

Newsletter – 29th September 2023



Dear Parents

It's been another exciting week at school, but particularly for our Year 1 children who have all visited Aylesbury library and had the opportunity to meet a 'hearing dog' for the deaf at school. The visit from the 'hearing dog' linked to the children's learning about the senses in science.

It was also great to see so many new faces at the FoTIS (PTA) Annual General Meeting this week. Plans are already being put in place and it's fair to see that there will be a lot of 'fun' in the fundraising this year. The 'last Friday of the month' end of day tuckshops will begin on Friday October 20th. This will also be a non-uniform day so children can bring a pound to wear their 'home' clothes to school. All money raised will go towards resources and experiences that help make Turnfurlong Infant School the special place it is.

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

Year 2 Harvest Assembly - Friday 13th October at 9.15 am

Year 2 will be presenting the Harvest Assembly this year and all Year 2 parents are most welcome to attend. The staff and pupils have been working hard preparing and learning the script and songs. This is an opportunity for Year 2 children to perform on their own as a year group and it is their 'class assembly'.

We would be very grateful for any gifts of canned or packet goods which will be collected after the assembly. Aylesbury Vineyard Storehouse will take the food and distribute it as and when it is needed, so we are not asking for any fresh produce.

We would be grateful if donations could be brought into school on Thursday.
12th October.

Helping Hands – requesting support

The Buckinghamshire Council Helping Hand team is available to help individuals or families in need, those on low incomes and those who are experiencing a financial emergency or crisis. Let them know if:

- you are struggling to afford food
- you cannot keep on top of your bills
- you are in debt
- you are struggling to pay for essential goods in your home

Please contact Buckinghamshire Council's Helping Hand team on 01296 531151 or complete the online 'contact us' form and someone will be in contact.

<https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/cost-of-living/contact-helping-hand/>

Lost property

The box is full. Please label your child's belongings, including lunch boxes, so that we can return items to their rightful owners.

Covid

Numbers of people in the community who are testing positive for Covid are rising again. We are following the Buckinghamshire public health advice for schools. This means that if children test positive for Covid, they should stay at home for at three days. They can then come back to school if they are feeling better. Staff need to stay off work for five days following a positive test.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility at school but we want to make sure everyone knows who our Safeguarding team is. Our roles are as follows:

Rebecca Ochiltree – Headteacher, Designated Safeguarding Lead
Jenny Glen – Deputy Headteacher, Deputy Designated Safety Lead
Karen Henry – Year 1 leader, Deputy Designated Safety Lead
Vicky Stockwell – Early Years Foundation Stage Coordinator, Deputy Designated Safety Lead
Lesley Arnott – Teaching Assistant, Deputy Designated Safety Lead

All of us have undertaken Designated Safeguarding Lead training and our photographs are on display in school.

Parents Evening Information sheets

Target sheets will be coming home with children next week. These are for you to see ahead of our parents' evenings in the week beginning Monday 9th October.

Parent Discussions – 9th, 10th, 11th October 2023

These are face to face meetings in the hall. You will receive your appointment times on Tuesday 3rd October. This will be on a slip in your child's book bag.

Monday 9th October, 5.30-7.30 pm
Tuesday 11th October, 3.30-4.30 pm
Wednesday 12th October, 3.30-4.30 pm

During Parents Evenings, there will be a crèche for children on Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th October. This will be for children between the ages of 4 and 11 years and will be in the ICT room.

Tuck shop and Non-uniform day – Friday 20th October

Bring a pound to school to wear non-uniform for the day. The FoTIS tuckshop will be open on the playground at the end of the school day when children are going home.

Health and safety reminders

All of the following reminders may seem trivial but in all these cases the consequences of not following them could be extremely serious or life threatening.

Arriving at breakfast club, arriving or leaving Nursery and dropping off or collecting from 2C: Please do not walk through the Junior School car park gate. This is very unsafe as this is the entrance to a busy car park that is used throughout the day. Please walk through the pedestrian gate that is next to the car park gate.

Bikes and Scooters: Please can we remind you that children with bikes or scooters should walk with them, not ride them, in the playground. This is for the safety of others in the playground and because our site is next to a busy road.

Packed lunches: Please do not give your child nuts or food items containing nuts, including Nutella type sandwich filling. We have children in school who are highly allergic to nuts.

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.

Dates for the Diary	
October	
Friday 6 th	Year 2 trip to Road Farm, Great Missenden
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>)
Friday 13 th	Year 2 – Harvest Assembly, 9.15 am
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)	