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FURZE NEWS

Newsletter 7 – 7th December 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CLOSURE



School closes for the Christmas Holiday on Friday 16th December at 1.15pm. (**NB School is closing at 1.15pm after lunch NOT 2.45pm**). School reopens on Wednesday 4th January 2017 at the usual times.

Nursery will be closed for both AM and PM pupils on Friday 16th December.

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 are available from 1st November 2016 to 15th January 2017:

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

PREMIER SPORTS BEFORE SCHOOL CLUB

You can now book onto the Premier Sports before school gymnastics club and dodgeball club at Furze that will be running during the Spring Term. Gymnastics club is on Tuesday mornings and dodgeball club is on Wednesday mornings. These clubs are for children in Year 1 or Year 2 only and they start w/c 16th January 2017 and end w/c 3rd April 2017. Book online at www.premier-education.com or call 01953 499040 for more information. Spaces are limited to first 20 only.



CHRISTMAS CARDS

The school's Christmas post boxes are now open. If your child wishes to post cards to friends, please ensure that the child's **name** and **class** are clearly marked on the envelope, if they are not we may be unable to deliver them. Your child should use the post box for deliveries to other classes but cards for their own class should be given to their class teacher.

PUNCTUALITY

We ask parents or carers to ensure that their children arrive at least 10 minutes before the bell (8.55am) so that they are ready to come into school when it opens at 8.45am. It is important for children to arrive at school in a calm and happy frame of mind and that valuable teaching time is not interrupted by latecomers. We keep a 'Late register' in the school office for parents to sign and write a reason for any late attendance or collection.

This register is monitored by the Hard Federation Attendance Officer. NB: **All full-time pupils are allowed access to their classrooms from 8.45am which should ensure that no child is ever late.** Our school closes at 2.45pm. Children become very worried and distressed if they are not collected on time, so we ask parents to ensure that they arrive in time to collect their children when school closes.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES (R, Yr 1 & Yr 2 – dates below)

School uniform should be worn please and the children will eat their lunches as usual. If your child has any special dietary requirements please see the class teacher.

Year 1 & Year 2 Parents - Please can you send in ONE amount of bitesize food (to be shared with the class) with your child on the day. Drinks will be provided.

Reception Parents - Please do not send any food or drink (your donations on entry have covered the cost of party food/drinks).

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Year 1 Christmas Carol Concert – **Monday 12th December doors open at 9.10am for 9.15am start for parents of Yellow Base, Orange Base & Blue Base boys – YELLOW TICKET HOLDERS**
- Year 1 Christmas Carol Concert – **Tuesday 13th December doors open at 9.10am for 9.15am start for parents of Red Base, Purple Base & Blue Base girls – GREEN TICKET HOLDERS**
- Christmas Parties for Year 2 – **Tuesday 13th December**
- Christmas Parties for Nursery – **Tuesday 13th December** – see separate information from Nursery for full details.
- Christmas dinner for all full time pupils – **Wednesday 14th December**. Universal infant free school meals (UIFSM) means that there is NO CHARGE please DO NOT make any payments on Parentpay.
- Christmas Parties for Reception and Year 1 classes – **Thursday 15th December**
- Nursery closed – **Friday 16th December**
- **Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day** (children to wear their Christmas jumper over their uniform) see separate letter for full details – **Friday 16th December**
- Santa visiting and last day for full time pupils – **Friday 16th December – SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 1.15PM**

Yours sincerely,
MRS BARRETT
Head of School.

FURZE INFANTS' SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME 2016/2017

CHRISTMAS 2016
SPRING HALF TERM 2017
EASTER 2017
MAY DAY 2017
SUMMER HALF TERM 2017
SUMMER 2017

LAST DAY OF TERM
Friday 16th December (1.15pm closure)
Friday 10th February
Friday 7th April (1.15pm closure)
School closed to all pupils Monday 1st May 2017
Friday 26th May
Thursday 20th July (1.15pm closure)

FIRST DAY OF TERM
Wednesday 4th January 2017
Monday 20th February
Monday 24th April
Tuesday 6th June

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.



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Any alterations or extra days will be notified separately.