



## Folly Hill Infant Academy Newsletter 7 March 2023

Dear Parents,

Spring time is here, the children are blossoming and have been springing into action.

### Rainbow class

What a busy half term it has been, our Super Stories topic has continued to inspire children to tell, act out and write their own stories. The children were amazed to find out that they had learnt 50 phonemes and 30 tricky words since the beginning of the year, they have all gained in confidence so much and we see fantastic writing every day in Rainbow class !

We have also enjoyed several trips out over the last couple of weeks, we walked to Farnham Park to look for signs of Spring and to have a go at the Easter tradition of rolling decorated eggs. Our final outing of the term was to Painshill Park for a storytelling adventure which the children loved. The children helped to act out a mixed up fairy-tale with the traditional big bad wolf, a Hairy Godfather, the three little pigs as well as other fairy-tale characters. The children particularly enjoyed making a house for Little Bear and then trying to blow it down with a huff and a puff.



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## Sunshine class



Sunshine have enjoyed their 'Flight' theme. We have learned about different people who have helped the development of aviation and people who have done amazing things in a plane.

In Science we have been learning about different materials and have been testing them in different ways - the showerproof investigation was the most exciting! We have also had great fun making stomp rockets!

In Art we have been making birds by changing 2D materials into 3D and in DT we have been making moving pictures with moving and fixed levers.

## Moonbeam class

Moonbeam have had a great term learning about staying healthy and hygienic. We had a super visit from Farnham Museum outreach, with a lady in role as Florence Nightingale. The children all got involved- from acting as wounded soldiers to dressing up as Florence. In science we have focussed on how to stay healthy and hygienic. The children did an experiment on the importance of handwashing. We have also talked about the importance of keeping our minds happy and healthy too. We have really loved seeing all your question/create work come in. From the children cooking some amazing recipes to some fabulous Easter gardens. We hope you all have a Happy Easter.

Moonbeam Team.



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**Parking:**

To ensure easy access, it is suggested that parents arriving in cars should enter Coniston Drive from the upper end by Folly Hill South and exit at the lower end by Windermere Way, thus creating a system which would provide less congestion and easier access both to the school and to the neighbouring houses. Please ensure the entrance to the school is left clear at all times to allow access for emergency services.

**Our neighbours would also appreciate it if their driveways could be left accessible at all times and please do not park on the grass verges or junctions. Please park safely and sensibly.**

**Warmer weather:**

Hopefully, will be heading into warmer weather soon. Please may we remind you not to put your child in sandals for school- they are too risky for playtimes. All children should wear proper shoes with a closed toe. Children should also have a labelled sunhat and must bring a water bottle to school. We do not have sun creams in school- please apply before your child leaves home in the morning. Please do not leave sun cream in your child's bag. Many thanks for your co-operation.

**Tissues:**

Hopefully we are now over the cold and runny nose season, soon it will be time for Hayfever. Donations of boxes of tissues are always welcome at this time of year. Please hand them into the school office.

**WhatsApp and Facebook:**

Online groups can be a wonderful way to support and help each other, but when the comments become negative this can have a detrimental impact. The worst thing about this is, we can't help anyone.

A gentle reminder - we run an open-door policy and everyone at school is here to try and make sure our school can be the best it can be and give the best start to education for your children . As such, if you have suggestions or questions about how and why we do things, the best place to post these would be to the school, either Mrs Stone, Mrs Hylton, the office, or the class teachers, or if its specifically a subject to ask to the subject lead. You can drop us an email, catch us on the gate, phone the school and request an appointment. Usually, through a conversation we're able to work out where an issue might have occurred and even agree that there may be another way to do things.

**Friends:**

What a great time the children had at the disco! The Golden Easter Cake Sale was another huge success. Thank you for all your support. Next term we have the Pizza evening, details to follow. The biggest event for next term is the Folly Hill Golden Summer Fair celebration on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June 11.30am – 2.00pm. There will be plenty of stalls and game for the children and a bar for the adults.





Working with the 'Gold Council' we will have the Folly Hill History room showing Folly Hill through the ages as it reaches 50 years. Save the date!

As always, thank you for your ongoing support that keeps our school great.

### **Dates for your Diary:**

#### **March**

31<sup>st</sup> Break up at 1.15pm

#### **April**

17<sup>th</sup> Inset Day

18<sup>th</sup> Children return to school

20<sup>th</sup> Friends meeting 7.45pm at The Alma

19<sup>th</sup> SATS meeting for Moonbeam parents 2.45pm

21<sup>st</sup> St George's Day– children can wear their club uniform e.g. Beavers, Rainbows

