

# Folly Hill Infant School

## Newsletter 1

### September 2021

Dear Parents,

**Wow** we are back, it feels so good to be back at school and all together- no bubbles!

It's been a very busy start with all staff on the INSET day learning the new system for teaching phonics. Please all have a look at the 'Little Wandle' website it's really useful to support you at home with practicing the phonemes. <https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

Thank you to the Sunshine and Moonbeam parents that came to the Reading workshop and if you were unable to make it don't forget to read the detail of changes emailed to you on the first full week ( or can be found on our website under reading). Rainbows your day is coming very soon (19<sup>th</sup> October).

One important message –After half term (2<sup>nd</sup> November) we will be changing our opening times back to our original time of 8.50am. A member of staff will be on the gate to meet and greet. If you are struggling with drop offs and pick up – please come and chat to us.

#### Rainbow class

Rainbow Class have made a fantastic start to their time here at Folly Hill, the children have been making new friends and learning all about our Golden rules. We have been so impressed with how the children have settled into school life, learning lots of new names the routines and the layout of the school. It has been wonderful to see the children so engaged in their play and learning and to watch new friendships grow.

The sunshine came out for Rainbow class when they went for a walk to Farnham park to collect blackberries. The children were great at spotting them and were very careful when picking them. We finished the walk with a paddle in the stream! Although it has only been a couple of weeks since the start of the year we have already tried out some Yoga, made blackberry and apple crumble as well as our regular maths, phonics and learning through play!

**Skills we have learnt:** Using the correct vocabulary to compare objects \*Sound out and blend words  
\* How to cross a road safely \* How to show someone we care for them



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## Sunshine class

Sunshine Class have had a great start to the year. We kicked off our 'Squeak, Squawk and Squirm' topic by going on a bear hunt, then made lift-the-flap books based on 'Dear Zoo'. We have been learning facts about different classes of animals and have had a couple of furry visitors in. We have been working hard, we are full of facts and have had lots of fun!

Skills we have learnt : Independent writing \* The 5 gym shapes \* Animal classification



## Moonbeam class

The children have settled in really well into Moonbeam class and all appear to enjoying life in Yr 2. We have been really busy with our new phonics and reading systems and the children should now be bringing home their reading book to read to you every day. We have been enjoying our new topic 'In the garden'. The children have been busy in art doing some frottage using leaves. They have enjoyed being introduced to our history topic 'The Great Plague'. This week we will use herbs from our garden to make posies and look at how 355 years ago, people thought that this helped to keep the plague at bay! We will also be growing beans hydroponically in science. In DT the children will use herbs from our garden to make pizzas. What a busy few weeks!

Skills we have learnt: The skills we have learnt in science are observing and recording the growth of a plant by keeping a seed diary. The skills we have learnt in history are comparing London 355 years ago and now. In computing we have identified the benefits of the internet. In geography, we have used simple fieldwork skills to create a bird's eye plan of the school.

**Safeguarding:**

All aspects of safeguarding your child are taken very seriously at Folly Hill School. This includes health and safety, appropriate behaviour, anti-bullying, achievement in learning and child protection. Staff have had appropriate safeguarding training. Designated Lead: Ali Stone; Deputy Leads: Jane Norbury, Charlie Farr, Emma Mann and Governor Emma Hardy.

**Attendance:**

The school staff, alongside the local authorities, Ofsted and the Department for Education (DfE), firmly believe that all children benefit from regular school attendance. We are fully committed to promoting school attendance by aiming to provide an ethos and environment where children feel safe and can build positive relationships with their peers. 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.

*Please note: Penalty Notices to Address Poor Attendance at School*

*The Education Welfare Service, acting on behalf of Surrey County Council, may issue a Penalty Notice as an alternative to the prosecution of a parent for their child's unauthorised absence from school and requires the recipient to pay a fixed amount. The amount payable on issue of a Penalty Notice is £60 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice, rising to £120 if paid between 21 days and 28 days. If the Penalty Notice is not paid within 28 days, the Local Authority must prosecute the parent for failing to ensure regular school attendance under Section 444 Education Act 1996. Each parent is liable to receive a Penalty Notice for each child. Please see our Attendance Policy on our website for further information.*

**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, park safely and sensibly. If possible park a few streets away and walk.

**Fruit and Milk:**

Every child at Folly Hill is offered a piece of fruit or vegetable each school day as part of the School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme, a government programme. Please don't send extra snacks into school with your child, unless they are staying for an external after-school club. If you would like your child to have milk at school, please register with Cool Milk. Milk for under 5's is free.

