



Headteacher's Blog

Friday 26th September 2014

Cash handling

Sorry to start with a grumble, but I would like to remind all parents/carers that due to financial regulations, our reception/office staff **are not permitted to handle loose cash**. If you wish to send cash into school, it must be in a sealed envelope, clearly labelled with your child's name and their class on the front with full details to which the payment relates, and the envelope must be posted directly into the sealed box on our reception desk, in order that our Finance Office can process the payments. Please do not ask our reception/office staff to put your money into an envelope and label it for you – they are not allowed to do so. Please also be aware that we are unable to give any change, so exact payments only, please!

Planners

Even though we are only 3 weeks in to the school year, we have already had a number requests for replacement planners, due to their loss or damage. School is unable to cover the costs of providing any additional planners to children, so please note that parents will be asked to pay £3 for a replacement planner.

Now, onto the nicer things ...

Kingswood

Our Year 6 children have been away on their residential trip to Kingswood this week. I managed to spend some time with them on Monday and Tuesday, before returning to school. They were all happy and settled when I left, and looking forward to an action-packed week of adventures. I'm sure they will be exhausted when they return home this evening, but bursting with lots of exciting news to share. I can't wait to hear all about it.

The Year 6 children who remained in school this week were lucky enough to take a trip over to Central Milton Keynes on Wednesday. They started with a run around at Campbell Park and took in some lovely views of Milton Keynes! Then they headed over to MK theatre and took part in a workshop with Mike Fenner, currently starring in 'Mousetrap' which is showing now. Mike is a professional actor at the Globe Theatre in London and lead a very enjoyable workshop called 'Shakespeare Made Simple' and he really did make the tricky language of Shakespeare's plays more simple!



On the way out of the theatre, the children were lucky enough to bump into the street dance crew Flawless who were being filmed by ITV News outside the theatre in preparation for their appearance in the pantomime Peter Pan - it was too good a photo opportunity to miss! The guys were brilliant and even signed some autographs for the children!



The launch of our Autumn ‘Read Every Day’ Challenge

Don't forget that we launched our autumn ‘Read Every Day’ Challenge on Monday. The challenge is for children to read at home 5 times a week – there is a space for parents to record their child's reading in their planners. Once the children have read 10 times, they will receive a certificate, and any children who receive their 5 certificates before Christmas will receive a special prize from me in an assembly in the last week of the autumn term, so get reading!



Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who supported our book fair earlier this week. We sold over £460 worth of books which has given us a significant amount of free books from the Scholastic selection to add to the library and classrooms. A very big “thank you” also to the FOOPA ladies, who have kindly donated £100 towards the cost of new books for school.

Planning for the future of Milton Keynes

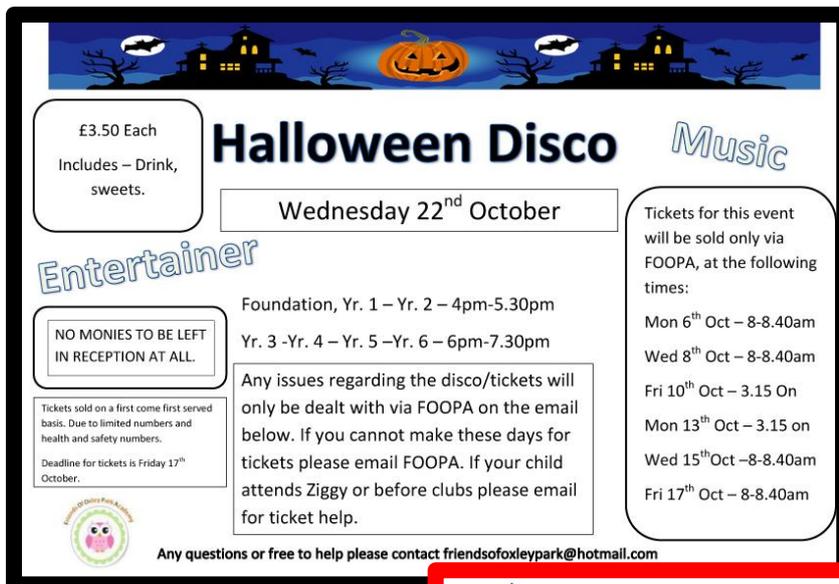
We have recently been notified that Milton Keynes Council is at the first stage of preparing a new Local Plan for the Borough called Plan:MK and would like the views of Milton Keynes residents. The council is currently consulting on a number of topic papers, covering a broad range of subjects and including questions to help understand residents' thoughts on how to plan for the future of Milton Keynes.

