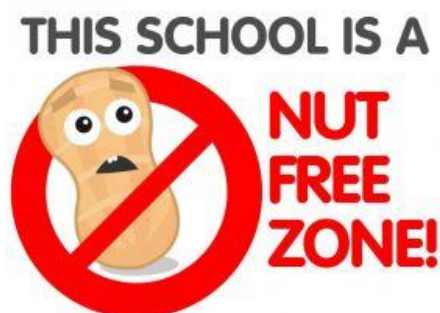
[Resources | ThinkUKnow](#)

This eBook is designed for parents, carers and educators to read with five to eight year old children to learn about being safer online.

www.thinkuknow.org.au

Nut Free School:

Folly Hill is a nut free school. Please do not to send any peanut or nut containing products to school with your child. Please also avoid products that state they may contain nuts. If your child has eaten peanuts/nuts before coming to school, please be sure your child's hands and face have been thoroughly washed before entering the school.



After school events with or without children are also nut free. Items that 'may contain nuts' are acceptable at cake sales and parent socials as long as they are clearly marked as such. Please check food items that you send into school for these events.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Friends of Folly Hill:

We have lots coming up in the term ahead for both the parents and the children. We have already kicked off with the Moonbeam Movie Night, thank you to the Moonbeam parents who supported the event. The children were very excited and had a great time watching Bad Guys in their pyjamas. We raised £87.50.

We have 'wear your own clothes' to school coming up on Friday 3rd February and we are asking for bottle tombola donations in return - this could be a bottle of bubble bath, alcohol or soft drink, cooking condiments etc. The half term will be ending with our Valentines cake sale, craft, second hand uniform and tombola on Friday 10th February. Please donate nut free homemade or shop bought cakes on the day of the sale. If you are making homemade cakes, please can we ask you to provide a list of the ingredients. Everything will be held in the hall and you will be able to visit when you collect your child.

Up and coming events include the School Disco on the 10th March, Parents Social on the evening of 10th March and the Easter Egg Hunt on 31st March.

Our next Friends meeting will be on Thursday 23rd February, 7.45pm – we would love to see there.

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

Community:

Exciting volunteer opportunity to support our local community

The Kite Family Support Workers are looking for volunteers to support them in their partnership with Farnborough Foodbank (part of the Trussel Trust). In the last 6 months, the Trussel Trust gave 1.3 million emergency food parcels to people in crisis. Their foodbanks across the UK provide a minimum of three days' nutritionally-balanced emergency food to people who have been referred in crisis, as well as support to help people resolve the crises they face.

From later this year, Farnborough Foodbank will be running a distribution centre from the Kite Family Hub (located next to Mytchett Primary Academy) - a place where people can collect food parcels, seek advice and support and enjoy a hot drink and a biscuit or two! To make this successful, we are looking for a group of volunteers to run the sessions on Friday mornings. As a volunteer, you will be supported with training from the Trussel Trust as well as ongoing support from them and our FSWs.

If you think you can help or would like to find out more, please complete this form.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=L3Sxt5XWaE65u86ZdvtQjBq5IT0glz5En1gYL14IXUdUMzFXNIFFMEFaUVNET1NUOVNWUVJCRFNHni4u>



SCHOOL CATERING VACANCIES

Term-time only positions with great work-life balance
Secure local jobs with regular pay
Career opportunities across Surrey
Work term-time only, get paid 12 months of the year

<https://itstwelve15.co.uk/work-for-twelve15/>

Register your interest, we'll get in touch



Hale Family Centre Drop In Clinic

for Families with Children aged 0-4

Where: Hale Family Centre, Upper Hale Road, Hale, Farnham,
GU9 0LR

Dates: 26 January & 23rd February

Time: 12.45 to 2.45pm

Advice , guidance and support from a Community Nursery
Nurse on topics including;

Introducing Family Foods

Toilet Training

Positive Behaviour Management

Sleep

The Last Wednesday Support Group

A confidential place to share experiences and knowledge. For parents and carers of children with additional needs with or without diagnosis.

Support - Children Welcome - Toy and Book – Library – Speakers – Signposting – Refreshments - Social Nights Out - Cake

We meet at St Francis Church Hall, Beavers Hill, Farnham GU9 7DF (off Three Stiles Road)

at 9:30am until 11:30am

Dates for 2023 February 22nd 2023 March 29th 2023 April 26th 2023 May 24th 2023 June 28th 2023 July 12th 2023

Contact Vanessa on 07766 404480 or Emma via emmajfox77@gmail.com

Car Parking Available

Art & Craft to build your child's confidence 3 week course



Learn together

Parent/Carers please come along with your child to enjoy a FREE Arts and Crafts three-week course to help build your child's confidence whilst having fun crafting together.

All resources needed will be provided.

Where: Waverley Family Centre (Hale site) Upper Hale Road Farnham GU9 0JF

When: Wednesday, January 25th, 1st & 8th February

Time: 1.00–2.30 pm

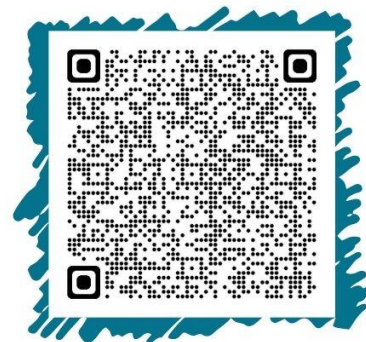
Who: Parents & Carers with their child

To book click on the [link](#) or scan the QR code

Web: www.surreycc.gov.uk/familylearning

Email: family.learning@surreycc.gov.uk

Tel: 07800717806





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Play IN A DAY DRAMA WORKSHOP

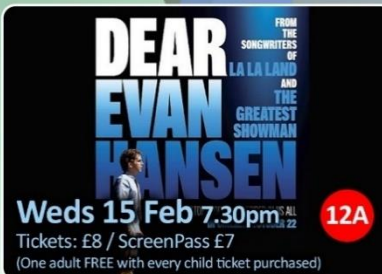
Tues 14 Feb 10am to 4pm
Tickets: £21 Ages: 7 to 11 years

Dance IN A DAY Workshop

Weds 15 Feb 10am to 4pm
Tickets: £21 Ages: 6 to 10 years



Weds 15 Feb 2.30pm **U**
Tickets: £8 / ScreenPass £7
(One adult FREE with every child ticket purchased)



Weds 15 Feb 7.30pm **12A**
Tickets: £8 / ScreenPass £7
(One adult FREE with every child ticket purchased)



Thurs 16 Feb 7.30pm
Tickets: £16.50 / Child £11.50 / Family (4) £51



Fri 17 Feb 2pm
Tickets: £14 / Family (4) £52

Diary Dates:

February

- 3rd Dress down day. Children can wear their own clothes to school and bring in a bottle
- 6th Phonics session for Sunshine and Moonbeam parents 9.00am – 9.15am
- 7th Author Visit – all classes
- 7th Parent Consultations 5.00pm – 7.30pm
- 9th Parent Consultations 3.15pm – 5.30pm
- 10th Folly Hill Skills
- 10th Cake Sale and tombola
- 10th Break up at 3.15pm 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.
6th Fantastic Fred – All classes
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
18th Y2 athletics at South Farnham – more information to follow
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
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