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FURZE NEWS

Newsletter 13 – 6th March 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

WORLD BOOK DAY – NEW DATE!

World Book Day at Furze has been rearranged and will take place on **Wednesday 14th 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 8th 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 29th March 2018 at **1.15pm after lunch NOT 2.45pm**. We reopen on Monday

16th April 2018 at the usual times (including Nursery).

EASTER HOLIDAY NURSERY CLOSURE:

Nursery pupils last day will be Wednesday 28th March 2018. The Nursery will be CLOSED for both AM and PM pupils on Thursday 29th March 2018. Nursery reopens for both AM and PM pupils on Monday 16th 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 23rd 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 8th March – Square Base

Monday 12th March – Circle Base

Tuesday 13th March – Star Base

Thursday 15th 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 12th March and Tuesday 13th 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 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 shortly.

Yours sincerely,
MRS BARRETT
Head of School.

FURZE INFANTS' SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME 2017/2018

	LAST DAY OF TERM	FIRST DAY OF TERM
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.