The consultation is running until Wednesday 3 December 2014. To have your say, go to www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/PlanMK and look at the Topic Papers. Copies of all Topic Papers are also available at Civic Offices and all Milton Keynes Libraries. For more information, email PlanMK@Milton-Keynes.gov.uk

Forthcoming FOOPA Events

We have got two very exciting FOOPA events coming up this term. On Wednesday 22nd October, there will be a Halloween disco and, following on from last year's success, we will be having our very own fireworks display again this year on Thursday 6th November. Please make a note of the dates in your diaries!

Tickets for these events will only be sold via FOOPA outside school - please see the flyers below for dates and times of the ticket sales.



Halloween Disco Music

£3.50 Each
Includes – Drink, sweets.

Wednesday 22nd October

Entertainer

Foundation, Yr. 1 – Yr. 2 – 4pm-5.30pm
Yr. 3 – Yr. 4 – Yr. 5 – Yr. 6 – 6pm-7.30pm

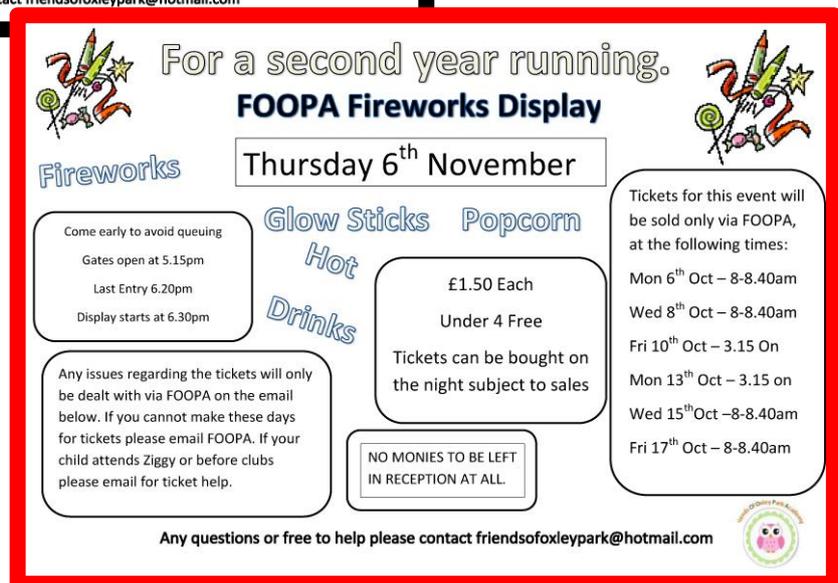
NO MONIES TO BE LEFT IN RECEPTION AT ALL.

Tickets sold on a first come first served basis. Due to limited numbers and health and safety numbers.
Deadline for tickets is Friday 17th October.

Any issues regarding the disco/tickets will only be dealt with via FOOPA on the email below. If you cannot make these days for tickets please email FOOPA. If your child attends Ziggy or before clubs please email for ticket help.

Tickets for this event will be sold only via FOOPA, at the following times:
Mon 6th Oct – 8-8.40am
Wed 8th Oct – 8-8.40am
Fri 10th Oct – 3.15 On
Mon 13th Oct – 3.15 on
Wed 15th Oct – 8-8.40am
Fri 17th Oct – 8-8.40am

Any questions or free to help please contact friendsofoxleypark@hotmail.com



For a second year running.

