

Folly Hill Infant School

Newsletter 3

November 2021

Dear Parents,

The days are whizzing by and now we are on our way to Christmas, wow it goes fast.

This term we have remembered the past, learning about Guy Fawkes and those who fought and died in the war. We have also focused on safety, road safety from the magic man and online safety in class and in assembly. We celebrated Anti-Bullying Week this month with the children sporting odd-socks to recognise the importance of difference and diversity in school as well as a wonderful assembly by the school council to accompany the important message around 'one kind word'.

The next three weeks will be very busy here at school, we are learning some Christmas carols for the key stage one outside concert, Rainbow are learning their nativity, and the excellent Pied Piper Theatre group are coming to entertain us. To top it off, the wonderful Christmas fair, Christmas Lunch and at the end of term a surprise for the children from the fantastic 'Friends'. We do love this time of year.

Rainbow class 

We went on a walk to Farnham park this month to look for signs of Autumn. It was a very wet and muddy day! The children had fun spotting berries, pine cones, fungi and lots of different coloured leaves.



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Sunshine class

This half term in Sunshine Class, we have been enjoying our 'Let's Celebrate' topic. We have learned about different festivals and celebrations and found a lot of similarities between them. One of our highlight's was when Emily's mummy and her friend came in to teach us about Loy Krathong. She had made us a beautiful Krathong and taught us some Thai dance. We have also been learning about our senses and have used our outside learning space to investigate them. Mrs Bacon and Mrs Norbury have really enjoyed teaching Sunshine this term and they are so proud of how hard the children have been working.



Moonbeam class

In Moonbeam we have had another busy few weeks. In geography we have learnt skills such as identifying and naming famous landmarks in London. The children have found out about the four capitals of the UK. In history we have been continuing with The Great Fire of London. The children have acquired lots of knowledge, such as, finding out how the fire started and what actually happened. They have learnt key historian skills such as, identifying what different sources tell us and completing a simple timeline of events. In art they have created a silhouette of a London skyline in 1666 and learnt about analogous colours. Thank you to all of those who have completed some of the question/create tasks already.



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Bullying:

The School council presented to the school what bullying is and what to do if you see bullying or you feel you are being bullied. We were going to hold a coffee afternoon to share the information with parents – it has been postponed to January In the meantime please see below and help your child understand about bullying and what they should do if they are being bullied. Please contact the school if at any point you are concerned about your child. It is important to address any situation swiftly.

What Is it Bullying?

When someone says or does something unintentionally hurtful and they do it once, that's...

Rude

When Someone says or does something intentionally hurtful and they do it once, that's.....

Unkind

When someone says or does something intentionally hurtful and keeps doing it- even when you tell them to stop or show them you're upset, that's

Bullying

Reading:

Please can you and your child recommend some books. Every other week in school we have a recommended read, where someone brings in a book they love and want to share it with the school. Don't forget to put your child's name in the book.

This terms recommended reads have been ...

Only One You by Linda Kranz

The Book Tree by Paul Czajak & Rashin Kheiriyeh

Dog Gone by Rob Biddulph

Finding Winnie by Lindsay Mattick & Sophie Blackall

Also, if you are feeling brave – we would love you to be a guest reader. Video yourself reading a child's book and send it in, the children love seeing who will be reading the book this week.

Tips to stay safe online with your children:

The DigiSafe Team at LGfL is a centre of excellence in safeguarding, both online and beyond. They have created the *Undressed Campaign*.

"We want schools and parents to spread the message of *Undressed* to the very youngest primary pupils because law enforcement agencies such as NCA CEOP have repeatedly warned about sexual predators tricking young children into getting changed or undressed on camera by playing a 'game' or issuing a 'challenge' to see how fast they can get changed into different clothes or into a swimming costume. This might happen over video chat or livestreaming app; children often don't even know this has happened; videos are often taken and then circulated."

Follow link below for more information and useful resources to share with your child

<https://undressed.lgfl.net>

Friends:

All the children seemed to have a great time at the Disco on Friday 19th November. Thank you, as always, to all the volunteers who stayed to supervise and help out on the day - especially Sally who took on the role of DJ. We raised £165.39 for this event.

In addition to the above we have also raised the following:

- £268.50 for the Quiz Night
- £153.30 for the Halloween Cake Sale
- £32.50 for Second hand Uniform

So would like to say.....

A big thank you

for all your
help and support.

Thank you also for all the donations we received last week for the raffle, we will be grouping these into hampers to act as raffle prizes!

Raffle tickets can be purchased here: <https://www.collectionpot.com/pot/728662/>

With the Christmas Fair fast approaching, can we please remind you that we are looking for:

- £3 donation per child for the Father Christmas gift and craft activity, to be paid directly to the Friends account, with the name of your child as reference.

Friends of Folly Hill Infant School, Account Number: 81258842 / Sort Code: 40-21-05

- Donation of toys, books, teddies/soft toys, children's tombola prizes, Ho Ho bags to please be washed/cleaned/wiped down and donated between Monday 6th and Thursday 9th December
- Colouring competition entry fee (50p per child and £1 per adult) to be paid directly to the Friends account, with 'colouring competition' as reference.
- On the day of the Christmas Fair, please send your child in with a named carrier bag and a maximum of £5 pocket money in loose change, inside a named purse or wallet.

