

Farncombe Church of England Infant School

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<h2 style="text-align: center;">Newsletter 1</h2> <h3 style="text-align: center;">4th September 2020</h3>	<h4 style="text-align: center;">Welcome!</h4> <p>Welcome to the new school year. It has been lovely to see our returning Year 1 and 2 pupils, looking so tall and grown up. Whilst this term may be slightly different to other Autumn Terms, be assured that our core values, vision and mission statement remain unshaken and will guide us through any troubled waters!</p>	
<h4 style="text-align: center;">Summer Dates</h4> <p>September 7th - 9th: YR Induction Days 10th: YR begin school 12th: Fitness Friday (sports clothes, £1 donation) 15th: Y1 Welcome Meeting, 9.05am 24th: Lime Y2 Welcome Meeting, 9.05am 25th: Apple Y2 Welcome Meeting, 9.05am 28th: Sycamore YR Welcome Meeting, 9.05am 29th: Beech YR Welcome Meeting, 9.05am 30th: Earlybirds Resumes (drop in 8.00-8.30, £4)</p> <p>INSET 2020-2021: 1st September, 6th November, 26th February, 21st July (plus a final day in Summer 2021, TBC in Autumn.)</p> <p>* = Parents invited to event ** = More details to follow</p>	<h4 style="text-align: center;">Risk Assessment</h4> <p>Please find attached an updated risk assessment which reflects the current government guidance for this school term. Parents are welcome to email the school office with any questions or just additional clarity over any details.</p>	<h4 style="text-align: center;">Foodbank Donations</h4> <p>Many local families have been hit hard financially by the pandemic. To make it easy to help out, a donation box for the Godalming Foodbank will be available in the garden room (wooden structure in the playground) until further notice. Thank you in advance.</p>
<h4 style="text-align: center;">Contact Details and Support</h4> <p>Please ensure your contact details are up to date with the school office. This includes your address and home/work/mobile phone numbers. Every child should have three contacts for collection. These can include extended family members or friends. The office staff are experienced in handling confidential information. Please do let school know if your family circumstances changed during the pandemic and if you or your child would like any support.</p>		
<h4 style="text-align: center;">School Clubs</h4> <p>Our focus this term is very much on the core business of education and creating and delivering our 'recovery curriculum'. However, it has been possible to resume some school clubs; DPA (Dynamic performing Arts) and SCL Football will both be running this term for Year 2 pupils only. Hopefully both clubs will also operate next term, for Year 1 only. Church Club, Japaneasy, Singing Club and Pilates are all currently on hold, as is swimming.</p>		
<h4 style="text-align: center;">School Curriculum and Routines</h4> <p>During our INSET day on 3rd September, the staff and I began to talk about our 'Recovery Curriculum'. This will be a list of goals and related activities which will run alongside our usual Autumn Term practice. We want all pupils to feel confident in their learning, to be fluent with reading, handwriting and arithmetic and to have good self-esteem, including sense of wellbeing. Teachers will be assessing children during their first week in class and looking for the gaps which will create a recovery curriculum for each year group. Details of these will be shared with parents at the year group/class meetings later this month.</p> <p>Year 1 and Year 2 parents will recall the series of wellbeing activities which took place last term (Fun Fridays). A series of similar events will be planned for this term, promoting excitement and enjoyment of school as well as a sense of belonging and wellbeing. The first day will focus on pupils' stamina and fitness and will be 'Fitness Friday' on 12th September. Children are asked to wear sports clothes to school instead of their usual uniform (this is called 'mufti'). They will jog or run around our golden line, complete a mini obstacle course and take part in a Zumba style dance class. Please donate at least £1 on parentmail for this day. Some of the best ways to develop good self-esteem and mental health are through physical movement, feeling appreciation for one's blessings and helping others. To this end, all money raised will be passed onto www.kids.org.uk, a charity which aims to provide disabled children with a bright future.</p>		

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'Let all you do be done in love' is our guiding vision for our speech, deeds and thoughts. This enables us to create a nurturing and inspiring environment in which everyone can have life in all its fullness.

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