<http://www.coolmilk.com/>.

**Scooters/Trimtrail:**

If your child scoots or cycles to school, they can use the scooter rack located at the front of the school to store their scooters and bikes. Please don't leave items overnight and also please don't allow your children to scoot or cycle on school grounds. Also, please don't allow your children to play on the trim trail after school. Thank you.

### Flu Vaccine:

All children will be offered a flu immunisation which will take place on 9<sup>th</sup> November. The immunisation is recommended to help protect your child against flu. An e- consent form has been emailed to you all, if you have not received this or would like it resent please contact Mrs Mann.

For further information please see: [www.nhs.uk/child-flu](http://www.nhs.uk/child-flu)

### Y2 Football Tournament:



Well done to some of our Y2 children who played in a football tournament at Aldro School. Coach Stone and Coach Allen were very impressed with your performance and you represented Folly Hill beautifully.

### Parent Consultations:

The appointment sheets for Parents' Consultations will be available from 7.45am on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October. There will be a table set up outside the school office. If it's raining the table will be in the hall – please use the main entrance by the school office. The meetings will be via Zoom and will be in 10 minute timeslots with your child's class teacher.

**Please bring your own pen to sign up!**

### Help in School:

As part of our new reading scheme we have a lot of laminating and cutting out to complete and there just doesn't seem to be enough hours in the day to get it all done. If you are free for 30 mins before pick up one day and would like to help out, please contact the school office.

### Tissues:

As the weather starts to get colder we have an increase of runny noses in school, therefore we would welcome a donation of a box of tissues from each child.

We would be grateful if you could hand them in at the gate when you drop off in the morning.

### School absence:

If your child is absent from school, for any reason, please contact the school office before 9.30am to let us know where they are. If your child has sickness or diarrhoea the recommended time off is 48 hours after last bout of sickness/diarrhoea. [school@folly-hill.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:school@folly-hill.surrey.sch.uk) 01252716121

We understand that sometimes it is difficult to book medical appointments outside of school hours, if this is the case please complete a leave of absence form, available from the school office.

### Tips to stay safe online with your children:

*Talk about online safety*

Have an open chat about what they're doing online. Be positive and show you're here to listen. Talk about which safe, age-appropriate platforms, websites and social media they can use. Check if they're worried about anything and ask about their online friends.

You can find more tips at

<https://www.lego.com/en-gb/sustainability/online-safety-tips-for-parents>

### Nut Free School:

Folly Hill is a nut free school. Please do not to send any peanut or nut containing products to school with your child. Please also avoid products that state they may contain nuts. If your child has eaten peanuts/nuts before coming to school, please be sure your child's hands and face have been thoroughly washed before entering the school.



**After school events with or without children are also nut free. Items that 'may contain nuts' are acceptable at cake sales and parent socials as long as they are clearly marked as such. Please check food items that you send into school for these events.**

**Thank you for your co-operation.**

### Covid Update:

Please see the latest information below from the government. Individuals will need a PCR test if they have any of the following:

- A high temperature: any new high temperature where the person feels hot to touch on their chest or back (you do not need to measure the temperature);
- A new continuous cough: coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours;
- A loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste: a noticeable loss of smell or taste or things smell and taste different to normal.

**If your child has any of the symptoms listed they must have a PCR test. A lateral flow test is not sufficient if your child has symptoms**

### Term Dates:

There is an extra bank holiday in 2022 for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on **Friday 3 June**. This day should be treated as a non-pupil day and currently falls within the summer half term holiday. Therefore, Surrey County Council have announced that **Friday 22 October 2021** (the day immediately before the October half-term) as the day to replace this additional bank holiday. Folly Hill will close on Thursday 21 October.

### Friends:

Welcome Back from the Friends and a warm welcome to the new Rainbow parents!

We have lots of fundraising planned for the year for both the children and the parents. As a small school, every £1 helps... so whether you volunteer your time or support the events financially we are all incredibly grateful!



Coming up over the next few weeks we have our Quiz Night on Friday 15th October at 7.30pm and this year we will be able to host it in person at the school again! There will be a licensed bar, snacks and a pudding auction. It would be great if you could join us so please get in your entries as soon as possible.



We will also be hosting our first cake and craft sale of the year. Please donate either homemade or shop bought, nut free cakes. Halloween themed if possible. We found that the cake sales works well when split into our classes so we will continue with this. The sale for Rainbow will be on **Tuesday 19th, Sunshine on Wednesday 20th and Moonbeam on Thursday 21st**. All cakes are 50p and we will also be offering Halloween craft items for £1, which will be the perfect activity over the holidays.

