

Newsletter – 22nd February 2024



Dear Parents

Welcome back to the second half of the Spring Term. There are a lot of special events that are non-uniform days coming up in the next few weeks so please make a note of the dates in this newsletter.

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'.

Yes, you can, day! – Friday 23rd February

This is a FoTIS fundraising event. For a £1 donation children can wear non-uniform to school. However, if you want to do any of the following, "yes, you can" for an extra donation;

- Squash in your water bottle -£1
- Nail varnish -£1
- Crazy hair -£1
- Temporary tattoo -£1
- Face paint -£1

We are looking forward to seeing some crazy styles tomorrow, but please make sure that your child is wearing clothing and shoes that are comfortable and that they will be warm enough to play outside.

FoTIS tuck shop – Friday 23rd February

The tuck shop will be open at the end of the school day.

Reception Maths Workshop - Wednesday 28th February, 9.00-10.00 am

Reception parents are invited to a Maths Workshop on 28th February.

FoTIS will be serving teas and coffees from 8.30 am but please arrive at the school hall by 9.00 am. Mrs Craig and Mrs Stockwell will explain 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. The site will be secured once the talk in the hall has begun with no entry after this time.

World Book Day – Thursday 7th March

On World Book Day, we will be having some special book related activities in school. It is a non-uniform day where children can come to school in their own clothes, or, if they wish, they can come dressed as a character from a story or Nursery Rhyme. Children do not have to pay to be in non-uniform. Please make sure that your child is wearing clothing and shoes that are comfortable and that they will be warm enough to play outside.

No donations are required.

Sponsored Bounce – Friday 8th March

This is a FoTIS fundraising event that takes place during the school day. A sponsorship form and letter will go home with children today in their book bags.

Non-uniform day – Friday 15th March

This is a FoTIS fundraising event. For a £1 donation children can wear non-uniform to school or bring a donation for the school fayre that takes place after school on Friday 22nd March.

Parent Involvement morning - Wednesday 20th March, 9.00-10.30am

On Wednesday 20th March we will be holding our Spring Term parent involvement morning. The focus will be on maths. You do not need to be a mathematician to attend! The morning will begin with a talk in the hall about how we teach maths at Turnfurlong Infant School, the maths hub project we are involved in and how we are teaching with materials from the National Centre for Excellence in the Teaching of Mathematics to support number fluency and key skills. The session in the hall will be followed by time in the classrooms, where you will be able to work with your child on a range of activities. We will share these with you afterwards so that you can continue to use them with your child at home. The site will be secured once the talk in the hall has begun with no entry after this time.

Dates for the Diary		
February		
Friday 23 rd	Yes, you can, day! Pay £1 to wear non uniform FoTIS tuck shop	
Wednesday 28 th	Reception Maths Workshop 9.00 am	
March		
Thursday 7 th	World Book Day - come to school dressed as a character from a story	
Friday 8 th	FoTIS Sponsored Bounce	
Monday 11 th	Parents' Discussions - 5.30-7.30 pm	<i>Appointment times will be sent home at the end of next week.</i>
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	
Friday 15 th	FoTIS Non-Uniform day Pay a £1 and/or bring a donation for the Spring Fayre	
Friday 22 nd	FoTIS Spring Spectacular Fayre – 3.00pm-4.30pm	
Thursday 28 th	End of Term (finish at usual time)	

TERM DATES 2023-24		
	Open on morning of	Close at end of afternoon of
Spring Term (2nd half)	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	Thursday 4 January 2024 Friday 5 January 2024 Monday 3 June 2024	
Bank Holiday	Monday 6 May 2024 (school closed)	

TERM DATES 2024-25		
	Open on morning of	Close at end of afternoon of
Autumn Term	Thursday 5 September 2024	Friday 25 October 2024
	Tuesday 5 November 2024	Friday 20 December 2024
Spring Term	Tuesday 7 January 2025	Friday 14 February 2025
	Monday 24 February 2025	Friday 4 April 2025
Summer Term	Tuesday 22 April 2025	Friday 23 May 2025
	Tuesday 3 June 2025	Wednesday 23 July 2025
Staff Training Days	Tuesday 3 September 2024 Wednesday 4 September 2024 Monday 4 November 2024 Monday 6 January 2025 Monday 2 June 2025	
Bank Holiday	Monday 5 May 2024 (school closed)	