

# Farncombe Church of England Infant School

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Newsletter 3</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>18<sup>th</sup> September 2020</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Parent-Teacher Meetings</b></p> <p>Dates have not yet been set for these, but they are likely to be in mid-late October. The children have all made a good start to school and every teacher is eager to tell you about your child's learning. For safety this year, these meetings will be by telephone.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Autumn Dates</b></p> <p><i>September</i></p> <p>24<sup>th</sup>: Lime Y2 Welcome Meeting, 9.05am*</p> <p>25<sup>th</sup>: Apple Y2 Welcome Meeting, 9.05am*</p> <p>28<sup>th</sup>: Sycamore YR Welcome Meeting, 9.05am*</p> <p>29<sup>th</sup>: Beech YR Welcome Meeting, 9.05am*</p> <p>30<sup>th</sup>: Harvest Services in year groups</p> <p><i>October</i></p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> Earlybirds open for Y2</p> <p>6<sup>th</sup> Earlybirds open for Y1</p> <p>7<sup>th</sup> Earlybirds open for YR</p> <p>8<sup>th</sup> Earlybirds open for Y2</p> <p>13<sup>th</sup> Earlybirds open for Y1</p> <p>14<sup>th</sup> Earlybirds open for YR</p> <p>15<sup>th</sup> Earlybirds open for Y2 (then reviewed)</p> <p>Dates for parent-teacher meetings will be in the next newsletter.</p> <p><i>INSET 2020-2021: 6<sup>th</sup> November, 26<sup>th</sup> February, 21<sup>st</sup> July (plus a final day in Summer 2021, TBC in Autumn.)</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Covid Control</b></p> <p>Thank you to parents for continuing to drop off at external doors and gates. Please try to walk on the left side of the path from Grays Road. Reading books can be changed in the entrance foyer. Donations of tissue boxes are always welcome. 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.</p> <p>This week, for the first time, we have had to implement our quarantine procedures, when a child began to display covid symptoms. They were quickly removed from class and collected by their parent to be taken for a test. The attached flow chart shows our procedures. At the time of writing, there are still 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.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Resuming Earlybirds</b></p> <p>Earlybirds forms part of our popular and successful wrap around care, allowing parents to drop children here before school officially begins, paying £4 for childcare. As a school we are being very cautious regarding our full re-opening, but would like to work towards operating Earlybirds. As a first step, weekly year group sessions will run as above. All welcome, from 8am in the school hall. Provision will increase ASAP.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Whole School Topic: Farncombe</b></p> <p>Our whole school topic this half term is Farncombe. Children will be learning about the geography of their local area and what makes Farncombe special. There will be local walks as part of this topic and an opportunity to find out about Eastlake Care Home, with children drawing pictures for the residents there. We will not operate our usual post office visit.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Relationships and Sex Education (RSE)</b></p> <p>Just before the pandemic began, staff had been involved in a consultation to plan our approach to the new requirement to teach RSE. A page was then created on our school website, listing our teaching units through the year. Parents were then to be consulted on this content, but this was delayed. As the first step of consulting with parents regarding RSE, please visit this page on our website and share any views you may have via the email address below. Thank you.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Focus Value: Hope</b></p> <p>Our focus value this half term is Hope. How apt as we find ourselves facing very challenging circumstances, not just at school, but in all aspects of our lives. Hope is essential for finding our way through all kinds of challenges. Children will be considering their personal hopes for this academic year and exploring how faith can help hope grow. Optional reading is attached.</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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