

Newsletter – 14th September 2023



Dear Parents

It's been another busy week at Turnfurlong Infant School. You will be aware that we've had an Ofsted inspection over the last two days. It was an 'ungraded' Section 5 inspection which means that there won't be a full inspection report, but there will be a letter from Ofsted that we will send to parents and publish on the school website. This will outline areas of strength identified during the inspection process and next steps for the school's development. This will not be published for a few weeks and, until then, the outcome of any school inspection is always confidential. Watch this space.

This newsletter has some dates for your diary, a few reminders and some news.

Timings of the school day

- Gates open to parents: 8.25am
- Classrooms open to children: 8.35am
- All children in school and learning begins: 8.45am
- **Gates are locked at 8.45am.**

- Gates open to parents: 3.00pm
- Children are dismissed to go home: 3.15pm

Parent survey

I've attached the results of the parent survey that we undertook in July this year. Thank you to everyone who completed this.

Appointments during the school day

If you need to take your child to an appointment between 12pm and 1pm, please can you make sure your child has eaten lunch before they return to school.

Midday Meals Supervisor vacancy

Due to the promotion of one of our Midday Meals Supervisors last term, we are looking to appoint another member to our lunchtime team. If you are interested in this role, please ask the school office for an application pack. Applications must be received by 12 noon on Monday 25th September.

Please be aware that Turnfurlong Infant School is committed to our responsibilities for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults as outlined in Working Together to Safeguard Children. We are committed to recruiting candidates who share this commitment to safeguarding, and therefore we apply robust recruitment and selection procedures to ensure that the people selected are right for the job, and that all candidates are appropriately screened prior to appointment. This includes conducting an online search.

RECEPTION PARENTS - Phonics Workshop

We would like to invite Reception parents to a Phonics Workshop on **Monday 18th September from 2.00-3.00 pm**

2.00-2.30 pm - in the school hall

Mrs Ochiltree and Mrs Stockwell will explain the first steps in learning to read, and will tell you how we teach phonics in school. We will also offer you some ideas on how you can help at home.

2.30-3.00 pm – parents are invited to go to their child’s classroom and see a phonics lesson.

PE days are as follows:

2C & 2S	Tuesday afternoon
1B & 2M	Wednesday afternoon
All Reception classes	Thursday morning
1A & 1H	Thursday afternoon

Please ensure that children do not wear earrings if they are unable to take them out themselves. Thank you.

Dates for the Diary					
September					
Monday 18 th	Reception year – Phonics Workshop 2.00-3.00 pm				
Class visits to Aylesbury Library (information to follow)					
Monday 18 th	2C		Monday 25 th	1H	
Wednesday 20 th	2M		Wednesday 27 th	1A	
Thursday 21 st	2S		Thursday 28 th	1B	
October					
Friday 6 th	Year 2 trip to Road Farm, Great Missenden (information to follow)				
Monday 9 th	Photographer in school to take individual photos of all pupils				
Monday 9 th	Parent Discussions 5.30-7.30 pm				
Tuesday 10 th	Parent Discussions 3.30-4.30 pm				
Wednesday 11 th	Parent Discussions 3.30-4.30 pm				
Monday 16 th	Year 1 visit to Limes Avenue Baptist Church (information to follow)				
Friday 20 th	Break up for half term holiday (usual finish time)				
Monday 30 th	Return to school				
November					
Thursday 2 nd	Flu Vaccinations (Reception – Year 2)				
Wednesday 8 th	Parent Involvement Morning 9.00-10.30 am <i>Further details to follow</i>				

TERM DATES 2023-24		
	Open on morning of	Close at end of afternoon of
Autumn Term	Tuesday 5 September 2023	Friday 20 October 2023
	Monday 30 October 2023	Tuesday 19 December 2023
Spring Term	Monday 8 January 2024	Friday 9 February 2024
	Monday 19 February 2024	Thursday 28 March 2024
Summer Term	Monday 15 April 2024	Friday 24 May 2024
	Tuesday 4 June 2024	Tuesday 23 July 2024
Staff Training Days	Friday 1 September 2023 Monday 4 September 2023 Thursday 4 January 2024 Friday 5 January 2024 Monday 3 June 2024	
Bank Holiday	Monday 6 May 2024 (school closed)	