Nurture Enrich Inspire

Friday 15th October 2021



Message from Mrs Money

It is hard to believe that we are almost at the end of this half term. It has been amazing to continue to welcome families into school for various events and celebrations. The Year 2 children enjoyed challenging their parents to games at their healthy carnival and hopefully the parents enjoyed the smoothies and fruit kebabs which the children prepared for you too! We have also seen the return of the parent lunches which started with Foxes this week. Mrs Steggall and her amazing team seamlessly prepared a delicious gammon roast for all of the children and parents. We are looking forward to welcoming Rabbits parents for lunch next Wednesday.

Foodbank donations - Thank you so much for your donations for Farnborough foodbank. Our school Governors Shane Barclay, Keith Parsons and Chris Taylor joined our harvest assembly this week and were wowed by the children's singing and drumming to the 'harvest samba'. If you have a large boot and are available to help take the donations to the foodbank for us, please let the school office know.

Parents evenings - Please remember to book an appointment with your child's teacher for next week's parents evenings. Many schools are continuing to hold these virtually however the staff have chosen to offer these in person as we all feel that it is more important than ever to be connecting with you all as regularly as possible. These appointments are to discuss how your child is settling into their new class and to ask any questions. Learning books will not be available to look through on this occasion and we ask that if you have younger children accompanying you that they do not play with the school resources either outside or inside the classrooms. All parents will need to enter the school via the small gates beside nursery then wait outside the classroom doors. Year 2 parents, please wait at the front of the classrooms by the mural. Only one family will be in the classroom with the teacher at a time so please ensure that you arrive promptly for your appointment. To ensure that we run to time please can we ask that you respect the 10-minute time slot and arrange a further appointment if you need to ask any other questions. Teachers will invite you into the classes when they are ready for the next family. If you would be more comfortable attending your appointment via teams please speak to your child's teacher or the school office and we will be more than happy to arrange this.

<u>Library helpers</u> - We are delighted that the children are all starting to use the library again and are bringing home books to share with you every week. If you would like to help with class library sessions or help keep the shelves tidy and organised we would love your help. Please let the office know and we can arrange for DBS checks to be processed.

Drop off/pick up arrangements - Following some feedback regarding the safety of children lining up in the car park we have reviewed our drop off and pick up arrangements. Starting on Monday 18th October there are some slight changes to drop off and pick up arrangements for some classes. Please take the time to read the section in this newsletter for details. Please ensure that anyone dropping/collecting your child also knows the arrangements and that everyone follows the one way exit route out of the school site. Thank you for your support.

<u>Diwali</u> - On Wednesday 3rd November the children are going to be learning about this festival of light and how some families celebrate Diwali. If you are celebrating Diwali as a family it would be wonderful if your children come to school in traditional dress on this day.

Wishing you all a relaxing weekend.

PLEASE REMEMBER

SCHOOL TIMINGS FOR REC/Y1/Y2

8.50 am - 3.10pm Gates open at 8.40am. Please exit school via the one way system along the front of the school building.

ONE WAY SYSTEM

Please exit the school after drop off and pick ups via the one way system along the front of the school and through the car park gates.

SAFE OUR TREE!

Please encourage your children not to climb on the seat at the front of the school or pull the new tree.

LOST PROPERTY

Our lost property box is already getting full. Please label ALL items of clothing and ask your child's teacher or at the office of you are missing any items.

INSET DAYS

Wednesday 1st September Friday 27th May Thursday 21st July Friday 22nd July

1 further date for a KITE trust INSET TBC



AUTUMN TERM DIARY DATES

Monday 18th October - Parents Evening

Wednesday 20th October - Owls parent assembly - 9.10am

Rabbits class parent lunch - 12pm

Parents evening

Thursday 21st October - End of half term - 3.10pm (Friday is a bank holiday)

