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FURZE NEWS

Newsletter 1 – 11th September 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely holiday.



A very warm welcome to our new Nursery and Reception children and their parents/carers. I want to reassure you that the children usually settle in quickly during their induction period and will soon be enjoying school life and all it has to offer.



PUNCTUALITY - Parents are legally responsible for making sure that children arrive at school on time and are collected from school on time.

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.



SCHOOL DINNERS

If your child is vegetarian or has a particular food requirement and you have not already done so please write a short letter addressed to the school cook stating which foods are to be avoided/can be eaten. If you need to speak to our cook a meeting can be booked via our appointment request forms available in the school office.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

We are proud of our children for many reasons, not least for their personal appearance. We believe our school uniform greatly enhances the sense of belonging to our school community. I am writing to remind parents/guardians that school uniform is compulsory for all pupils. School uniform is available from the

school office – please see the school website or your prospectus for items/prices. To lessen the potential for confusion over ownership of similar items, please clearly mark all your child's items with their name. Occasionally items will get mislaid, however, they can be quickly returned

if they are marked clearly. Any parents who have difficulty in complying should contact the Head of School or the school office.

LOST/DAMAGED BOOKS - We regret that any lost or damaged books must be paid for. There is a £5 charge for reading books and a minimum charge of £5 for library books.



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. If you need to speak to the office staff regarding other matters you should telephone the main school number as usual. Any absences not notified with a valid reason will be registered as Unauthorised Absences.

Furze Infants' Attendance Hotline ☎ 020 8270 4424

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 Autumn 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 18th September 2017 and end w/c 11th December 2017. Book online at www.premier-education.com or call 01953 499040 for more information. Spaces are limited to first 20 only.

PAYMENT BY CHEQUE

Parents who pay for items such as school uniform, school trips, donation money, etc by cheque should note that any cheques must be made payable to FURZE INFANTS'SCHOOL.

ATTENDANCE REGULATIONS –TERM-TIME HOLIDAY

Please note that due to a government directive (September 2013) we are NOT able to authorise term time holidays.

COATS - Please can all parents/carers ensure their child brings a suitable jacket/coat to school. Thank you.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Our Breakfast Club is open. If you would like your child to attend please visit the school office after 2.45pm any day and ask for Mrs Clark who will provide more information.

SAFETY NOTICES

Please can parents/carers ensure that children are properly supervised whilst on the school premises – children must be kept close by your side at all times. Pupils must be taken by parents/carers to the appropriate waiting area and handed over to the member of staff on duty. All children including pre-



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school/toddlers are not permitted to climb on railings or use the play equipment or decking before and after school this is due to safety/insurance reasons. Also, please be aware that dogs are not permitted on school premises and that bikes or scooters must not be ridden around the school site. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,
MRS BARRETT
Head of School.

FURZE INFANTS SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME 2015/2016

	LAST DAY OF TERM	FIRST DAY OF TERM
AUTUMN HALF TERM 2015	Friday 23 rd October	Tuesday 3 rd November
CHRISTMAS 2015	Friday 18 th December (1.15pm closure)	Monday 4 th January 2016
SPRING HALF TERM 2016	Friday 12 th February	Monday 22 nd February
EASTER 2016	Thursday 24 th March (1.15pm closure)	Monday 11 th April
MAY DAY 2016	School closed to all pupils Monday 2nd May 2016	
SUMMER HALF TERM 2016	Friday 27 th May	Monday 6 th June
SUMMER 2016	Wednesday 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 18th December 2015, Thursday 24th March 2016 and Wednesday 20th July 2016.

To be added to the above are INSET days yet to be arranged and any alterations or extra days will be notified separately.