

Newsletter – 30th November 2023



Dear Parents

Earlier this week, we received some lovely feedback from a parent who attended Mrs Baud's phonics workshop on Monday. Thanks to everyone who was able to come, and I hope that you found it useful. For those of you who wanted to come but couldn't, we'll be sharing a link to a film of Mrs Baud teaching very soon.

Turnfurlong Infant School raised £97.05 for the British Legion Poppy Appeal this year and last week, the school raised £204.37 for The Red Cross.

Diarrhoea and Vomiting – 48 hours

Children with diarrhoea or vomiting must stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least 2 days (48 hours). Tummy bugs can spread very quickly around school and please note that the 48 hour policy also applies to staff.

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

Christmas plays – permission needed for filming by Sunday 3rd December!

We are really looking forward to being able to perform our Christmas plays again this year. For Health and Safety reasons, **we are able to accommodate a maximum of 2 adults per family.** However, we know that being able to watch the plays together later or watch them with family members who can't attend is also something special to share. Therefore, each of Reception, Year 1 & Year 2's Christmas play dress rehearsals will be professionally filmed again this year. The children will be filmed by Richard Carr from BucksTV. The films will not be shared on social media. After the Christmas play has been filmed, we will provide an online link from which you can view your child's performance.

We know that we have some children in school who cannot be filmed but please can you complete the Microsoft form. **If we do not have your permission, your child will not be able to be included in the filmed performance. This form will close for responses on Sunday 3rd December.**

The permission form can be accessed via the link below or on the email.

[**Christmas filming permission - please click here**](#)

FoTIS Winter Fayre and Winter Sparkle day – Friday 1st December

Tomorrow is the FoTIS Winter Fayre. It is a non-uniform day. Children and staff can wear something sparkly to school if they would like to. The Fayre is being held in the hall and will be open for early browsing from 2.45pm. Mrs Baud will be leading a 'sing and sign' session with the children at 3.30pm and 4.30pm.

Save the Children Christmas Jumper day – Friday 8th December

Children can wear a Christmas jumper to school instead of their school sweatshirt or cardigan. Bring a £1 to make a donation to Save the Children.

Christmas Pantomime in school – Friday 8th December

The pantomime for children in school will take place in the afternoon. It should be lots of fun.

Christmas Party Day – Monday 18th December

A reminder that this is a non-uniform day, but children should be dressed for the weather and accessing the outdoors. Please make sure that your child is wearing shoes that they can run and climb in.

Names for Christmas cards and the Christmas post box

Our school Christmas post box will be open from 1st December. If your child has cards for friends and staff that they would like to post, please make sure that the name, class or class teacher's name is also written on the front. Class lists, first names only, can be provided on request.

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.

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/>

Dates for the Diary	
December	
Friday 1 st	'Winter Sparkle' day - wear something sparkly to school FoTIS Winter Fayre 2.45-5.30 pm
Wednesday 6 th	Nursery Christmas party in the morning for all nursery children . Singing for parents at 11.00am No afternoon session.
Friday 8 th	Save the Children Christmas jumper day (£1 suggested donation) Pantomime for the children during the school afternoon session
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
Thursday 14 th	Reception walk to the post box <i>Miss Paley's class 9.30-10.00 am</i> <i>Mrs Ackland's class 9.45-10.15 am</i> <i>Mrs Stockwell/Mrs Hepworth's class 10.30-11.00 am</i>
Monday 18 th	Christmas Party Day – wear non uniform to school
Tuesday 19 th	Carols round the Christmas Tree - 2.15 pm (children and parents) End of Term 3.15 pm
January	
Monday 8 th	Term begins for all children
Friday 12 th	1970's day
Tuesday 16 th	SENDCo coffee morning for parents – 9.00am
Monday 22 nd	Year 2 SATs meeting for parents and carers – 9.00-9.40am
February	
Friday 9 th	Break up for half term holiday, finish at usual time
Monday 19 th	Start of second half of spring term
March	
Thursday 7 th	World Book Day - come to school dressed as a character from a story
Monday 11 th	Parents' Discussions - 5.30-7.30 pm
Tuesday 12 th	Parents' Discussions - 3.30-4.30 pm
Wednesday 13 th	Parents' Discussions - 3.30-4.30 pm
Wednesday 20 th	Parent involvement morning - 9.00-10.30 am
Thursday 28 th	End of Term (finish at usual time)

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)	