FOOPA Fireworks Display

Fireworks

Thursday 6th November

Glow Sticks Popcorn
Hot Drinks

Come early to avoid queuing
Gates open at 5.15pm
Last Entry 6.20pm
Display starts at 6.30pm

£1.50 Each
Under 4 Free
Tickets can be bought on the night subject to sales

NO MONIES TO BE LEFT IN RECEPTION AT ALL.

Any issues regarding the tickets will only be dealt with via FOOPA on the email below. If you cannot make these days for tickets please email FOOPA. If your child attends Ziggy or before clubs please email for ticket help.

Tickets for this event will be sold only via FOOPA, at the following times:
Mon 6th Oct – 8-8.40am
Wed 8th Oct – 8-8.40am
Fri 10th Oct – 3.15 On
Mon 13th Oct – 3.15 on
Wed 15th Oct – 8-8.40am
Fri 17th Oct – 8-8.40am

Any questions or free to help please contact friendsofoxleypark@hotmail.com

Macmillan Coffee Morning – Friday 10th October

A reminder that all parents, carers, grandparents, friends and neighbours are very welcome to come in and join us for our Macmillan Coffee morning on Friday 10th October, between 9:30am and 11:00am. Please do pop in if you are able to.

Free Mini Tennis Session

We have recently been approached by Stony Stratford Tennis Club, offering the opportunity to all our pupils aged 4 to 10 years old to receive some free tennis at the club with their DBS checked coaches on Saturday 11th October 2014 – please see below for details.



FREE MINI TENNIS SESSION

Turn up on the day!

For 4 -10 year olds

Saturday 11th October 2014

Great Introduction to Tennis with fun and games

1-2pm: **4-6 year olds**

2-3pm: **7-10 year olds**

- Free coaching
- Free Equipment use
- See our 9 court club with modern club house and wifi
- An Introduction to tennis
- Meet our coaches and get more information

10% off Membership*

If you join the club you can join Junior Club Night

Free every week for members

Every Thursday from 5-7pm for anyone aged 5-16

- Games and matchplay
- Tuck Shop
- Off court games
- Music in the clubhouse
- Hang out with friends

Get Involved

Please come in sports clothing

Location and contact information

Stony Stratford Tennis Club, Oxters Lane,
Stony Stratford MK11 1AR

Tel: 0203 286 5590 or Email at:
Stony@tennisworks.net

Visit our website: www.ssltc.co.uk

GIVE IT A GO! No obligation to join

*10% off membership only applies to new members. Offer applies to 11th October 2014 only.

Open Auditions – The Wizard of Oz

We have received flyers from Rare Productions, who are running Open Auditions for The Wizard of Oz at the following times/venues:

Date	Time	Age Group	Venue
Weds 8 th Oct	4:30pm-5:30pm	Age 8-12 years old	Stantonbury Campus, Room U23 Milton Keynes MK14 6BN
Sun 19 th Oct	3:00pm-4:30pm	Age 8-12 years old	Stantonbury Theatre Milton Keynes MK14 6BN

Full details can be found at <http://rareproductions.co.uk/auditions/>

Celebrations

I have had the pleasure of sharing the following celebrations this week:



- ★ Mia in Year 1 and Hassan in Year 2 both achieved their 10 'RED' certificates before the summer holidays, but had not been in to collect their prize from me, so this week they each received their certificate and a treat from the 'lucky dip'. Thank you both for all your hard work.
- ★ Aneesah in Foundation and Spiros & Lily in Year 1 came to collect their '100 Hot Words' certificates from me this week – congratulations on being such superstars!

Please make sure that any celebrations from home are written in your child's planner so that we can share them in school – I love to hear all about them!

Coming up next week

Monday 29th Sept

Y2 Trip to MK Museum

Fri 3rd Oct

9:00am Celebration Assembly – Years 1/2/3

10:00am Celebration Assembly – Years 4/5/6

Have a restful weekend – see you Monday.

Cathy