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# FURZE NEWS

Newsletter 4 – 16<sup>th</sup> October 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

**REMINDER: OCTOBER HALF TERM**  
**School closes on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October and reopens on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October at the usual times. We hope you all have a happy and safe half term break.**

**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. Please allow enough time to park sensibly in the surrounding roads and walk to the gates. A few parents are still parking on the zig-zag 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 this 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. They must NOT be left to come into school on their own.**



**ADMISSION TO FURZE RECEPTION 2018**

If your child's birthday falls between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2013 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2014 (Nursery aged children) then you need to be aware that on-line applications for Reception 2018 will be available from **1<sup>st</sup> November 2017 to 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018**:

**You must APPLY ON-LINE at**  
**[www.lbbd.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.lbbd.gov.uk/admissions)**

**FLU VACCINATION FORMS (Full time pupils only)**

Parents who would like their child to have this vaccination in school must fully complete and return the form which was recently sent home with your child. All sections must be filled in and returned no later than Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October. The NHS Nursing Team will be at Furze on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November** to administer the vaccination by nasal spray to those children whose parents have given consent.



**SCHOOL DINNERS**

**If your child is vegetarian, has a particular food requirement or a food allergy and you have not already done so please write a short letter addressed to the cook stating which foods are to be avoided/can be eaten.**

**PE LESSONS – JEWELLERY/EARRINGS**

Please ensure that ALL jewellery including earrings are removed on PE days before your child comes to school. If your child is wearing jewellery they will be unable to take part in the lessons. The removal of jewellery on PE days is a very important health and safety issue and we would be grateful if all parents/carers could comply with this rule. Thank you.

**NURSERY PARENTS' CONSULTATION MEETINGS**

Nursery parent consultation meetings will take place throughout the week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> November 2017. 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. The nursery will be open as usual on the day of your appointment so please bring and collect your child at the normal nursery times. Meetings will be held in the Parents Room next to the school office. You will receive more information from Nursery regarding how to make an appointment nearer the time.

Yours sincerely,  
MRS BARRETT,  
Head of School.

**FURZE INFANTS SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME 2017/2018**

	<b>LAST DAY OF TERM</b>	<b>FIRST DAY OF TERM</b>
AUTUMN HALF TERM 2017	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October
AUTUMN INSET DAY	<b>School closed to all pupils Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2017</b>	
CHRISTMAS 2017	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December (1.15pm closure)	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2018
SPRING HALF TERM 2018	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February
EASTER 2018	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March (1.15pm closure)	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April
MAY DAY 2018	<b>School closed to all pupils Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2018</b>	
SUMMER HALF TERM 2018	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> June
SUMMER 2018	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> December 2017, Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018 and Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018. Any alterations or extra days will be notified separately.



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