21<sup>st</sup> Pizza Night

#### **May**

4<sup>th</sup> School closed – polling station

5<sup>th</sup> Coronation lunch for the children

5<sup>th</sup> Report meeting for Rainbow parents by zoom -12 noon

19<sup>th</sup> Rainbow trip to Rushmoor gym – Sports week

23<sup>rd</sup> Sunshine trip to 'Jump In' trampolining- Sports week

24<sup>th</sup> Moonbeam trip Guildford Spectrum Bowl – Sports week

25<sup>th</sup> Friends meeting

26<sup>th</sup> 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**

5<sup>th</sup> Inset Day

6<sup>th</sup> Children return to school

10<sup>th</sup> Summer Fair and 50<sup>th</sup> celebration 11.30am – 2.00pm

21<sup>st</sup> New parents meeting

21<sup>st</sup> Champions Day

28<sup>th</sup> Rainbow and Sunshine meet their new teachers

#### **July**

1<sup>st</sup> Hale carnival

4<sup>th</sup> Rainbow assembly 9.15am

5<sup>th</sup> Meet the teacher (who will teach your child next year) for current Rainbow and Sunshine parents 2.45pm

7<sup>th</sup> Summer disco

8<sup>th</sup> Friends Summer BBQ

10<sup>th</sup> Report portal open to parents (closes 16<sup>th</sup> July)

13<sup>th</sup> Friends AGM at Folly Hill Infant School – 7.45pm

14<sup>th</sup> Grandparent or someone special afternoon 1.05pm





15<sup>th</sup> Annual reports sent out  
 20<sup>th</sup> Moonbeam leavers lunch and assembly at 1.15pm (parents invited)  
 21<sup>st</sup> Last day of term finish at 1.15 pm

**Community:**

**I'm all ears**  
 COMMUNITY INTEREST COMPANY

**HERE TO HELP YOU ONLINE**  
 STAY ALERT AND OBSERVE SOCIAL DISTANCING  
 E-MAIL FOR AN APPOINTMENT

*How can we help you?*

I'm all ears are Non Judgmental counselling service offering low cost and free counselling to local parents.

Being pregnant, giving birth and becoming a parent can raise many issues for lots of people. parenting is not an easy journey for many of us, being able to talk in confidence about how it is for you can make a huge difference.

We will be at the  
**Hale Community Centre**  
 every...

Wednesday afternoon from  
 2:00pm to 4:00pm

to talk to you if you are a new mum or dad struggling with pregnancy, early parenting, birth trauma, feeding your baby or your relationship.

**"I'm all ears" - can help.**

**To talk to a therapist...**  
 Email: [hello@imallears.community](mailto:hello@imallears.community)

**SATURDAYS** Hale Community Centre

**Baby Ballet**  
 9:30 - 10:00  
 Preschool 2-4yrs

**Baby Street**  
 10:00 - 10:30  
 Preschool 2-4yrs

**Infants Street**  
 10:30 - 11:15  
 Reception - Yr 2

**Juniors Street**  
 11:15 - 12  
 Yr 3 - 6

*Dream It. Dance It. Do It.*

*boogie pumps*

**Hale Community Centre**

**Easter Holiday Activities Programme**  
 Wednesday 12th - Friday 14th April

**Family Activities!**

Wednesday 12th April 2023  
 Community Fun Day

**Open as usual!**

**Easter Egg Hunt**

**Easter Crafts**

**Football Fun Coaching Sessions**  
 10.30 till 11.30am Bookable via Eventbrite

**Pop-In & Cafe**  
 Pay-what-you-can

**Fridge & Cupboard**  
 Hale Community Centre

Thursday 13th April  
 Easter Baking Fun

2pm till 3.30pm  
 Bookable via eventbrite

Friday 14th April  
 Easter Baking Fun (SEN Session)

2pm till 3.30pm  
 Bookable via eventbrite

Hale Community Centre, 130 Upper Hale Rd, Farnham GU14 0JH





## David Lloyd/Waverley Borough Council Easter Camp 2023

**Monday 3 April - Friday 14 April**  
Excluding Good Friday (7 April) and Easter Monday (10 April)

Come along to David Lloyd Farnham at Easter for fun sporting days including sports such as football, basketball, hockey, rugby and athletics, as well as special sports classes such as archery and scooter squad!

Snacks provided will include a piece of fruit, fruit smoothie and a cookie or yoyo

For children aged 5-13 years old



For more information and to return completed registration forms, please email:  
[leisure@waverley.gov.uk](mailto:leisure@waverley.gov.uk)

**FREE**

# LITTLE DAY OUT

**Aldershot Park**  
**Wednesday 12 April, 11:00am - 3:00pm**

Enjoy family fun and get involved in poetry-writing, interactive storytelling, facepainting and more during the school holidays!



For more information visit [westendcentre.co.uk](http://westendcentre.co.uk)



## Are you a good listener? Can you spare an hour a week or more?

Volunteer Mentoring is a simple but effective way of helping young people or families struggling with life's challenges, including anxiety and relationships.

Our Free training courses and ongoing support are offered across the county and will give you the skills you need.

Contact: [mentoring@surreycaretrust.org.uk](mailto:mentoring@surreycaretrust.org.uk) or scan the QR code to find out more.

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**\*\*New volunteer mentor course dates\*\* Spaces still available**



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Do you have a spare hour a week? Are you interested in helping someone make positive change in their life?

