



Newsletter - January 2019 update

Dear Parents

2019 has started with a chill to the air! I'm very impressed with the self-care skills of our youngest children at school. Our children in Reception are very good at zipping up their coats independently now and finding their hats and gloves at lunchtime. What a difference a term makes!

I wanted to share our latest news and remind you of some events that are coming up at school before half term.

Snow

We have had a dusting of snow this week. I think it was just enough to make the children excited and driving home a little more challenging! If we do experience heavy snow and we need to close the school we will let you know via Parentmail, Mix 96 and Facebook. Please note that we always take these decisions following discussion with Turnfurlong Junior School!

Sickness and diarrhoea

Please can I remind you that children must be clear of symptoms of sickness and diarrhoea for 48 hours before they return to school. Tummy bugs can spread quickly to other children and staff. Your support with this appreciated.

Do you know about Buckinghamshire Family Information Service? - Tuesday 12th February

On Tuesday 12th February, Rhonda Oliver our SENDco and I will be hosting a presentation from the Family Information Service.

The Family Information Service host a wealth of information for families with children of all ages including;

- Leisure activities
- Local events and holiday activities
- Childcare options
- Buckinghamshire's SEND (Special Education Needs and Disabilities) offer

Come and join Rhonda and myself for tea, coffee and a biscuit in the Hall from 9.15am. There is something for everyone and we'd love to see you.

Parent Involvement morning – 'Story mapping' Friday 8th February

Our Parent Involvement morning for the spring term is focused on language and writing. Come and find out how we use a process called story mapping to help children to organise their thoughts and plan for pieces of extended writing. I will deliver a short presentation in the Hall at 9.15am and you will then be able to spend time in your child's classroom and get stuck into some creative writing experiences. Join us in the school hall from 9.00am for tea and coffee.

Grapes at lunchtime – choking risk

It's always great to see children eating healthily at lunchtime but can I remind you that grapes must always be cut in half, lengthways. Grapes are a serious choking hazard for young children if they are not cut in half. The size and shape of grapes means they can completely plug a child's airway. So please cut grapes if your child brings them in their lunchbox.

Parking

Whilst our new arrangements for dropping off children in the morning appear to have improved traffic on Turnfurlong Lane, we are still experiencing problems with parents parking on grass verges at the end of the school day. Parents must not park in the staff car park or in Turnfurlong Junior School car park.

Please can I ask you to park with consideration for the safety of our children, other road users and local residents.

Looking for childcare during February half term?

The Jonathan Page Play Centre are running a holiday playscheme for children for children aged 4 upwards. Their theme for this holiday club is 'animals'. Find out more about cost and hours by following this link: <http://www.aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk/town-council-services/jppc/>

| DATES FOR THE DIARY | |
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| February | |
| Friday 1 st | FoTIS Quiz Night, 7.30 pm |
| Wednesday 6 th | <i>Governors' meeting of the Finance & Premises Committee, 4.30 pm</i> |
| Friday 8 th | Parent involvement morning, 9.00-10.30 am |
| Friday 15 th | 3.15 pm – break up for half term holiday |
| Monday 25 th | Children return to school |
| March | |
| Thursday 7 th | <i>Governors' meeting of the Personnel & Curriculum Committee, 9.00 am</i> |
| Friday 8 th | FoTIS Sponsored Bounce, further information to follow |
| Monday 11 th | Parent discussions 5.30 – 7.30 pm |
| Tuesday 12 th | Parent discussions 3.30 – 4.30 pm |
| Wednesday 13 th | Parent discussions 3.30 – 4.30 pm |
| Thursday 14 th | School nurses visit Reception year for height & weight check |
| Friday 22 nd | Class photographs |
| Wednesday 27 th | <i>Full Governing Body meeting, 4.30 pm</i> |
| Friday 29 th | Year 1 - Mothers' Day Assembly, 9.30 am (refreshments 9.00 am) |