

# Newsletter – 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024

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Dear Parents

It feels like Spring is edging closer now as my drive to work has started to become a little bit brighter. It's incredible the difference that light makes to everyone's mood and we've enjoyed some lovely bright, crisp days at school recently.

Next week, we're looking forward to a steel band workshop in school. This will be a lovely curriculum enhancement for everyone to experience before we break up for half term.

Thanks also to everyone who came to the FoTIS planning meeting this week. We've got lots of different fundraising events planned for the weeks ahead that will be a lot of fun for everyone.

## **Wellies and waterproof coats needed!**

Please make sure your child has a named pair of wellies and a waterproof coat that is suitable for outdoor play. We are playing outside as much as possible now, even in the rain! Also, if you have wellies that your child has grown out of we will accept them gratefully to add to our collection of 'spares'.

## **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/conditions/diarrhoea-and-vomiting/)

## **Helping Hands vouchers**

Families with children eligible for free school meals, early years' pupil premium or 2-year-old funded free education places will be entitled to a **£15** digital voucher to assist them during the February half-term. These will be sent on 5<sup>th</sup> February. For children who are not eligible but whose families need urgent support with food, Buckinghamshire Council have the Helping Hand scheme operating. Please contact

[helpinghands@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:helpinghands@buckinghamshire.gov.uk)

## **Staffing**

At half-term, two of our colleagues will be leaving Turnfurlong Infant School to begin exciting new chapters in their professional lives. Mr Sellar, one of our teaching assistants, has been promoted to a new role in another school and Miss Bernatowicz, one of the midday meals supervisors, is developing her own business. We wish them both well.

We are also welcoming Mrs Collins and Mrs Day to our school. Mrs Collins will be working as an additional teaching assistant in Reception and Mrs Day has joined our team of midday meals supervisors.

## **OPAL – Outdoor Play and Learning**

We hope that your child is talking with enthusiasm about their playtimes and lunchtimes. We've noticed that the children have been really enjoying playing across year groups, whether that's with younger siblings or with other children in different classes who share the same interests.

We are currently looking for donations of the following for OPAL;

- Duplo (but not mega blocks, please)
- House bricks
- Scooters and ride on toys
- Old keyboards and mice
- Musical instruments
- Action figures

### **FoTIS Valentine's Bake Sale - Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February**

Please bring donations of cakes and bakes to school on Friday morning for our after school bake sale. Please can homemade items include a list of ingredients.

### **International Thinking Day – Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February**

Children who attend Rainbows or Brownies can wear their uniforms to school.

### **Yes, you can, day! – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February**

This is a FoTIS fundraising event. Pay £1 to wear non-uniform to school.

For an extra donation you can come to school with crazy hair, nails and face paint. Further details to follow after half-term.

### **Reception Maths Workshop - Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February, 9.00-10.00 am**

Reception parents are invited to a Maths workshop on 28<sup>th</sup> February.

Please arrive at the school hall by 9.00 am where Mrs Craig and Mrs Stockwell will talk you through how we teach Maths in Reception. They will also discuss activities you could do to support your child at home. You will be invited into your child's classroom to join in with your child's learning, focusing on Maths.

### **World Book Day – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March**

Come to school dressed as a character from a story or Nursery Rhyme

### **Sponsored Bounce – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March**

This is a FoTIS fundraising event that takes place during the school day. Further details to follow after half-term.

### **Half term activities**

**Bucks Museum** has a jam-packed week planned of family fun and excitement. With a different craft activity on every day, topped off with a FREE Gameshow of the 1980s and Family Day on Saturday 17 February, they have something for everyone!

- Monday 12 February - Discover the Year Of The Dragon. 10am - 12pm & 1pm - 3pm
- Tuesday 13 February - Make a Moveable 80s Game. 10am - 12pm & 1pm - 3pm
- Wednesday 14 February - The Marvellous Marble Race. 10.15am -11.15am & 1pm-2pm
- Thursday 15 February - Grow-A-Troll. 10am-12pm and 1pm-3pm
- Friday 16 February - Bucks Heroes Craft. 10am-3pm.

For further information, please see the flier attached.

<b>Dates for the Diary</b>	
<b>February</b>	
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Steel band workshop (Reception, Year 1, Year 2)
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Break up for half term holiday, finish at usual time FoTIS Valentine's Bake Sale at 3.15pm
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Start of second half of spring term
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	International Thinking Day – Brownies and Rainbows can wear their uniform to school
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Yes, you can, day! Pay £1 to wear non uniform FoTIS tuck shop
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Maths Workshop 9.00 am
<b>March</b>	
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Day - come to school dressed as a character from a story
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	FoTIS Sponsored Bounce
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Discussions - 5.30-7.30 pm
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Discussions - 3.30-4.30 pm
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Discussions - 3.30-4.30 pm
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Parent involvement morning - 9.00-10.30 am
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	FoTIS Non-Uniform day Pay a £1 and/or bring a donation for the Spring Fayre
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	FoTIS Spring Spectacular Fayre – 3.00pm-4.30pm
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term (finish at usual time)

<b>TERM DATES 2023-24</b>		
	<b>Open on morning of</b>	<b>Close at end of afternoon of</b>
<b>Spring Term</b>	Monday 8 January 2024	Friday 9 February 2024
	Monday 19 February 2024	Thursday 28 March 2024
<b>Summer Term</b>	Monday 15 April 2024	Friday 24 May 2024
	Tuesday 4 June 2024	Tuesday 23 July 2024
<b>Staff Training Days</b>	Thursday 4 January 2024 Friday 5 January 2024 Monday 3 June 2024	
<b>Bank Holiday</b>	Monday 6 May 2024 (school closed)	

<b>TERM DATES 2024-25</b>		
	<b>Open on morning of</b>	<b>Close at end of afternoon of</b>
<b>Autumn Term</b>	Thursday 5 September 2024	Friday 25 October 2024
	Tuesday 5 November 2024	Friday 20 December 2024
<b>Spring Term</b>	Tuesday 7 January 2025	Friday 14 February 2025
	Monday 24 February 2025	Friday 4 April 2025
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