

Folly Hill Infant Academy

Newsletter 3

November 2022

Dear Parents,

It's been a very busy month. Now onto the excitement of December....

Rainbow class



November has been a month full of visits and visitors! We have been to Farnham park to look for signs of Autumn, enjoyed a road safety magic show and had a visit from the Farnham Firefighters. The children learnt about all the equipment the firefighters used to stay safe whilst tackling a fire. They also thoroughly enjoyed having a go with the fire hose whilst they learnt about the equipment of the fire engine.

Sunshine class

Sunshine Class have been learning about lots of different celebrations and events through our 'Let's Celebrate' topic. We have been learning about Diwali, Hannukah, Guy Fawkes night, Remembrance Day and we will soon be moving on to Christmas.

We have also been developing our story writing skills and using story maps to help us. In art, we have been using many types of media including clay, paint and printing. We have been linking our shape work in maths to making 3D shapes from 2D shapes in DT.

We have been busy making things for the Christmas fair as well and sewing Christmas tree decorations for ourselves. IN PSHE we have been talking about how we keep ourselves safe in different ways.

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Moonbeam class 🌙

Moonbeam have been busy learning about 'The Great fire'. In art we have been looking at Tudor architecture and have been busy making Tudor houses. On Thursday, we will make our own version of Pudding Lane and set fire to the houses!

In history we have been learning about the reasons why the fire spread so quickly and why it wasn't put out quicker. In geography, we have been looking at what the city of London is like today and comparing it to 1666. We have enjoyed seeing your question/create tasks come in and are thrilled that so many of you have made it to London to visit the Monument and The Museum of London.

In our PSHE lessons this term, we will be discussing the NSPCC's Underwear Rule.

This is designed to teach pupils how to stay safe from sexual abuse, without giving explicit information or telling scary stories or even using the term "sexual abuse."

In the lesson, children will learn about the 'PANTS' acrostic, which stands for:

Privates are private

Always remember your body belongs to you

No means no

Talk about secrets that upset you

Speak up, someone can help

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The lesson will be delivered in a way that's fully age-appropriate. More information about the Underwear Rule, including a short film and a parent guide can be found at nspcc.org.uk/underwearrule.

Tips to stay safe online with your children:

Please see separate attachment - online safety leaflet.

Remembrance Service:



Our Y2 children did a wonderful job representing Folly Hill at the remembrance service at Gostrey Meadow.

Christmas Events:

Dress Down Day – 2nd December:

Children can wear their own clothes to school in exchange for bringing in something for the tombola

Colouring Competition:

There is a template for each class and one for parents which has been emailed to you. If you would like a hard copy please ask at the school office. If you would like to enter please bring your completed colouring to the school office. 50p for children. £1 for adults.

Countdown to Christmas:

Stories with a drink and a snack. Complete and return forms to friends@follyhill.kite.academy

Christmas Fair:

All children have been sent home with information about the Christmas Fair. Donations can be taken to the hall from Monday 5th December.

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 Thursday 15th 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.

Rainbow Nativity:

Rainbow class are excited to be able to invite their parents and family members into school to see their nativity. Please arrive at school for 1.25pm on Tuesday 13th December. If you are bringing

younger siblings please be mindful that they can sometimes be a bit noisy and drown out the performers. You can take your child and Folly Hill siblings home after the performance if you wish.

Christmas Penny Post Office:

The Folly Hill School Christmas Penny Post Office will be open from 1st -18th December.

This service is for the children to post their Christmas cards to their school friends and any members of staff.

What to do!

- 1, write cards!
- 2, clearly label envelope with intended child's full name and which class they are in (R, S or M).
- 3, count up cards and put in a bag with the equivalent amount of money eg 20 cards + 20p.

NO CHANGE WILL BE GIVEN.

- 4, put in your child's book bag. _

Please do not take it to the school office.

GDPR – We cannot give out class lists to parents. Thank you for your understanding.



Farnham Food Bank:

A Big **THANK YOU**



Folly Hill Infant School

for donating 40kg of food

Your donations make a **BIG** difference to local people in crisis.

Farnham foodbank is part of the Trussell Trust's UK wide foodbank network.

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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 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@follyhill.kite.academy

Starting School in 2023:



starting school in September 2023?

If your child was born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019 you will need to apply for a school place. You can apply between **31 October 2022** and **15 January 2023**.

If you live in Surrey, you can find out all you need to know about school admissions and apply online at [surreycc.gov.uk/admissions](https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions) or you can call us on **0300 200 1004**.

Applying on time will give your child the best chance of getting one of your preferred schools.

Apply online
between
31 October 2022
and 15 January 2023



Y2 parents and those with children due to start YR in 2023, please be aware that you can apply for schools up until 15 January 2023.

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.

After School Club:

We said a sad farewell to Mrs Katrina Allen this month who has left our after school club. However, we are delighted to welcome Mrs Debbie Stone back to Folly Hill who will be working in the club Monday – Thursday.



Community:

Kite Academy Trust

Are you looking to develop new skills and contribute to the community?

Why not join us?

The Kite Academy Trust is looking to appoint new Members, Trustees and Governors to our multi-academy trust to shape our strategic direction, realise our ambitions, raise standards and ensure the best outcomes for our children.

To find out more, please visit www.thekiteacademytrust.org/about-us/governance-recruitment or contact clerk@kite.academy

Together we inspire a lifelong love of learning that enables all our children to achieve more than they ever believed possible.

WARM HUBS

Beat the energy crisis! Share the warmth!
St George's Church, Badshot Lea
(opposite the school)
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December

2nd Children can wear their own clothes to school in exchange for bringing in something for the tombola

6th Pied Piper Theatre Company to perform to the children

6th Mrs Stone's Bedtime Story 5.30pm

7th Drama workshop – all classes

9th Christmas Fair

13th Rainbow nativity. Parents invited 1.25pm. Children may leave with parents after the performance

14th Christmas lunch

15th Sunshine and Moonbeam festive songs with hot chocolate and mulled wine 6pm – 7pm

16th Christmas jumper day. Children can wear their own clothes and/or a Christmas jumper - collecting donations for Farnham Food Bank. Suggested amount £1.

16th Last day of school. Pick up at 1.15pm

January

3rd Inset Day

4th Children return to school

6th Long Ago half day workshop – Sunshine Class

10th Moonbeam trip to Gilbert White's House

12th Friends meeting 7.45pm at The Alma

27th Movie Night for Moonbeam class - 5.30pm