

Folly Hill Infant Academy

Newsletter 1

September 2022

Dear Parents,

What a fantastic start to the term, the classrooms are buzzing with learning and the new children have settled in so well. It's going to be a busy term with lots of fun events happening. A few things not to miss in October are Parents Evening, Autumn Assembly, Cake Sale, collection for Farnham foodbank and the Friends Quiz night.

Rainbow class

The children had a great time making blackberry and apple crumble using the blackberries we picked during our walk to the park and the apples from our wildlife area! They chopped up the apples, weighed out the ingredients and got very messy making the crumble! They enjoyed eating it with the story at the end of the day.



Sunshine class

Sunshine Class have had a great start to their 'Squeak, Squawk and Squirm' topic. All of the children have written their own version of 'Dear Zoo', been on a bear hunt, walked to Farnham Park and have had some furry visitors.

We have been learning how to draw different animals, learned about different animal classes and have been singing songs related to animals. There may be some more visitors in store for us....!



Moonbeam class

The children have settled really well into their new class and have had a busy few weeks. In science we have been looking at growing plants and last week we started to grow broad beans hydroponically in order to investigate whether plants need soil to grow. In history the children have really enjoyed learning about the Great Plague and what London was like over 350 years ago. They have made herb beaks using herbs from our school garden. In geography we have been looking at our school grounds and how it looks on different maps/ photos. We have done some orienteering around our school grounds. We are really enjoying seeing the question/create work come in to support the learning in 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: Gina Hylton, Jane Norbury, Charlie Farr, Emma Mann and Governor Emma Hardy.

Morning drop off:

Please wait at the blue gate at the top of the drive with your child until a member of staff is at the gate to welcome your child into school. **Children must not enter the school without a member of staff being on duty.** For breakfast club please bring your child to starlight door and ensure they have been greeted by a member of staff.

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. You can find our attendance policy here <http://www.folly-hill.surrey.sch.uk/other-policies>

Attendance Ladder



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.

School absence:

If your child is absent from school, for any reason, please contact the school office before 9.15am 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 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.

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 or previously agreed with the school. 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/>.

Flu Vaccine:

All children are offered a flu immunisation which will take place on 23rd 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. You must register your child by **by 4pm on Thursday 17th November 2022** and indicate whether you want them to receive the vaccine or not. For further information please see: www.nhs.uk/child-flu

Y2 Football Tournament:



Well done to the children who represented Moonbeam class at the Aldro Football Tournament. They proudly showed their medals in assembly.

Farnham Foodbank Collection :



Farnham food bank have asked us to collect the items below. Please can you bring your donations into school on Thursday 20th October. Farnham foodbank will be collecting the items from school on Friday 21st October at 10am

Tinned Peas Angel Delight Instant Custard

Parent Consultations:

The appointment sheets for Parents' Consultations will be available from 7.45am on Monday 10th 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 in 10 minute timeslots with your child's class teacher.

Thoughtful Explorers Awesome Motivated

Reading:

To support your child in the development in reading please read with them every night. If your child has a favourite book then please feel free to send it in as a recommended read, we love to share them in class and in assemblies.

MYSTERY READER - if you are feeling brave and would like to share a book, then please either video yourself reading a book and send it in or speak to the class teacher and come and read to the class at the end of the day- the children love to guess who's Parent/ Grandparent it might be.

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.

Behaviour management strategies:

Below is an extract from our behaviour policy which can be found on our website. You may find these ideas and tips useful to use at home as well.

There are at least six principles of behaviour management that professionals should follow:

- Negative consequences sometimes change behaviour, but they do not change attitude.
- Only positive reinforcement strategies produce long-term attitudinal change.
- Negative consequences do not improve behaviour of impulsive children and frequently increase the frequency and intensity of misbehaviour.
- Cognitive control of behaviour can be learned using appropriate positive reinforcement systems.
- Positive reinforcement systems must be incremental in nature such that the child can directly observe even small improvements in behaviour.
- You must always reinforce the final compliance with adult authority no matter how long it takes to get there.

Positive behaviour is maintained by developing an internal value system which discriminates between right and wrong behaviours. Children behave properly because they want to, not because they are forced to

We also use our TEAM (Thoughtful, Explorers, Awesome, Motivated) choice board to support children independently solving small difficulties they may experience. We ask the children to try 2 strategies before an adult intervenes. In class these are taught, modelled and practiced. Some of the suggested strategies are;

Apologise * Walk away * Make a deal * Wait and cool off * Go to another game * Tell them to stop

For further information please visit our website for the full policy or speak us.

Tips to stay safe online with your children:

Online wellbeing

Being online is a great way for children to play, create, learn and connect. Technology helps us to have fun and feel connected. However, some children may have seen worrying news or feel pressure to keep up with friends, new games and apps. As we are spending so much more time online, it can be hard to avoid.

The link below offers some advice on how to support your child's online wellbeing at home including taking breaks, using wellbeing settings and app and talking regularly.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-wellbeing/>

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.

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.

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.

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 14th October at 7.30pm and this year we will be celebrating the school's 50th anniversary, with a 'through the decades' quiz! 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. Letters were sent out via email at the beginning of the week.

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. The Cake and Craft sale will be held on Friday 21 October, after the Harvest Festival Assembly. All cakes are 50p and we will also be offering Halloween craft items for £1, which will be the perfect activity over the holidays, so don't forget your extra pennies!

Every year the school pulls together an **Amazon Wishlist** - this is an opportunity for families to directly purchase an item that the school is in need of. You can find this year's Wishlist at <https://amzn.eu/9QNXrDy> It will be continually updated throughout the year, so please do keep checking.

Coin Challenge - We will also be continuing our Coin Challenge where each class is tasked with filling a jar 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. Last year's winners chose a Movie Afternoon with popcorn! 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!

Please also keep your eyes peeled for more information about our **100 Club**, which we will be launching in October. It's your opportunity to support the school, whilst also be in with the chance of winning a small jackpot each month.

Meeting - Our next Friends meeting will be held on Thursday 3rd November at The Alma Pub at 7.30pm so please do come and join us.

Community:

Magical Merlin, running at The Fortune Theatre in Covent Garden from 24-30th October, during October half-term. With an amazing cast - **Magical Merlin** is packed with fun and laughter and written for Primary School aged children and their families. It also makes a great introduction to West End theatre for younger children and a lovely half-term treat.

<https://www.perform.org.uk/about-perform/what-we-offer/magicalmerlin>

Important dates for your diary

October

14th Quiz Night (through the decades) 7.30pm

17th Parent Consultations 5.00pm – 7.30pm

18th Parent Consultations 3.15pm – 5.30pm

21st Folly Hill Skills

21st Parents invited to Autumn assembly and Cake Sale at 2.30pm. There will be a collection for Farnham Food Bank – list of suggested items will be sent out nearer the time. Children may leave with parents after the assembly.

21st Break up for half term at 3.15pm

31st Inset Day

November

1st Children return to school

3rd Outdoor classroom day including skipping workshop

3rd Friends meeting at the Alma 7.45pm

5th Farnham Fireworks 5pm – 8pm

9th Rainbow parents invited to lunch and reading workshop. 12 noon

11th School Golden Disco – all classes. 5.00pm – 6.00pm

14th Anti bullying week. Wear odd socks to school

23rd All classes – nasal flu immunisations. Consent letter has been sent to parents via email

24th Road Safety Magic Show – all classes

25th Sunshine and Moonbeam parents invited to see children's work 2.45pm

30th St Andrew's Day - children can wear their club uniform to school e.g. Beavers, Rainbows

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 1.30pm. 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