September 2016

**Fakenham Infant and Nursery School**

**Newsletter**

Welcome back to school for the new school year. We hope you enjoyed the summer break and the beautiful weather.

A particular welcome to our new boys and girls and their families. We have planned a busy and exciting year and look forward to working in partnership with you. Please do not hesitate to ask questions if you are unsure of anything.

Sarah Gallichan, Head Teacher

**Car Park and Keeping the Children Safe**

I would like to remind you that the car park is for staff only. Please do not come into the car park; traffic will then be kept to a minimum to help keep our children safe.

As our children are very young, please keep them with you as you walk down the path to and from school. We encourage children to ride bikes/scooters to school, but they should walk them along the path. When you arrive at school please stay with your child until the doors open at 8.40am. Please do not leave the children on their own.



**Choir**

Rev. Francis Mason from Fakenham Parish Church would like a Year 1 & 2 Infant School Choir to sing at the Harvest Festival on Sunday 9th October. The service begins at 10.30am and will conclude by around 11.15am. More details will follow shortly. Please consider this and save the date.

**Safeguarding Training**

We will be holding some safeguarding training in school on Friday 23rd September at 1.30pm. If you are a volunteer in our school we would encourage you to attend if at all possible.

Thank you.

**Midday Supervisor**

We are currently in need of a relief Midday Supervisor, who we can call on at short notice if we have absence from our regular staff. If you feel you would be interested in this please speak to the office for more details.

**Telephone Numbers**

Can you please make sure that your contact details are up to date on our records, especially when you change your mobile phones. This is to make sure that we can contact you if your child is ill or there is an emergency. Thank you.



**Harvest Festival**

Year 1 and 2 will be visiting Fakenham Parish Church on Friday 30th September at 9.30am for our annual Harvest Festival. Parents are welcome to join us. We will require some parent helpers to accompany the children on the walk to and from the church, and on this occasion (as it is only walking in a large group) parent helpers will not require DBS checks. Please let your child’s teacher know if you can help. Also any non-perishable food donations will be greatly appreciated. Please leave them at the office for us to take to church the week beginning 26th September.

**Worries**

If you have any concerns or worries about your child please speak to your child’s class teacher in the first instance. Any further concerns will then be passed on to the Head Teacher, Senior Leadership Team, Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator or Pastoral Support as necessary.

**After School Club**

Our new after school club is up and running. We do have spaces if you need childcare after school. The club runs until 5.30pm every day, please ask at the office for more details.

**Change**

Please can we remind all parents that the school office does not hold an awful lot of money (especially change). So if you do need to pay for anything, please can we have the correct money. Thank you.

**Book Fair**

We will be holding our popular Book Fair on Tuesday 20th and Thursday 22nd September 3.05pm-3.45pm. Please collect your children from class first and allow other classes to leave before entering the school. It will be held in the main office area. Come and see what lovely books we have for sale.



**No Smoking**

There is no smoking permitted on school premises, this includes the use of e cigarettes/vapours.

**Lunch Time Nurture Group**

This is a group run at lunchtime where children go to help them with raising confidence, building friendships, helping with building self-esteem and encouraging positive play. The children have lots of fun at this group taking part in lots of enjoyable activities.



**Year 1 Entrance**

In order to ease congestion, please may we remind you that Year 1 children need to enter school in the morning via the door on the playground.

“Together we can”

**Dates for Autumn Term**

Monday 19th September: Key Stage 1 (Year 1 & 2) Parent information meeting 9.00am or 6.00pm

Tuesday 20th September: After School Book Fair 3.05 – 3.45pm

Thursday 22nd September: After School Book Fair 3.05 – 3.45pm

Friday 23rd September: Safeguarding training for volunteers 1.30pm

Wednesday 28th September: Tapestry Workshops for parents – Reception and Nursery 6.00pm

Thursday 29th September: Tapestry Workshops for parents – Reception and Nursery 9.00am

Friday 30th September: Harvest Assembly in Fakenham Parish Church (Year 1 & 2 only) 9.30am Parents welcome to join us

Monday 3rd October: Nursery/Reception HELPS bake sale

Wednesday 5th October: Individual photographs – pre-school children welcome for family group photographs from 8.40am

Friday 7th October: Family café 9.00am Year 1 and 2 only

 HELPS meeting 1.30pm

Friday 14th October: Violet Class Thinking Time 9.00am

**Friday 21st October: School closes for half term**

**Monday 31st October: School opens**

Monday 7th November: Year 1 HELPS bake sale

Wednesday 9th November: Parent consultations 3.30 – 7.00pm

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Friday 18th November: Children in Need Day

Tuesday 22nd November: Family Café 1.30pm

Friday 25th November: Indigo Class Thinking Time 9.00am

Monday 5th December: Year 2 HELPS bake sale

Tuesday 6th December: Reception Christmas Concert 2.00pm

Wednesday 7th December: Reception Christmas Concert 10.00am

Friday 9th December: HELPS Christmas Cheer event 3.05pm

Tuesday 13th December: Year 2 Christmas Concert 9.30am

 Year 1 Christmas Concert 2.00pm

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 Year 2 Christmas Concert 2.00pm

Thursday 15th December: Star Day and Christmas lunch

**Friday 16th December: School closes for the Christmas Holidays**

HELPS discos

**Thursday 5th January: School opens**

**Friday 10th February: School closes for half term**

**Monday 20th February: School opens**

**Friday 31st March: School closes for Easter holidays**

**Tuesday 18th April: School opens**

**Monday 1st May: School closed for May Day**

**Friday 26th May: School closes for half term**

**Monday 5th June: School opens**

**Friday 21st July: School closes for summer holidays**