

Folly Hill Infant Academy

Newsletter 10

June 2023

Dear Parents,

Rainbow class

Rainbow class has been learning all about Farnham, and where it is in the world. We had a fantastic day visiting the castle. The children walked to the castle and enjoyed climbing all the steps and looking out over Farnham. We enjoyed a picnic in the park with ice cream! We then compared Farnham to the Caribbean, they discovered that the houses on Trinidad and Tobago were very colourful compared to Farnham.



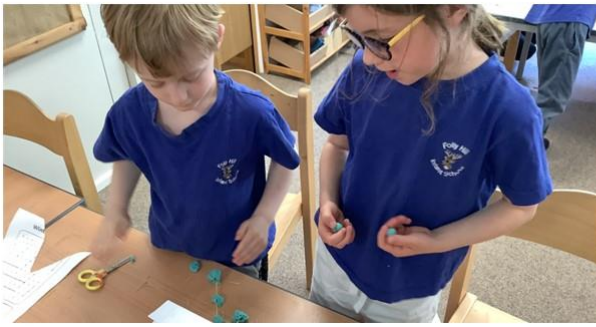
The children have also been learning about how dangerous litter is for our environment and have been litter picking and sorting rubbish to go to recycling.

Sunshine class

Sunshine class have been learning poems. We have read 'The Magic Box' poem and used ideas from it to write our own. We used alliteration, onomatopoeia, senses and opposites and have made our own poetry books.

In DT we have been making free standing structures. We have made bridges and tall towers - we will be designing and making chairs next. In Art we have been experimenting with watercolours and looking at the work of Paul Klee & Emma Burleigh.

We have also been doing some orienteering which has been great fun - we have combined Geography, PE, Science and Maths to find markers around the school and work out where they are in relation to us.



Moonbeam class 🌙

Moonbeam have started their topic Titanic and are already totally fascinated by the infamous ship. We will be looking to answer the question ' Why did the 'unsinkable' Titanic sink?

We will consider lots of different reasons, look at different sources of evidence and find out how safety at sea was changed completely because of this event.

In science we are also growing runner beans. We allowed them to germinate first in the classroom and then last week planted them out into a bed and will continue to watch them grow.

This week we start rehearsals for our leavers' assembly which we look forward to performing to you on the last week of term.

Friends:

Summer Term is disappearing fast, and the end of the school year is in sight!

The 'Golden' Summer Fair was a great success, raising over £2,000 for the school! Thank you to all the volunteers on the day, for everyone who came and enjoyed the day and for your donations in advance, we can't do these events without your support! Every penny goes back to the school to invest in resources, equipment and experiences for the children, so events such as this can really make a difference.

In terms of upcoming events, we have the [Hale Carnival on Sat 1 July](#) and will be entering as the 'Folly Hill Tigers', with a performance of 'Tiger Feet'. Please come to Hale School field from 4.45pm dressed as a tiger, or in orange/black/stripy clothing - lots of families have already confirmed they will be coming. We are still looking for some willing volunteers for face painting too!

The **End of Year Disco on Friday 7 July** will start at 5pm, with a staggered finish time (6pm for Rainbow, 6.10pm for Sunshine and 6.20pm for Moonbeam). Tickets can be booked via Eventbrite: [Folly Hill End of Year Disco Tickets, Fri 7 Jul 2023 at 17:00 | Eventbrite](#) with £3 transferred to the Friends account for the ticket, drink and snack.

Picnic at the Park on Saturday 8 July will be an opportunity for all Folly Hill families - those leaving us in a few weeks, as well as those joining us in September, to get together and celebrate the end of the school year. Tickets are £5 per family and include free kids ice creams - alcoholic drinks, soft drinks and additional ice creams will be there to purchase on the day. Join us at Hale Rec from 4pm.

Finally, the Friends will be at **Grandparents Day on Friday 14 July** selling refreshments and 50th anniversary merchandise.

Don't forget, if you would like to make a direct donation for an item that the school needs, please use the Amazon wishlist: <https://amzn.eu/9QNXrDy> - there are currently lots of lovely books the school would like to add to their collection.

On **Thu 13 July**, the Friends will be hosting their **Annual General Meeting**. This is your opportunity to find out how the school is doing, more about the Friends, the plans for next year and to find out how you might get involved - big or small. As you know the Friends are going through a few changes next year, with a couple of the key roles being vacated as children move up to Junior Schools. Unfortunately, without these key roles - particularly Treasurer, Chair and Secretary, fundraising efforts will need to temporarily cease. This equates to a loss of around £6k for the school. Please do come along to the AGM to find out more - the roles are not onerous and we are looking to share tasks amongst a wider group of volunteers to make it fair. Thank you once again for all your ongoing support.

The Friends friends@follyhill.kite.academy

PS - Don't forget, you can still order the 50th Anniversary merchandise, including bags, teddies and mugs - please let us know if you would like to order anything.

Grandparents' afternoon:

Our Grandparents' or special person afternoon this year is on Friday 14th July and is an opportunity for the children to show their school to their grandparents (or auntie, uncle, family friend, someone special). **No parents or siblings on this occasion please.** If there is nobody available for your child on that afternoon, perhaps they could be 'adopted' by a friend's grandparent or we will organise a surrogate grandparent for them.

