

Newsletter – 9th November 2023



Dear Parents

Thank you to everyone who joined us for this term's Parent Involvement session. It's always great to be able to welcome families into the classrooms and give you the opportunity to see teaching and learning in action. Thank you also to Mrs Gerhardt and Mrs Arnott who organised the second of this year's coffee mornings for parents of children with SEND. Again, it's good to be able to catch up with you all over a biscuit, a hot drink and talk face to face.

Finally, I'd also like to wish a very 'Happy Diwali' to all the children, families and staff who are celebrating this festival over the weekend.

Safeguarding

This week's Parent Involvement morning was focused on safety and safeguarding. The Buckinghamshire Children's Safeguarding Partnership website has a page for parents and carers with links to sources of advice and support, covering a wide range of topics affecting children and young people. You can access the link here:

<https://www.buckssafeguarding.org.uk/childrenpartnership/parent-and-carers/>

Applications for Reception and Year 3 school places in September 2024

If your child is in Year 2 you must apply for their Year 3 school place at Junior school. If your child is in Nursery, and they were born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020, you must apply for a Reception place.

You must submit your application to Buckinghamshire Council by Monday 15th January 2024. The link to complete the application for Reception and Year 3 is here:

<https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools-index/school-admissions/apply-for-a-primary-school-place/>

World Nursery Rhyme Day – Wednesday 15th November

Children in Nursery and Reception will be having fun celebrating World Nursery Rhyme day on Wednesday. The children will be able to explore and experience a number of activities based around Nursery Rhymes. They can also come to school dressed as a character from a Nursery Rhyme. Here are some ideas that may help:

- A cat (Hey diddle diddle)
- A frog (5 little speckled frogs)
- A spider (Incy wincy spider)
- A star (Twinkle, twinkle little star)
- A bandaged head and a bucket (Jack and Jill)
- A mouse (Hickory dickory dock)
- A queen (The Queen of Hearts)
- A fishing net and a bucket (1,2,3,4,5 Once I caught a fish alive)
- A hat, jeans, jumper, wellies (The Farmer's in his den)

You can find lots of free Nursery Rhyme resources to share at home at: www.worldnurseryrhymeweek.com

Year 1 and 2 phonics workshop – Monday 27th November 2.15pm-3.00pm

Join Mrs Baud, our phonics lead, in the hall for a demonstration of how we teach phonics in Year 1 and 2. Please note that as this event is being held during the school day, we will be videoing a demonstration by Mrs Baud and sharing a link to a recording of this for parents who are interested in learning more but unable to attend this event. We have organised this workshop following our discussions with parents and carers at Parents Evenings.

OPAL – Outdoor play and learning project

We are still on the hunt for lots of things on our list. Please bring your items to school either at drop off or collection time so that they can be taken to the hall foyer or roundhouse. Thank you.

1970's day – Friday 12th January 2024

In January, Turnfurlong Infant School will be celebrating our 50th birthday. We will hold a special event in the Summer term but, to mark the actual opening of the school in January, the children will be experiencing a school day with a 1970's feel. Children should come to school in their usual clothes but they will be having 1970's style lessons, including a 1970's infant school assembly.

Dates for the Diary	
November	
Wednesday 15 th	Nursery Rhyme day for Reception and Nursery
Monday 27 th	Years 1 & 2 Phonics Workshop for parents 2.15 pm-3.00 pm
December	
Friday 1 st	'Winter Sparkle' day - wear something sparkly to school FoTIS Winter Bazaar 2.45-5.30 pm
Friday 8 th	Save the Children Christmas jumper day Pantomime for the children during the school day
Tuesday 12 th	Reception Christmas Play – 9.30 am
Wednesday 13 th	Year 1 Christmas Play – 9.30 am Year 2 Christmas Play – 2.15 pm
Monday 18 th	Christmas Party Day
Tuesday 19 th	Carols round the Christmas Tree – 2.15 pm (children and parents) End of Term

Aylesbury Town Council have asked us to pass on the following event information:

Christmas on the Cobbles

Jingle all the way to Aylesbury on Sunday 26 November for Christmas on the Cobbles - the best way to kickstart your festive season!

All things merry and bright will be taking over Aylesbury Town Centre across the day in Market Square, Friars Square Shopping Centre and Kingsbury.

1-4:30pm

Games, crafts, activities and performances in Friars Square Shopping Centre including Captain Christmas by Unbound Theatre, face painting by Zoomania, crafts with Queens Park Arts Centre, Lego building, badge making and a visit from ice queens, snow fairies and even a polar bear. There's something to keep everyone entertained - whatever the weather!

The snowball arena returns to Market Square alongside other performances on the Radley Doors and Windows Stage including Miss Claus and a magic show full of surprises. The Aylesbury Lions will be serving the ultimate smell of Christmas - hot roasted chestnuts! Watch out for Hodman and Sally who will be busy doing their Christmas shopping and singing some of your favourite carols!

4:30-5:30pm

Bucks Radio will be on the courthouse steps, with music and entertainment in the lead up to the Illuminated Parade.

5:30pm

An epic Illuminated Parade will light up Market Square. We'll be joined by Aylesbury Waterside Theatre pantomime star Andy Collins, Santa in his sleigh, local community groups and international street theatre performers, the incredible LED drumming group - Spark!

6pm

The Town Council's Christmas lights will be switched on in the Market Square, hosted by Bucks Radio, and will be followed by a stunning firework display.

Full details can be viewed at <https://bit.ly/Cobbles23>. The event accessibility information is available at <https://bit.ly/ATCAccessibility>.

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)	