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# FURZE NEWS

Newsletter 13 – 6<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

## **WORLD BOOK DAY – NEW DATE!**

World Book Day at Furze has been rearranged and will take place on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March**. This will now be our dress up day when the 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.**

We will also continue the Book Exchange for the children until the end of this week.

The severe weather last week, causing school



closures across the country, has now passed so happily things are back to normal this week. I hope you all managed to access the school website and the LBB School Status page to check for any closures. This information was last provided on Newsletter 9 dated 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018 but I have repeated again below to make sure all parents are aware.

## **SCHOOL STATUS**

All parent/carers should check the school website in the first instance for any school closures (emergency eg snow or otherwise eg INSET days) as this is where the most up to date information is always found and the school office may also be closed so telephoning the school may not be an option.

<http://furzeinfants.schooljotter2.com>

The Barking & Dagenham School Status also allows parents to check if their child's school in the Borough is open. School status page:

<https://www.lbbd.gov.uk/residents/schools-and-learning/school-status/>

## **REMINDER: EASTER HOLIDAY**

School closes for the Easter Holiday on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at **1.15pm after lunch NOT 2.45pm**. We reopen on Monday

16<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at the usual times (including Nursery).

## **EASTER HOLIDAY NURSERY CLOSURE:**

Nursery pupils last day will be Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2018. The Nursery will be CLOSED for both AM and PM pupils on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018. Nursery reopens for both AM and PM pupils on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April.

## **FRIENDSHIP WEEK**

A huge thank you to all the parents and children that helped raise money for Friendship Week. We raised a fantastic £505. All the money collected will go to Amnesty International which raises money for vulnerable children.



## **THE SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB**

The Scholastic Book Club is up and running! Go

to <https://shop.scholastic.co.uk/schools/furze> to browse at the latest books and order online.

For **every £1 you spend** on the Book Club, **our school will earn 20p** in Scholastic Rewards. Place your **order online by 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2018 at the very latest**. NB: Online orders only, please do not use the order form in the Scholastic booklet that was sent home with your child this week.

## **EDUCATIONAL VISITS FOR YEAR 2**

For full details of visits to Discover Children's Story Centre, please see your separate letter.

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March – Square Base

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March – Circle Base

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March – Star Base

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Triangle Base

**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.**

## **COATS, HATS, SCARVES AND GLOVES**

The weather is still changeable and we request that all parents ensure their child has the



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above items in school at all times (please ensure all belongings have your child's name clearly marked). **Also, please ensure that your child has jogging bottoms for outdoor PE lessons.** Thank you.

### **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 on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March and Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March. An individual class letter has been issued to parents/guardians offering appointments with your child's class teacher. Turtle Base have been allocated slightly different dates please see your class letter for details. **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 19<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 shortly.

Yours sincerely,  
MRS BARRETT  
Head of School.

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

	<b>LAST DAY OF TERM</b>	<b>FIRST DAY OF TERM</b>
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 Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018 and Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018.**  
Any alterations or extra days will be notified separately.