**Surrey Care Trust have a volunteer mentoring opportunities and run regular training programmes.**

Mentoring is a simple way to support a young person or parent in need. You just need the willingness to help and the ability to listen. It is to support a young person between 11-25 or a parent with a child of any age. We have seen over the last 2 years of running the programme in West Surrey just how needed and beneficial the support is to young people and their families. We are looking for new volunteers to come forward to mentor in the **Guildford, Waverley and Surrey Heath areas.**

"It's totally selfish as it's made me feel great about myself, I'm really proud that I have been able to help somebody." Volunteer Mentor 2022

**Upcoming Course Details :**

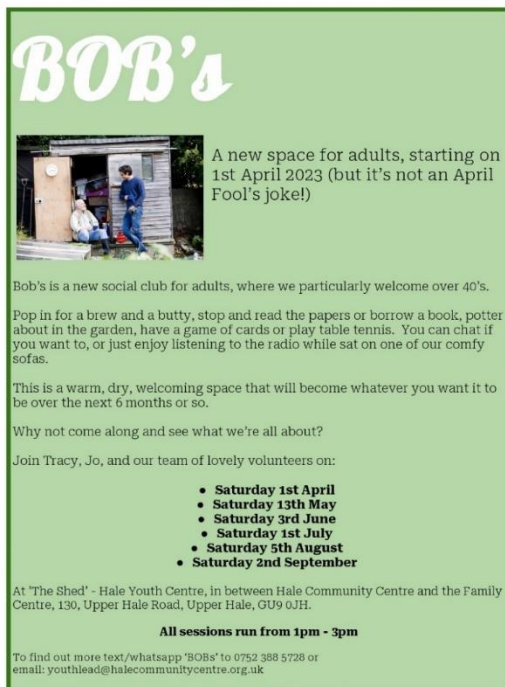
**Farnham** – Farnham Heath End School, 23 Hale Reeds GU9 9BN - One day course

**Date: Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2023 – Time: 9.30-4.30**

To find out more about volunteering for Surrey Care Trust on our mentor programme please contact [orla.stledger@surreycaretrust.org.uk](mailto:orla.stledger@surreycaretrust.org.uk) to receive more information and an application pack.


**Places MUST be booked beforehand.**

If you or anyone you know is interested, please send an email to the above address. Your support matters. Thank you!



**BOB'S**

A new space for adults, starting on 1st April 2023 (but it's not an April Fool's joke!)



Bob's is a new social club for adults, where we particularly welcome over 40's.

Pop in for a brew and a butty, stop and read the papers or borrow a book, potter about in the garden, have a game of cards or play table tennis. You can chat if you want to, or just enjoy listening to the radio while sat on one of our comfy sofas.

This is a warm, dry, welcoming space that will become whatever you want it to be over the next 6 months or so.

Why not come along and see what we're all about?

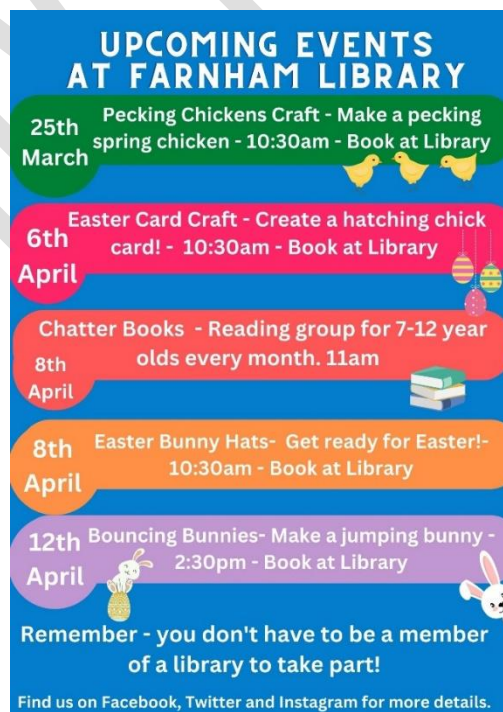
Join Tracy, Jo, and our team of lovely volunteers on:

- Saturday 1st April
- Saturday 13th May
- Saturday 3rd June
- Saturday 1st July
- Saturday 5th August
- Saturday 2nd September

At 'The Shed' - Hale Youth Centre, in between Hale Community Centre and the Family Centre, 130, Upper Hale Road, Upper Hale, GU9 0JH.

**All sessions run from 1pm - 3pm**

To find out more text/whatsapp 'BOB's' to 0752 358 5728 or email: [youthlead@halecommunitycentre.org.uk](mailto:youthlead@halecommunitycentre.org.uk)



**UPCOMING EVENTS AT FARNHAM LIBRARY**

**25th March** Pecking Chickens Craft - Make a pecking spring chicken - 10:30am - Book at Library

**6th April** Easter Card Craft - Create a hatching chick card! - 10:30am - Book at Library

**8th April** Chatter Books - Reading group for 7-12 year olds every month. 11am

**8th April** Easter Bunny Hats- Get ready for Easter!- 10:30am - Book at Library

**12th April** Bouncing Bunnies- Make a jumping bunny - 2:30pm - Book at Library

**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.



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