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# FURZE NEWS

Newsletter 12 – 21<sup>st</sup> February 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Welcome back we hope you had a happy and safe half term.**

**REMINDER: EASTER HOLIDAY**

School closes for the Easter Holiday on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at **1.15pm after lunch NOT 2.45pm**. We reopen on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at the usual times (including Nursery).

**EASTER HOLIDAY NURSERY CLOSURE:**

Nursery pupils last day will be Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017. The Nursery will be CLOSED for both AM and PM pupils on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2017. Nursery reopens for both AM and PM pupils on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April.



**SCHOOL NURSE DROP-IN SERVICE**

The school nurse team provides a regular drop-in service at Furze in the parent's room next to the school office. The forthcoming date is Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February from 8.30am to 9.15am. If you have any health concerns or questions relating to your child's well-being please do drop-in (you do not need an appointment).

**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 (2<sup>nd</sup> March 2017)**

World Book Week at Furze will take place from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February to Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. A separate letter has been sent with details of our plans for celebrating this event. On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March we conclude our week with a dress up day when children can come to school dressed as their favourite book character. **Please ensure that they are able to go to the toilet unassisted and wear sensible footwear.**

**ABSENCE DUE TO TERM TIME HOLIDAY**

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you again that a government directive instructs Headteachers that they may not

authorise term time holiday for pupils. Term time holiday will result in a fine being issued per child to parents by the Local Authority. The law forbidding Term Time Holiday is quite specific and parents are in breach of school regulations when they do this. **Please consider that continuity at school is vital to education and many pupils do not recover easily from the effect of a prolonged absence.**



**OUR NEW SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB**

Our new Scholastic Book Club is up and running! Go to <http://schools.scholastic.co.uk/furze> to browse at the latest books and order online. For every £1 you spend on this month's Book Club, our school will earn 20p in Scholastic Rewards. Please place your order online by 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2017.

**EDUCATIONAL VISITS FOR YEAR 2**

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

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March – Stars & Hexagons

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> 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.**

**OPEN EVENINGS FOR FULL TIME PUPILS**

Open Evenings for full-time pupils for the Spring Term will be held from 3.00pm to 5.30pm from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March to Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March. An individual class letter dated 20<sup>th</sup> February 2017 has been issued to parents/guardians 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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/guardians nearer the time.

Yours sincerely,  
 MRS BARRETT  
 Head of School

***FURZE INFANTS' SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME 2016/2017***

EASTER 2017

MAY DAY 2017

SUMMER HALF TERM 2017

SUMMER 2017

**LAST DAY OF TERM**

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April (1.15pm closure)

**School closed to all pupils Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2017**

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July (1.15pm closure)

**FIRST DAY OF TERM**

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> April 2017 and Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2017.

Any alterations or extra days will be notified separately.



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