



End of Year Newsletter July 2019

Term Time Holidays

There is now a new procedure for requesting a leave of absence during the School Term. Schools cannot authorise holidays in term time, as children should legally be in school if they are of statutory school age. From September, these are the main changes:

If you choose to take your child out of school for a holiday, you will need to provide evidence of the dates your holiday has been booked for, when you are requesting your leave. We will need to see the details of your return flights to prove when you are due to return to the country and, therefore, school.

Any leave of absence that results in your child being absent for more than 10 sessions, which is 5 school days, will be automatically submitted for a Penalty Notice through County. This follows a new draft policy from County that has to be adhered to, should it be agreed.

We fully appreciate holidays are more expensive during school holidays (school staff have to pay those prices too) and are aware of the learning opportunities open to children during family holidays, however, they cannot be authorised and will be subject to penalty fines.

Happy Holidays!

I am not entirely sure where this year has gone, but here we are at the beginning of another Summer Holidays. Thank you to everyone for your support for the school, throughout the year. We have had so much positive feedback on the things we have done across the school, which is very pleasing to receive. We are looking forward to what 2019-2020 will bring us all. We wish you all a happy, restful and safe summer.

Parent Survey Feedback (Part 2)

Further comments from Parents:

General comments were shared regarding a range of aspects. Familiar themes were: Disappointment in the range of After-School Clubs on offer- this is being developed over the next year, starting with children in Year 2 in the Autumn Term, then Year 1 and F2 as they settle into their new Year Groups. We are aware that this has taken time to come to fruition and apologies for this however; we do have an exciting range of clubs now coming up.

Concerns over the behaviour of some children in school and how this is managed- we provide regular behaviour management training for all staff and seek advice from Behaviour Professionals if needed. Children are unique and have individual needs that require specific approaches to support them in managing their feelings and actions.

Communication, coming via both Parent Mail and the APP, was mentioned by a few parents. Some feel that the amount sent out can be overwhelming and difficult to keep on top of. We will be looking at this in September to see if we can collate information through the week to send to you just once, reducing the influx of emails and notifications but still keeping you well informed of Year Group and whole school events.

Several parents mentioned the playground being a continuing issue with the aisle not kept clear and children not being able to get safely to their lines in the morning. Once the children have settled into their new classes in September, we are going to introduce a fluid entry system, where children can go straight into classes from 8.45am each morning rather than waiting to line up and be collected. This will allow parents to drop off quickly and reduce the congestion on the playground. More details will be sent out in September. The widening of the back gate has already helped with the stream of people in and out of the school and once the grass area just outside the gate has been tarmacked over and the whole footpath good, this will improve the entrance considerably.

Thank you for taking the time to share your feedback with the school.

Jungle Book Delight!

The Year 2 Children were amazing in their end of year show, displaying musical, performance and confidence skills beyond anyone's expectations! This was a delight to see and you should be very proud of them all as are we. Thank you to the Year 2 team who worked so hard to put the show together behind the scenes so the children could all shine on the stage. Thank you to all who kindly added to our donation buckets. We raised £220.95 to be shared between this year's nominated Charities: Hospice UK, Bucks Family Network, Florence Nightingale Hospice and Lymphoma Action and the School, to develop our iPad project.



Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 24th July
School Closes for the Summer
Holiday on at **1.30pm!**

Wednesday 4th September
School Opens for Children

Thursday 12th September
Meet the Teacher
Drop-in 3.00-4.00

Wednesday 18th September
Individual Photos for Children
September 24th, 25th and 26th

Parent Information sessions in
classes 9.00-9.30

Friday 11th October
Parent Open Session: F2, Y1 & Y2
1.30pm-2.45pm

Friday 25th October
School Closes for Half Term

School Crossing Patrol

Mr David Fountain, our morning Crossing Patroller, is leaving his post at the end of term, after an amazing 12 years! We thank him for helping keep children and families safe on their journey into school.



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Together we can achieve

FoBIS would like to thank each and every parent and staff member that has helped towards every event this year. Between us, we have raised a huge amount of money that has gone directly back into your child's education whether it be to help maximise every day activities in class or to provide the more fun parts of the year with school trips, entertainers, discos, treat days or dinosaurs! Without your help, these 'extras' just wouldn't work.

So, from FoBIS, **THANK YOU.**

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank every single parent/grandparent/family member and member of staff that has ever helped the PTA/FoBIS over the last 8 years that I have been fortunate enough to be a part of this brilliant group of people. Without your help and your support, the things we have achieved would not have been possible.

THANK YOU.

So, as I close my final message as a FoBIS member, I would like to wish Claire and her new committee every success moving forward. I would encourage any of you to support and get involved in some way; it is possible whatever little time you have outside of the school gates.

We wish you ALL a fantastic summer break and look forward to seeing you in September.

Kerry

The School would like to add their sincere thanks to Kerry for her dedication to raising funds to improve the resources and provision for the children over so many years. It would be impossible to list the number of things we have been able to provide from the events Kerry has organised. We are sure the Junior School PTA will make good use of her talents next year! Thank you, Kerry