

Folly Hill Infant Academy

Newsletter 11

July 2023

Dear Parents,

It's been another amazing year here at Folly Hill, with so much fun and learning.

Thank you to everyone who is part of the Folly Hill TEAM.

We wish everyone who is leaving this year the best of luck in their new schools.



Rainbow class

The Rainbow children have had a wonderful year, they have worked so hard and shown great enthusiasm for their learning, as a result they have made excellent progress in all the areas.

Rainbow class have finished the term with lots of pirate fun. The children have made pirate hats and decorations, and then organised a pirate party. The children decided what games they would like to play and wrote instructions about how to play them.

They also decided what food they would like at the party, they wrote shopping lists and then walked to Tesco to buy the ingredients. They then made all the party food themselves, practicing their cutting and spreading skills. The party was a great success!!



Sunshine class

What a super year we have had. Lots of visitors including a roaming dinosaur and a Zorglet, a mysterious suitcase!

We have ended the year making zip wires and going on a scavenger hunt.

It has been an absolute pleasure to teach Sunshine Class - we look forward to seeing you in September.



Moonbeam class

We have had a wonderful final half-term in Moonbeam class.

Moonbeam class have really embraced our Titanic topic this term. Creating posters, designing menus, writing diary entries and they have produced some excellent creative writing too.

Grandparents afternoon was a wonderful celebration, Moonbeam class really enjoyed sharing their learning with Grandparents and other family members. The highlight was the incredible display of Titanic models and their performance of Tiger Feet.

This week we celebrated the end of term with a special barbecue and our Leavers' Assembly. Everyone participated in the assembly as a special celebration of their time at Folly Hill. Thank you to all the Moonbeam parents for all your support. We wish the children all the very best for their next chapter.



Attendance:

Our whole school attendance for 2022/2023 was 96.19%.

Attendance is monitored regularly by the school and the Kite attendance officer in line with Ofsted and the Department for Education (DfE.)

We firmly believe that all children benefit from regular school attendance. Poor attendance can have an impact on a child's learning along with their wellbeing.

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



Grandparents' afternoon:

We had over 100 visitors to our school for a rather wet Grandparents/Special person day. Thank you to all visitors who came to listen to the children sing, look at their work, have a cup of tea and enjoy the school grounds. The weather didn't dampen the enthusiastic performances of Jai Ho, Tiger feet and country dancing.

Friends:

As the school year comes to an end, we are delighted to announce that we have had an incredibly successful year of fundraising, raising **£5,867!** This brings us back to pre-Covid fundraising levels and means that we have been able to support the school with the following activities this year:

- Crocodile encounters experience
- Poetry performance and Workshop
- Rekenrek Maths counting frames
- Magician performance at Christmas
- Water trays
- Non-fiction books
- Scissors
- Cooking aprons
- Florence Nightingale experience with Farnham Museum
- Science Workshops during Science Week
- Subscription to Key Stage History resources
- Pied Piper performance of Burglar Bill

This is in addition to the annual contributions that the Friends make towards curriculum purchases, cooking funds, Espresso/coding licenses, teacher's wish lists etc. We couldn't do any of this without you so thank you so much for your support!

There are still ways to support the school over the holidays:

Amazon Wish List – The school has an Amazon wish list if you are looking to support the school with some of the smaller items they need – there are currently lots of lovely books on the list:

<https://amzn.eu/9QNXrDy>

Online Shopping - If you shop online, log on via www.easyfundraising.org.uk and a percentage of your sales will be donated to the school.

Name Tags - When you are labelling all your new school uniform, please consider buying your labels from www.mynametags.com who donate a percentage of your purchase to the school. Just quote 19070 at the checkout.

We have lots of events in the diary for next year, including the Parent's Quiz Night in October, so keep your eyes peeled for when the events calendar is published in September.

Thank you! We couldn't do this without our amazing parent volunteers, and we had lots of new volunteers come along to the AGM last week, who will be taking on committee roles. We always need more help, so if you feel that this is something that you would like to sign up for, whether it's volunteering at an event, as a class rep or joining the committee then please join us at our first Friends meeting on Thursday 14th September at 7.45pm which will be held at the Alma Pub. Everyone is welcome and we would love to see you there.

As always, from all the Friends committee thank you very much for all your ongoing support. We hope you have a great summer.

Our email address is friends@follyhill.kite.academy

BC and ASC Price Increase:

Please find below new After School and Breakfast club session costs effective from September 2023. Whilst we were reluctant to increase fees during the current economic climate, it is necessary to cover our own costs which have risen significantly, in particular in the areas of energy and staffing. Prices have been increased by 10% which is in line with increases implemented across the Trust, and which was agreed by The Finance and Risk Committee at their last meeting.

| | ASC Short session | ASC Full session | BSC |
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| Folly Hill | £8.25 | £11.55 | £7.15 |

Goodbye Moonbeam and Mrs Farr:



We wish you well in your new adventures and know you are well prepared for Junior School and in Mrs Farr's case, retirement.

Dates for your Diary:

September

1st SCHOOL CLOSED – KITE DAY

4th INSET DAY

5th INSET DAY

6th INSET DAY **The school will be open for new Reception children in Group A from 9-12pm only- Closed for year 1 & 2 children**

7th School starts for Year 1 & Year 2 children. Reception children **Group B from 9-12pm**

8th Reception children **Group A & B from 9-1pm**

12th Flu immunisation - an email has been sent to all parents. Please complete the online form for your child.

27th Individual school photos