



## Newsletter September 2018 update

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The season is definitely turning and Autumn is upon us. I hope that you are enjoying the sunshine and the colours turning as the weather starts to become fresher.

As always, school is very busy and therefore this newsletter contains an update and reminders about some upcoming events at school.

### **Non-uniform day – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

We are joining forces with Turnfurlong Junior School to raise money for the charity 'Children with Cancer' as this is a cause that is touching our hearts at present. At Turnfurlong Infant School we are holding a non-uniform day on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September. Please can children bring £1 to come to school in non-uniform.

<b>Dates for the Diary</b>	
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Individual photographs for all children
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup>	9.15 am – Friends of Turnfurlong Infant School (FoTIS) meeting (for all parents)
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Non-uniform day to raise money for 'Children with Cancer'
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm: SATs information meeting for Year 2 parents
<b>OCTOBER</b>	
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Parent discussions 5.30-7.30 pm
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Parent discussions 3.30-4.30 pm
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Parent discussions 3.30-4.30 pm
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am - Harvest Assembly (refreshments from 9.00 am) Performed by Year 2 children - everyone is welcome.
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	FoTIS bake sale after school

### **Governor Update - September 2018**

A belated welcome to everybody for the new school year. I wanted to provide an update on Governor business for the term, now that we are truly underway.

This is, of course, a time of big change at Turnfurlong Infant School. We have said goodbye to Mrs Tyson, after an amazing tenure as Headteacher, and we all have much to be very grateful to her for. The Governors extend a warm welcome to Mrs Ochiltree, and we are excited to work closely with her as she makes her mark as the Headteacher of our school. It's also my first start of year as Chair of Governors, so there will be a lot of joint discussions as we feel our way in our new roles. We also want to welcome Mrs Oliver, who will be working in the school as the Special Education Needs & Disability (SEND) Coordinator, and will be working with her. These are crucial roles that ensure that all of our children are given the best opportunities and access to education from the earliest time.

I mentioned change earlier, and the Governing Body has had to say goodbye and thanks to a few members. Jenny Glen, our Deputy Headteacher, has also been a governor for 15 years, and has decided to take a well-earned step back from the role. Patrick Ryan, the school Premises Manager, has also stepped down, as has Sayid Hussein, one of our co-opted governors, who has moved away from Aylesbury, following a job relocation. We're grateful for all of their efforts and support over the time they have been on the Governing Body.

This does of course mean that we have some vacancies on the Governing Body, so if anybody is interested in finding out a little more about what we do to support the school, and play an active role in doing so, please get in touch, either through the school office, or at [governors@turnfurlong-inf.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:governors@turnfurlong-inf.bucks.sch.uk).

The Governing Body's business this term will include:

- 1 Confirming the chairman and deputy chairman appointments, as well as sub-committee Terms of Reference and membership.
- 2 Setting out arrangements for the Headteacher's performance management.
- 3 Updating the Governing Body on school safeguarding arrangements, and the implementation of GDPR, Health & Safety and Keeping Children Safe in Education policies.
- 4 Monitoring the school budget against the financial plan.
- 5 Following up on the OFSTED inspection findings and recommendations/actions.
- 6 Analysing pupil performance using data from the end of last academic year results.
- 7 Planning for the build of breakout rooms in the central area of the school.

We have 4 meetings formally scheduled for this term:

Initial Full Governing Body (FGB) on 19th September  
Finance & Premises Committee on 7th November  
Personnel & Curriculum Committee on 14th November; and  
FGB on 21st November.

I hope this gives a flavour of what we will be doing this term, and I look forward to seeing many of you around the school. Please feel free to get in touch with any views or concerns.

Kind regards

Lee Taylor  
Chair of Governors