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FURZE NEWS

Newsletter 9 – 6th January 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

HAPPY NEW YEAR AND WELCOME BACK!



Welcome back to school and we are pleased to say that everyone seemed to enjoy a lovely Christmas break. We hope Father Christmas brought you some lovely presents and that you enjoy a happy and prosperous 2017. The children have quickly settled back into school after all the Christmas excitement and have started their new year's work.

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

Time is running out to make your application!

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

On Tuesday 31st January we are holding a whole school Science Day. This will be a dress up day and the theme is 'mad and crazy scientists'. The aim of the day is to get children eager to explore Science and develop a sense of excitement and curiosity about the world around them. Please see our separate letter to parents for full details.



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 **before 9.30am** 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
NB: If your child is absent from school for more than 3 days the school expects parents to seek medical advice and provide us with supporting medical evidence relating to the absence.

SCHOOL STATUS

All parent/carers should check the school website in the first instance for any school closures (emergency eg snow or otherwise eg INSET days) as this is where the most up to date information is always found and the school office may also be closed so telephoning the school may not be an option.

<http://furzeinfants.schooljotter2.com>

The Barking & Dagenham School Status also allows parents to check if their child's school in the Borough is open. www.lbbd.gov.uk/schoolstatus



LATE ARRIVALS AND COLLECTIONS

I would like to congratulate the vast majority of parents and carers for ensuring that full-time pupils attend school on time and are collected on time when school closes at 2.45pm. The school doors open at 8.45am which means that ALL of the children should be in class and ready to start the school day by 8.55am. However, there is a small minority of parents who regularly bring their child to school late and/or collect their child late at hometime which causes unnecessary distress to both child and adult. To these parents I must urge you to meet your parental responsibility of ensuring that your child attends school regularly and on time and is collected on time when school closes. The Attendance Officer will become involved when children are persistently late. Please can I also remind Nursery parents that *all children MUST be collected by the end of their session (NO later than 11.30 am and 3.30pm respectively).*

Yours sincerely,
MRS BARRETT
 Head of School

FURZE INFANTS' SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME 2016/2017

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

LAST DAY OF TERM

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

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 7th April 2017 and Thursday 20th July 2017.
 Any alterations or extra days will be notified separately.