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FURZE NEWS

Newsletter 11 – 6th February 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

REMINDER: HALF TERM:

School closes Friday, 10th February 2017 and reopens Monday, 20th February 2017 at the usual times.

To all romantics - have a lovely Valentines Day - and we hope you have a happy and safe holiday.

ACTIVE KIDS SAINBURY'S VOUCHERS 2017

The school has started collecting the above vouchers from Sainsbury's. These vouchers can be used by the school to claim sports equipment/cooking equipment. We will be collecting as many as possible so please ask grandparents/aunts & uncles/friends to save their vouchers for you. Please give the vouchers to your child who can post them in the collection box next to the library.



WORLD BOOK DAY (2nd March 2017)

World Book Week at Furze will take place from Monday 27th February to Thursday 2nd March. A separate letter will be sent home after half term with details of our plans for celebrating World Book Day.

ONLINE SAFETY (E-Safety)

Please ensure your child is accessing the Internet safely at home. All the children know to tell an adult if they see something Online that upsets them. Please make sure you have a conversation with your child about this and that you have filters in place at home on your computers, tablets and phones, where the children have access. A useful guide for parents and carers on how to keep children safe on the internet can be found at: <http://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers>.

EDUCATIONAL VISITS FOR YEAR 2

For full details of visits to Tropical Wings Zoo, please see your separate letter.

Tuesday 7th March – Stars & Hexagons

Thursday 9th March – Circles & Triangles

If insufficient contributions are received the trip will have to be cancelled. Your child will only be allowed on these visits if we have received a signed consent form.

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. If you have to drive to school please park sensibly in the surrounding roads and walk to the gates. Parents are parking on the zig-zag lines, on the double yellow 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 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.**



OPEN EVENINGS FOR FULL TIME PUPILS

Date for your diaries: Open Evenings for full-time pupils for the Spring Term will be held from 3.00pm to 5.30pm from Monday 6th March to Wednesday 8th March. A separate letter will be sent out after half term offering appointments with your child's class teacher. **NB Open Evening is for PARENTS ONLY – please arrange to have all children minded.**

NURSERY PARENTS' CONSULTATION MEETINGS

Nursery parent consultation meetings will take place throughout the week beginning Monday 27th March. These meetings are by appointment only and will provide you with an opportunity to meet with your child's key worker to discuss their progress. Nursery will provide more information to parents nearer the time.

Yours sincerely,



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Head of School

FURZE INFANTS' SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME 2016/2017

	LAST DAY OF TERM	FIRST DAY OF TERM
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 7th April 2017 and Thursday 20th July 2017.
Any alterations or extra days will be notified separately.