OCTOBER HALF TERM HOLIDAY - Monday 25th - Friday 29th October

Monday 1st November - Start of term - 8.40am

Monday 8th November - Magical Maths Day

Thursday 18th November - Flu immunisations - Reception, Year 1 & Year 2

Friday 19th November - Children In Need day

Wednesday 24th November - Reception parents coffee/info meeting - 2.15pm

Tuesday 30th November - Happy Bags drop off 8.30am-9.00am

Wednesday 1st December - Squirrels parent assembly - 9.10am

Friday 3rd December - Reindeer Run and school Christmas Fayre

Tuesday 7th December - Outerspace workshop - in school event

Thursday 9th December - Christmas Jumper day / Christmas lunch / Christingle

Monday 13th December - Reception Nativity Dress Rehearsal -am - no parents

Tuesday 14th December - Reception Nativity Dress rehearsal - am - Reception parents invited

Wednesday 15th December - Class Christmas parties

Friday 17th December - End of term - 1.30pm

Please see Little Badgers newsletter for additional Nursery events.

DROP OFF/PICK UP ARRANGEMENTS starting Monday 18th October

<u>NURSERY</u> - You do not need to join the line with the other families. Please enter through the pedestrian gate and walk up the main path towards the front office. Please wait on this path by the sign until Mrs Wells opens the brown nursery gate. This is the same arrangement for pick-ups at the end of the session.

It is important that you do not line up along the wall beside Nursery as all of the other parents will be coming towards you in order to exit the school. Please ensure that your children remain with you at all times and ensure that you exit along the front of the school building and via the car park gates.

<u>RECEPTION</u> - Drop off and collection arrangements remain exactly the same. After dropping off or collecting your child please ensure that you exit via the one-way system only. This is along the front of the school building and out of the car park gates. Please do not return down the path and exit via the main pedestrian gate as there may still be families entering the site.

<u>YEAR 1</u> - Drop off and collection arrangements remain exactly the same. After dropping off or collecting your child please ensure that you exit via the one-way system only. This is along the front of the school building and out of the car park gates. Please do not return down the path and exit via the main pedestrian gate as there will may still be families entering the site.

<u>YEAR 2</u> - Drop off - please join the line with the other parents and enter via the main pedestrian gates. Say goodbye to your child at the nursery green gates where they will continue to be greeted by their teachers. Please exit via the one way system which is along the front of the school building and out of the car park gates. Please do not return down the path and exit via the main pedestrian gate as there will may be families entering the site.

Collection - please enter the car park and go through the large green gates to the back of the Year 2 classes (where your children are currently going into school). Please wait at the back of Year 2 for your child to be sent to you from the rear classroom doors.

<u>All parents</u> If you are collecting children from different year groups please collect your youngest child first. If collecting from Year 2 go via the side of the Year 2 classrooms after collecting your youngest child. You do not need to exit and go all the way round the front of school.

If you are collecting older siblings from Ravenscote please make your child's teacher aware that they will need to be one of the first to go home.

Please be aware that the line coming into school is going to be longer in the mornings. I appreciate that this is not ideal and may frustrate some parents. Can I ask that you line up respectfully and that you consider joining the later part of the line if your child finds it hard to separate or you need to speak to the staff. This will avoid the flow of children entering school to slow.

For this system to be the best that it can be, it does require everyone to follow the above directions for their year group. Thank you for your support.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Thank you all SO much for your donations for the Farnborough Foodbank.

Some of the school Child Governors helped in our harvest assembly to put the donations on the table and to pack them up afterwards.

Our school Governors Chris Taylor, Keith Parson and Shane Barclay joined us for our harvest celebrations too!



CHILDREN IN NEED

This year we will be acknowledging the Children in Need fundraising appeal on Friday 19th November by inviting all children to come into school in their own clothes or children in need merchandise. We have a box of wrist bands available from the school office if you wish to purchase one at £1 each.



OUR NEW MOLES & HEDGEHOGS





RECEPTION BREAD MAKING









We have enjoyed reading the story of 'The Little Red Hen' as part of our learning about Harvest. We have learnt that flour comes from corn and had fun using flour to make bread dough which we then took home to bake and share with our families!









YEAR 2 HEALTHY CAFE















In Year 2 we have been celebrating the end of our topic Healthy Living.

We made fruit and vegetable kebabs and a selection of smoothies.

Our parents came to help us enjoy the Café and take part in the games that we had invented.



