

Newsletter – 22nd September 2023



Dear Parents

It was great to see so many Reception parents at our phonics workshop this week and I hope that you enjoyed seeing your children in the classroom. They really have made a fantastic start to school.

This week 2C, 2M and 2S all made visits to Aylesbury Library. Next week it will be the turn of our Year 1 classes. Developing a love of reading is something we strive to achieve and we are so fortunate to have such a great public resource in the town. If your child is not a member of Aylesbury Library, it is well worth joining.

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 and children who arrive after 8.45am are marked as late in the register**

- Gates open to parents: 3.00pm
- Children are dismissed to go home: 3.15pm. Gates locked at 3.25pm.

Friends of Turnfurlong Infant School (FoTIS)

Please come to the FoTIS AGM at Turnfurlong Infant School at 6pm on **Tuesday 26th September**. Everybody knows that schools and public services are incredibly stretched and schools need the support of PTAs more than ever. Our PTA is called Friends of Turnfurlong Infant School, otherwise known as FoTIS. With money that FoTIS has raised, we've been able to transform our school learning environment and support the children's wider education. This year we used FoTIS funds to replace the climbing frame in Reception and to redesign the Nursery outdoor area. But, did you know that FoTIS funds supplement the range of school educational visits that children make during the year? FoTIS funds also pay for the sand that appears on our annual summer beach day. The money raised makes a difference to EVERY child in our school. Come and find out how you can help us this year.

Cleaner vacancy

Due to the relocation of one of our cleaners, we are looking to appoint another member to our after-school cleaning 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 9th October.

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.

Friends of Turnfurlong Infant School is the parent-teacher association for the school.

We are here to support the school and to raise money to help enrich our children's education. Being part of FoTIS provides a great opportunity for parents to be involved in the life of the school community and meet new people.

We run various events throughout the year and we need your help!

It's our **AGM (Annual General Meeting) on Tuesday 26th September at 6pm** at school. Parents and carers are all welcome and it would be great for you to join us. If you've helped before or if it's your first time we'd love see you.

We'll chat about what we've done this year and what's coming up. We'll also be sharing the total amount raised last academic year and talk about the new instalment of the climbing frame in the reception playground and play equipment in the nursery playground that were funded by a £24k cheque from FoTIS. Without our fundraising efforts, these installations wouldn't have been possible. We're very proud that the school community helped us to achieve this.

Also, there are a number of roles that need filling, as a number of our parents children have now moved onto the junior school.

Therefore if you fancy a role as a chair or co-chair (if you'd like to share the role with a fellow parent/carer), vice chair, treasurer or secretary, please do come along to formally step into the role.

We are always grateful for volunteers too, and if you haven't had the opportunity to volunteer at the school before, then please do come and join in the fun. These events wouldn't be possible without all of your help, so challenge yourself this year to support and volunteer at one of our events.

If you would like to find out more about the roles before the meeting, then please do email FoTIS at **contactfotis@gmail.com**

We look forward to seeing you all next week.

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		
Class visits to Aylesbury Library		
Monday 25 th	1H	
Wednesday 27 th	1A	
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 (<i>Reception – Year 2</i>)	
Tuesday 10 th	Parent Discussions 3.30-4.30 pm (<i>Reception – Year 2</i>)	
Wednesday 11 th	Parent Discussions 3.30-4.30 pm (<i>Reception – Year 2</i>)	
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 (<i>Reception – Year 2</i>)	
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)	