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FURZE NEWS

Newsletter 10 – 23rd January 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,



REMINDER: HALF TERM:

School closes Friday, 9th February 2018 at 2.45pm for full time pupils and 3.30pm for part time pupils.

School reopens Monday, 19th February 2018 at 8.45am for full time pupils and 8.30am for part time pupils.

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

Following the recent election we are pleased to inform you that Mrs T Bull and Mrs S Sikander have been appointed as Parent Governor Representatives, on the Governing Body of the Furze Warren Hard Federation.

“I GO TO SCHOOL EVERYDAY’ COMPETITION”



Early to bed, early to rise, every day and on time, could win you a prize! ☺

In order to enhance our ongoing strategies to improve attendance we hold an ‘I go to School every day’ competition. This competition is open to all full-time Furze children. As you know, regular attendance at school is very important – every day counts – attending school every day will help our pupils to have the best possible start in life. In order to recognise excellent attendance (in addition to the certificates we issue) we have a prize draw each term for the children who have achieved 100% attendance. There is a termly prize and at the end of the school year we will hold a special prize draw for children who have achieved 100% attendance for the whole school year. Our termly prize this year is an Early Learning Voucher. The school also has a weekly class winners cup for Key Stage 1 and a weekly class winners attendance teddy for the reception classes. I present the cup and attendance teddy to the appropriate classes with the best attendance for that week. We will soon be holding the prize draw for the children who have achieved 100% attendance in the Autumn Term at a special assembly. This term our Nursery children will also be celebrating weekly attendance group winners within Nursery. The children in the AM group and PM group with the best attendance each week will each receive a special sticker during a little presentation by Mr Atkins.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

If your child’s attendance drops below 90% they are considered to be ‘Persistently Absent’ (PA pupils) as defined by DfE guidelines and our Attendance Officer/EWASS are required to contact parents and take action to ensure that the overall attendance is improved.

ABSENCE DUE TO TERM TIME HOLIDAY

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that a government directive instructs headteachers that they may not authorise term time holiday for pupils. Term time holiday can 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.**

IMPORTANT SAFETY ISSUES

Please can parents/carers also ensure that children are properly supervised whilst on the school premises – children must be kept close by your side at all times. All children including pre-school/toddlers are not permitted to climb on railings or use the play equipment and decking before and after school this is due to safety/insurance reasons. Please also be aware that scooters and bikes may not be ridden on the school premises.

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 on Monday 12th March and Tuesday 13th 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 during the week beginning Monday 19th 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.



RECEPTION HEALTH CONSENT FORMS

Please can Reception parents fully complete and return the health consent form from the NHS School Health Nursing Team Service, which was sent home with your child before Christmas. All sections must be filled in and returned no later than Friday 9th February. The Nursing Team will visit Furze before Easter to perform the various health checks (Height, Weight, Hearing and Vision) for your children. Thank you.



SPARE CLOTHING

All children are required to bring to school some spare clothing in case they need to change – a full change is needed please and must include spare socks/tights and pants/knickers. Spare clothing can be kept in your child’s PE bag. Some children have had to borrow clothing/underwear from the school recently as they did not have their own change of clothes in school. Please can any loaned items be washed and returned to school. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,
MRS BARRETT
Head of School



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FURZE INFANTS' SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME 2017/2018

	LAST DAY OF TERM	FIRST DAY OF TERM
SPRING HALF TERM 2018	Friday 9 th February	Monday 19 th February
EASTER 2018	Thursday 29 th March (1.15pm closure)	Monday 16 th April
MAY DAY 2018	School closed to all pupils Monday 7th May 2018	
SUMMER HALF TERM 2018	Friday 25 th May	Monday 4 th June
SUMMER 2018	Friday 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 Thursday 29th March 2018 and Friday 20th July 2018.
Any alterations or extra days will be notified separately.