**100 Club** - You should have also received your letter about the 100 club. The first draw is due to take place on the 18th October so please do get your entries in by Friday 8th October.

**Coin Challenge** - We will also be continuing our Coin Challenge – We didn't complete this at the end of last year so the contents will be carried over for each of the classes. They will now be set the challenge to fill it with as many coins as possible by the end of the school year in July. The class with the most coins (in height, not value) will win a special end of year treat.

The jars are covered in wrapping paper, so we won't know until the end of the year (and the wrapping paper is ripped off), which class has won! Please continue to send any loose coins in to school with your child throughout the year, so that they can add it to their class pot!

**Meeting** - Our next Friends meeting will be held on Thursday 11th November at The Alma Pub at 7.30pm so please do come and join us.

## Community:

<https://my.morrisons.com/blog/community/good-to-grow/>



### [It's Good to Grow - Morrisons Blog](#)

Collect FREE gardening equipment for your school. For every £10 you spend (in store or online) at Morrisons, you'll get a Grow Token to help your school get everything they need to get growing. Download the MyMorrisons app today to start collecting Grow Tokens and choose the school you'd like to donate them to.

[my.morrisons.com](https://my.morrisons.com)



**FUN FLIPPERS** **Swimming Lessons**

@ Waverley Abbey  
C of E Junior School  
The Street, Tilford,  
Farnham, Surrey, GU10 2AE

- Baby & Pre-School Swimming
- Swim Academy (for all ages & abilities)
- Private lessons
- Adult Only Swimming & Coaching
- Holiday Courses
- Maximum group sizes of 4-1 per class

**Mermaid & Pirate Birthday parties**

Contact:  
Kyle: 07599657441 [itiskyleb@gmail.com](mailto:itiskyleb@gmail.com)  
[www.funflippers.co.uk](http://www.funflippers.co.uk) [facebook.com/funflippers](https://facebook.com/funflippers)  
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**Fireman Sam** is appearing live on stage at the Princes Hall on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2021.  
Please click here for booking- [Fireman Sam - Princes Hall](#)

### *Important dates for your diary*

#### **October**

- 6<sup>th</sup> Skipping workshop – whole school
- 11<sup>th</sup> RSHE (relationship sex & health education) zoom meeting 12noon – 1pm
- 12<sup>th</sup> Parent Consultations by Zoom 5.00pm – 7.30pm
- 14<sup>th</sup> Parent Consultations by Zoom 3.15pm – 5.30pm
- 15<sup>th</sup> Autumn collection for Farnham Food Bank – list of suggested items will be sent out
- 15<sup>th</sup> Quiz Night at 7.30pm
- 19<sup>th</sup> Cake Sale at 3pm – Rainbow class
- 19<sup>th</sup> Rainbow reading workshop at 7pm by Zoom
- 20<sup>th</sup> Folly Hill Skills (helpers may be required) 2pm-3pm
- 20<sup>th</sup> Cake Sale at 3pm – Sunshine class
- 21<sup>st</sup> Cake Sale at 3pm – Moonbeam class
- 21<sup>st</sup> Break up for half term at 3pm
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Additional bank holiday – school closed

#### **November**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Inset Day
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Children return to school
- 4<sup>th</sup> Outdoor classroom day
- 6<sup>th</sup> Farnham Fireworks 5pm – 8pm
- 9<sup>th</sup> YR, Y1 and Y2 – nasal flu immunisations. Consent letter has been sent by email.
- 10<sup>th</sup> Rainbow parents invited to lunch
- 19<sup>th</sup> School Disco
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Coffee workshop on anti-bullying at 2.30pm
- 26<sup>th</sup> Crazy Hair Day/Tombola donations
- 30<sup>th</sup> St Andrew's Day– children can wear their club uniform e.g. Beavers, Rainbows.

#### **December**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Space drama workshop – all classes
- 1<sup>st</sup> Bedtime Story/Countdown to Christmas – after school
- 7<sup>th</sup> Pied Piper Theatre Company to perform to the children
- 10<sup>th</sup> Christmas Fair
- 13<sup>th</sup> Rainbow nativity. Parents invited (2 people per child) 1.30pm
- 14<sup>th</sup> Evening songs with Sunshine and Moonbeam 6pm – 7pm
- 15<sup>th</sup> Christmas lunch
- 17<sup>th</sup> Christmas jumper day. Children can wear their own clothes and/or a Christmas jumper - collecting donations for Farnham Food Bank. Suggested amount £1.
- 17<sup>th</sup> Last day of school. Pick up at 1pm