

Farncombe Church of England Infant School

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Newsletter 2

11th September 2020

Summer Dates

September

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)
 This will be for Year 1 and Year 2 only, initially. Earlybirds has not run since March, so it will take a week or so to finalise the new covid safe arrangements. Please complete the attached survey if you plan to use Earlybirds.

We are currently considering how to manage Harvest and parent-teacher meetings through this pandemic. More information will be forthcoming as soon as possible.

INSET 2020-2021: 1st September, 6th November, 26th February, 21st July (plus a final day in Summer 2021, TBC in Autumn.)

* = Parents invited to event
 ** = More details to follow

Fitness Friday

We have had a lively and fun day, running the golden line, completing an obstacle course and dancing to some funky beats. Increasing children's stamina will be forming part of our 'Recovery Curriculum' and today has been a great way to begin. Thank you to everyone who helped make today a success. Over £180 will be donated to www.kids.org.uk.

Covid Control

Thank you to parents for continuing to drop off at external doors and gates. The staggered start and end times are as follows:

8.45 - 8.55: Year 2 drop off (collect at 2.55pm)
 8.50 - 9.00: Year 1 drop off (collect at 2.55pm)
 9.00 - 9.10: Reception drop off (collect at 2.45pm)

Please note the slight change in Reception drop off, which had previously been 8.55-9.05. Please try to walk on the left side of the path from Grays Road. Reading books can be changed in the entrance foyer.

Willow and Apple should wash their hands before entering their classes, while Oak, Beech, Lime and Sycamore will wash their hands as they enter the building. **To make our covid controls effective, please only allow your child to play for five minutes in the playground after school (not touching the equipment) and ensure this is only with their year group.** Of course, no one in school has worked through this kind of situation before. Thank you for your patience whilst we consider the risks and potential adaptations of each aspect of school life. Year group bubbles are working well for us and the teething troubles of arranging three breaks, three lunchtimes, three storytimes, three assemblies and organising fair access to the ICT suite, cookery area and hall are now largely behind us.

There have been a number of pupils with colds and sore throats (9 absent this week) but at the time of writing, no positive covid tests associated with Farncombe School. Should this situation change, bubbles will need to be collected for self-isolation. The guidance is to implement this if there are two or more cases. To reduce the likelihood of this, **please continue to social distance around school and at other times.**

If a bubble needs to close, remote learning would then be displayed on our school website. When individual pupils are absent, for non-covid related illnesses, they should rest and recuperate at home, returning to classroom lessons when healthy and ready to learn. Children are doing well with their hygiene, but to further encourage and promote this, our school nurse will be visiting to lead a session on correct handwashing practice for our pupils later this half term.

Year 1 Carousel

This is a new venture for us and it has begun very successfully. Our Year 1 children are split into four groups of twelve, rotating around eight lessons each week. Not only does this ensure good 'broad and balanced' curriculum coverage for all pupils, it also enables us to provide excellent adult to pupil ratios. Thank you to all the Year 1 staff.

New Staff

Welcome to our new TAs, Megan Thorne and Emma Baker. Both Megan and Emma join us from a local nursery. It is wonderful to have them here, with their years of experience. Megan will be working mostly in Lime Class and Emma in Sycamore Class. We also have two SCITT (School Centred Initial Teacher Training) students this year; Emma Woodgate in Apple Class and Harry Nyasi in Lime Class. Thank you in advance for making our new joiners welcome.

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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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