The afternoon will run from 1.05pm. Grandparents will be able to see their grandchild's learning, explore the grounds with them and watch a short performance. They can take their grandchild home after the event. Refreshments will be available on the day and any cash donations would be very welcome.

Please return slips to confirm attendance by Wednesday 5th July.

Sun Safety:

Whilst we are enjoying the occasional sunshine, may we remind parents that children should come to school with a hat and a water bottle. We also advise parents to apply sun lotion to children before school, you can buy products that last all day. When the weather is hot and sunny we encourage children to stay in the shade as much as possible, wear their hat and to drink plenty of water. Many thanks for your co-operation.

Representing Folly Hill:



Well done to the children that participated in extra curricular events recently including the Maths rockstars challenge, Brightwell's tennis tournament, Athletics and Champions Day. We are really proud of you.

Hale Carnival:

Maypole: If your child would like to take part in the maypole performance, please meet at the maypole (on Hale green) for 2 o'clock. The children can wear what they want with sensible trainers/shoes.

Procession -Folly Hill Tigers: All entrants should start to gather on the Hale School Field from 4.45 pm onwards to be ready for judging which will start at 5.15pm. The procession moves off at 6pm sharp and will proceed down the hill and onto the green. It will do one lap of the green before dispersing. The route will be closed to other road users for the duration of the procession and will be adequately marshaled in liaison with the police to ensure the safety of those in the procession. Remember to bring drinks and snacks – it can feel like a long wait.

Transition to Key Stage 2:

Details of inductions and meetings for parents should have been sent to you by your child's new school, please approach them if you have questions/concerns. **A leave of absence form should be completed when your child is visiting another school.**

Meet the teacher:

On Wednesday 5th July at 2.30pm you have the opportunity to meet your child's new class teacher. This is for current Rainbow and Sunshine parents. Please come to the school office and we will show you to the classroom.

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>

Voluntary Contributions:

If you are unsure if you have contributed towards the wonderful events and trips the children have had this year please check on SCOpay or ask at the school office. Unfortunately, we have not had enough contributions to cover costs this year. In future, trips and visitors into school may not be able to go ahead if we don't receive parental support.

Dates for your Diary:

- 1st Hale carnival
- 3rd Visit from Crocodile encounters
- 5th Meet the teacher (who will teach your child next year) for current Rainbow and Sunshine parents
2.45pm in school
- 5th Y2 children going to Pottersgate visit at 2.30pm
- 6th Y2 children going to St Polycarps spend the morning there
- 7th Summer disco
- 8th Friends Summer BBQ at Hale Rec
- 10th Report portal open to Y1 and Y2 parents (closes 16th July)
- 13th Y2 children going to William Cobbett to spend the day there
- 13th Friends AGM at Folly Hill Infant School – 7.45pm
- 14th Grandparent or someone special afternoon 1.05pm
- 17th Inset Day
- 18th Drumming workshop – all classes
- 20th Moonbeam leavers BBQ (children only) and assembly at 1.15pm (parents invited from 1.15pm)
- 21st Last day of term finish at 1.15 pm

Community:



WE HAVE SPACES FOR SEPTEMBER!

GREENWAYS

If you're thinking about the next chapter for your little one, get in touch with us at Greenways...

We offer sessions for children aged 2.5 - 5 years, 8.30am - 3.00pm Monday to Friday term time.

We accept the 15 hours universal and 30 hours extended FEE funding alongside 2 year old FEET funding.

Please contact us for more information or to book a visit to look around

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UPCOMING EVENTS AT FARNHAM LIBRARY

8th
July

Summer Fete to celebrate the start of the
Summer Reading Challenge 10am-noon.

8th
July

Chatter Books - Reading group for 7-12 year olds every
month. 11am

19th
July

Make your own Frisbee - 3.45pm, 50p per child

26th
July

Archaeology Fun - dig for treasures and
make fossils - 3.45pm, £1 per child

31st
July and
2nd Aug

Reading Sparks: Learn about incredible
animals - 3-3.30pm £4 per child

3rd
Aug

Make your own fishing game or design your own
board game - 11am-1pm, £1 per child

14th and
22nd Aug

Junk Modelling - Make your own game or games
equipment from junk - 2.30-3.30pm £1 per child

Remember - you don't have to be a member of a library to
take part!

Find us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram for more details.

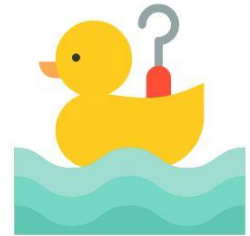


Summer Fete at Farnham Library

Summer Reading Challenge 2023

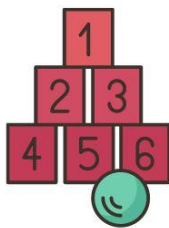


Ready, Set, Read!



Presented by The Reading Agency.
Delivered in partnership with libraries.

Join us to launch the start of
the **Summer Reading Challenge
2023** with some fun games in
the grounds of the library!



Saturday 8th July

10am-12pm all ages
welcome!



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