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FURZE NEWS

Newsletter 3 – 20th October 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

REMINDER: OCTOBER HALF TERM

School closes on Friday 21st October and reopens on Monday 31st October at the usual times. We hope you all have a happy and safe half term break.

PARKING! ☹️

We know the parking situation is difficult around the school but we would like to emphasise how imperative it is that drivers are observant and considerate. Please park sensibly in the surrounding roads and walk to the gates. A few parents are still parking on the zig-zag lines, on the pavements, parking across residents driveways, moving the cones, stopping in the road and using the Bennett Road entrance for turning around! This is all very dangerous and an accident is going to happen if this bad driving behaviour continues. **DO NOT PARK ON THE ZIG-ZAGS** (it is illegal to do so) and **DO NOT MOVE THE CONES**. These are your children - please be thoughtful and considerate drivers and park away from the school! If you live within walking distance of the school please leave your car at home and walk to school. I would also like to mention that **the school car park is for staff parking only** – parents should not use this for parking, dropping off or turning around. **NB: Children must be taken by parents/carers to the appropriate waiting area and handed over to the member of staff on duty.**



ADMISSION TO FURZE RECEPTION 2017

If your child's birthday falls between 1st September 2012 and 31st August 2013 (Nursery aged children) then you need to be aware that on-line applications for Reception 2017 will be available from **1st November 2016 to 15th January 2017**:

***You must APPLY ON-LINE at
www.lbbd.gov.uk/admissions***

RECEPTION HEALTH QUESTIONNAIRE FORMS

Reminder: Please can reception parents return any outstanding forms not yet completed by half term. Thank you.

KEY STAGE 1 FLU VACCINATION FORMS

Key Stage 1 parents who would like their child to have this vaccination in school must fully complete and return the form which was recently sent home with your child. All sections must be filled in including the blue section at the top and returned no later than Tuesday 1st November.

The NHS Nursing Team will be at Furze on Wednesday 2nd November to administer the vaccination by nasal spray to those children whose parents have given consent.



ATTENDANCE HOTLINE

If your child's at home, pick up the phone. When your child's feeling better, please send in a letter.

We have a 24 hour attendance 'hotline' for you to use when reporting your child's absence from school. This is a message only service. You should record your absence message on the answer phone which must include your child's full name, class and reason for absence. Please call the number below on the day of absence and send a letter in when your child returns. Any absences not notified with a valid reason will be registered as Unauthorised Absences.

Furze Infants' Attendance Hotline ☎ 020 8270 4424

Reminder: Please note that due to a government directive we are NOT able to authorise term time holidays.

PE LESSONS – JEWELLERY/EARRINGS

Please ensure that ALL jewellery including earrings are removed on PE days before your child comes to school. If your child is wearing jewellery they will be unable to take part in the lessons. The removal of jewellery on PE days is a very important health and safety issue and we would be grateful if all parents/carers could comply with this rule. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,
MRS BARRETT,
 Head of School.

FURZE INFANTS SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME 2016/2017

	LAST DAY OF TERM	FIRST DAY OF TERM
AUTUMN HALF TERM 2016	Friday 21 st October	Monday 31 st October
AUTUMN INSET DAY	School closed to all pupils Friday 25th November 2016	
CHRISTMAS 2016	Friday 16 th December (1.15pm closure)	Wednesday 4 th January 2017
SPRING HALF TERM 2017	Friday 10 th February	Monday 20 th February
EASTER 2017	Friday 7 th April (1.15pm closure)	Monday 24 th April
MAY DAY 2017	School closed to all pupils Monday 1st May 2017	
SUMMER HALF TERM 2017	Friday 26 th May	Tuesday 6 th June
SUMMER 2017	Thursday 20 th July (1.15pm closure)	

School opens at 8.45am and closes at 2.45pm (AM Nursery 8.30am to 11.30am/PM Nursery 12.30pm to 3.30pm) unless otherwise notified. In addition Nursery closed to am and pm pupils on Friday 16th December 2016, Friday 7th April 2017 and Thursday 20th July 2017.
 Any alterations or extra days will be notified separately.