



# Newsletter – 19th April 2024

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Dear Parents

Welcome back to the beginning of the Summer term and Eid Mubarak to all the families who celebrated Eid ul-Fitr over the holidays. The Summer term is always a busy one with lots of special events and therefore this newsletter contains lots of dates for diaries.

One of the events that I'm particularly looking forward to in May is our whole school photograph to mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the school opening. Having a photograph of all the children and staff together will be really special.

It's also the term of our big Summer trips with Year 2 going to Woburn Safari Park, Year 1 visiting Warwick Castle and Reception going on their first school coach trip to Waddesdon Manor. We have sent information about these educational visits to parents via letters to each year group.

## **Focus school value**

Our value this half term is 'kindness'. Our stories in assembly this half term will be themed around this value.

## **My Nametags**

Thank you so much to parents who have ordered from My Nametags. FoTIS has recently received a cheque for £122 commission. FoTIS are continuing to use this company for fundraising, but if you are ordering name tags please can you make sure that you use our School ID number - 19173. This ensures that school receives the commission.

## **Holidays in term time**

Children should not be taken out of school during term time. Any absence from school during term time that is not due to illness needs to be requested in advance and can only be authorised in exceptional circumstances by a Headteacher. Please read our attendance policy on the school website for further information.

## **Packed lunches**

Please do not give your child nuts or food items containing nuts, including Nutella type sandwich filling. We have children in school who are highly allergic to nuts.

## **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April - Eid Party**

Children can come to school in non-uniform for our Eid Party day. We are looking forward to celebrating all together with party games and fun.

## **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May – Pyjamarama day**

Bring a pound to wear pyjamas at school for the day. All money raised goes to the BookTrust charity. We'll be having a day focusing on reading and sharing books together for enjoyment <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/what-we-do/>

## **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May – Whole School Photograph – 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary**

Please make sure that you arrive at school on time for the whole school photograph. This is a really special event that only takes place for very important occasions in a school's history.

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June 6pm – Meeting for parents of children starting school in September 2024**

This is a meeting for families whose children are starting Turnfurlong Infant School in September 2024. Join Mrs Ochiltree and colleagues from Reception for an information sharing meeting about our school.

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June – Whole Class Photographs**

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June 5.30pm-7.00pm**

**Turnfurlong Infant School Open Evening '1974-2024'**

This year, our open evening will be themed around our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations. The children will have been working on special '1970's' themed topics in the two weeks leading up to Open Evening. We promise you an evening of art, music, history and memories. Please do bring grandparents and great-grandparents because there will be a lot of memories and experiences to talk about!

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June – Beach day**

Children should come to school wearing clothes that are suitable for playing in the sand and for playing with water. We'll all be keeping an eye on the weather as the time gets closer but children usually wear shorts/leggings, t-shirts and sun hats.

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June – FoTIS Turnfurlong 50 Festival**

Come and join us for a fund raising and fun celebration of our 50<sup>th</sup> year. Further information to follow.

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July and Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Move up days**

These are our transition days in school when children find out who their teacher will be and spend time getting to know them in their new classroom. Families who have children who are moving to Year 3 will receive information about the organisation of 'move up' days from Junior schools.

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July – School reports to parents/carers**

This is the 'end of year' written report for parents and carers.

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July – Sports Day**

Parents will be invited to watch children taking part in races in the morning. Each year group will have a timetabled slot. Further information will be provided shortly. Fingers crossed for a dry day!

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 9.15am – Year 2 Leavers Assembly**

This assembly is for the families of children in Year 2 as we get ready to say goodbye to the children and families who are moving on at the end of this year. Tissues may be required.

<b>Dates for the Diary</b>	
<b>April</b>	
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 trip to Woburn Safari Park, returning at <b>4.00 pm</b>
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Eid Party – children can wear non-uniform to school
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Bag2School, 9.00 am
<b>May</b>	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Bank holiday, school closed
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	OPAL session for parents 9.00 -10.00 am – Reception 10.00 -11.00 am – Year 1 11 am-12 pm – Year 2
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 trip to Warwick Castle, returning at <b>4.10 pm</b>
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Reception trip to Waddesdon Manor
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Pyjamarama day. Bring £1 to wear pyjamas to school
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Whole school photograph 9.00 am <i>Please make sure children arrive in school on time to be included in the photograph.</i>
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Farm visiting school (Nursery & Reception)
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Break up for half term holiday (finish at usual time)
<b>June</b>	
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Staff training day, school closed
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Meeting for parents starting school in September 2024, 6.00 pm
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Whole class photographs
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Turnfurlong Infant School Open Evening '1974-2024' 5.30-7.00 pm
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Beach day
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup>	FoTIS Turnfurlong 50 Festival
<b>July</b>	
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Transition days
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	School reports go home
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 Leavers' Assembly, 9.15 am

<b>TERM DATES 2023-24</b>		
	<b>Open on morning of</b>	<b>Close at end of afternoon of</b>
<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
<b>Summer Term</b>	Tuesday 22 April 2025	Friday 23 May 2025
	Tuesday 3 June 2025	Wednesday 23 July 2025
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