Finally, just a reminder about the school's Amazon wish list. This contains smaller items that they need, such as books, stationery and games. The wish list is here, with items added throughout the year: <https://amzn.eu/cEmvX0K> - please consider adding on an item to your Christmas shopping order.

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

Severe Weather:

As we head into the colder months please familiarise yourself with our plans for severe weather conditions :

Parents and staff will be sent a text by 7.30am advising if the school is open.

The website will have the latest information on the home screen.

Information will also be put on the school Facebook page and on Twitter.

Information will also be broadcast on Eagle Radio and displayed on their website. Surrey County

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Council will also have the information on their website. Please try to avoid calling the school.

If you have returned the form requesting that you are on the critical worker list please know we are committed to keeping the school open whenever possible, even if only to provide an emergency service for those parents who need to go to work.

Those parents who confirmed they need their children to attend school in adverse weather or covid restrictions have been emailed. Unfortunately, we are not able to accommodate children who are not on our pre-arranged critical list, as our staffing will be based on these numbers.

If you believe yourself to be a critical worker and you have not received an email from the school then please contact the school office.

school@folly-hill.surrey.sch.uk

Goodbye Mrs Higgins:

We are saying farewell to Mrs Higgins who will be leaving us at the end of this week. Mrs Higgins has done a marvellous job working with our Rainbow children and we would like to wish her well for the future.

Starting School in 2022:

Is your child starting school in September 2022?

If your child was born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018 you will need to apply for a school place between **01 November 2021** and **15 January 2022**.

Is your child in year 2?

If your child attends an infant school you will need to apply for a place at a junior school or a primary school with a year 3 intake.

Apply online
between
01 November 2021
and **15 January 2022**



Y2 parents and those with children due to start YR in 2022, please be aware that you can apply for schools up until 15 January 2022.

Surrey County Council encourage online applications via <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/eAdmissions/app>

Full information is available on Surrey's website at www.surreycc.gov.uk/primaryadmissions.

Applications received after the closing date without good reason will be treated as late and will not be considered until all on time applications have been processed. This may jeopardise the chance of a parent being offered one of their preferred schools for their child.

Maths Bag:

Moonbeam and Sunshine children will be bringing home a maths bag from our maths library. The maths bag contains a maths activity for you to share with your child. The bag will contain instructions and a list of the contents. If you notice any resources missing, there is a sheet for you to write any missing items. The bag will be changed on a **Tuesday** so please remind the children to bring it back into school.

Rainbow children will start using the maths library next term.

Sunshine and Moonbeam festive songs:

We are looking forward to you joining us for some festive fun. Please arrive with your child at school at 6pm on Tuesday 14th December. You will be told where to go when you arrive. The Friends will be serving non alcoholic mulled wine, hot chocolate, tea, coffee and soft drinks. They will also be selling some festive treats and looking for donations of 50p for cakes and £1 for drinks. Cash, card or bank transfer.

Please wrap up warm and we encourage you to take a lateral flow test before you arrive and to wear a mask.

Rainbow Nativity:

We are so excited to be able to invite you into school to see the Rainbow nativity. Please arrive at school for 1.25pm on Monday 13th December. Due to current guidelines we have to restrict numbers to this event. Please no more than 2 people per Rainbow child (ideally no siblings – newborns are an exception.) We encourage you to take a lateral flow test before you arrive and to wear a mask. You can take your child and Folly Hill siblings home after the performance if you wish.

Community:

Hale Community Centre

To stay up to date with what's happening at Hale Community Centre please see their website

www.halecommunitycentre.org.uk

Follow them on Facebook for up to date information and offers

www.facebook.com/halecommunitycentre/

DRIVE IN CINEMA @ The Duke of Cambridge, Tilford
from 18th December onwards...

Experience The Duke's Drive-In Cinema this December
and enjoy a heart-warming Christmas movie,
as a family, from the comfort of your car.

Visit www.dukeofcambridgetilford.co.uk
to view the movies and to book tickets



HOW WE TACKLE FOOD SUPPLY CHAIN DISRUPTION

The key cause of the issue, 80%, remains the **shortage of HGV drivers** and labour **shortages in manufacturing** accounting for the remaining 20%. We are working very closely with our distributors and suppliers and with our teams across the kitchens to continue to provide tasty meals every school day.

Our promise is to you:

If you have any questions, please do get in touch through our website:
www.itsTwelve15.co.uk/contact
We monitor enquiries daily.



PLANNING AHEAD

Forward forecasts are made for our food purchasing 2 weeks ahead of the menu offer. These forecasts are tracked daily to ensure manufacturers and producers are on track to meet the timelines for delivery to your school.

MONITORING

We have **daily updates of any product shortages** to ensure substitute products are put in place if needed.

COMMUNICATION

We are in close contact with each catering team to ensure that your lunchtime service encounters minimal disruption and your child enjoys a healthy school meal every day.

Now, over to the excitement of **December**.

December

7th Pied Piper Theatre Company to perform to the children

10th Christmas Fair

13th Rainbow nativity. Parents invited (2 people per child, ideally no siblings) 1.30pm.

14th Sunshine and Moonbeam festive songs with hot chocolate 6pm – 7pm

15th Christmas lunch

17th Christmas jumper day. Children can wear their own clothes and/or a Christmas jumper - collecting donations for Farnham Food Bank. Suggested amount £1.

17th Last day of school. Pick up at 1pm

Return to school on Wednesday 5th January 2022