

Newsletter – 6th October 2023



Dear Parents

On Wednesday morning we welcomed some of the children from Turnfurlong Junior to assembly who impressed us by reading the story of 'The Enormous Turnip' in a whole variety of different home languages. Our bilingual children particularly enjoyed this experience. Today, Year 2 have made a visit to a local farm to learn about where food comes from as part of their topic on 'Healthy Eating'.

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

Safeguarding

This week we have been focusing on teaching the children how to stay safe online. We use the CEOP materials to teach this. If you'd like to have a look at these at home, the link is here; <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

Here is a link to advice for parents from the NSPCC about how to support online safety at home; <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/>

Individual photographs – Monday 9th October

The school photographer is coming to Monday to take photographs of children. This is the day that you have saved your child's best red sweatshirt for!

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.

Lost property

Are you missing a sweatshirt or a water bottle? Our lost property box is full. Please label your child's belongings, including lunch boxes and water bottles, so that we can return items to their rightful owners

Keyrings on book bags

Some children are bringing book bags to school that have multiple, large keyrings attached to them. These don't fit in the book bag trays, and are a trip hazard when the book bags hang out of the trays. Children may only have **one small keyring** on their book bag, so please help them to choose it carefully and swap it occasionally if they have a collection! Thank you.

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

Bring £1 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.

Helping Hands – asking for help and 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/>

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	
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
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)	