

Newsletter – 13th March 2020



Corona Virus Update

We just wanted to provide you with an update about Coronavirus and the school's current actions and plans to deal with the growing concerns in our community.

We have already established a working group which now meets daily, to consider the risks posed by any potential outbreak locally. Central to the planning is the health and well-being of staff, students and the wider community. We are preparing an action plan, if the need arises, for the school to close, including sending work home for the children to complete. Please note that we are not able to do this for anyone who is self-isolating before the school has officially closed.

Please note that as soon as we have any update this will be sent out immediately via the school jotter and ParentMail so please ensure your notifications are turned on.

As soon as we have more detailed plans will be sending out a full update.

We would instantly make you aware if we had a confirmed case within the school or wider community, please therefore ignore any unhelpful social media posts about this.

Hand Washing

As the majority of advice that we are receiving from Public Health revolves around hand washing, we have discussed this with children during our school assemblies.

The below is what we have taught the children:

Turn on the tap.
Wet your hands.
One squirt of soap.
Rub hands together.

Interlock fingers to look like a hedgehog - then rub up and down whilst saying 1 hedgehog, 2 hedgehogs....to 5 hedgehogs. Then stop.

Take one hand and grab the thumb of the other hand in your fist. Twist your fist to wash the thumb whilst saying 1 roundabout.

Then take each finger in turn in your fists and twist saying 2 roundabouts, 3 roundabouts etc up to 10 (swapping hands at 5!) Then stop.

Interlock fingers and repeat hedgehogs to 5 again.

Then rinse hands under tap.

Then dry hands using a hand drier or towels (not clothes! The children have been taught that this just puts germs back on them.)

Just to confirm we have not changed the soap brand we used previously and are encouraging children to ensure that they are drying their hands thoroughly as we know with the cold weather this can lead to them being quite sore.

Please could you keep your children's hands well moisturised at home as this will also help protect them against the cold along with the additional washing we are now doing within school.

Dates for your Diary

March

Friday 20th March

FoBIS Chocolate Mufti Day

Friday 27th March

FoBIS Spring Bingo 18.00-20.00

Monday 30th March

FoBIS 2nd Uniform Shop 8.45 &
2.35

April

Friday 3rd April

FoBIS Smarties Challenge
School Closes for Easter Holidays

Monday 20th April

Children return to School

Tuesday 21st April

Class group photos

Thursday 30th April

Simon Says Magic (F2, Yr1 & Yr2)

May

Friday 8th May

School closed for Bank Holiday

Friday 22nd May

School closes for half term

June

Tuesday 2nd June

Children return to school

July

Saturday 11th July

Family Fayre

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Water Bottles

Please can you ensure that your child has their own personal water bottle in school clearly marked with their name and class. We will continue to send these home regularly to be washed



THANK YOU to all of the 240 children who attended the After School Movie yesterday!

We hope they all enjoyed the short film collection, as well as their brownie.

Thank you to the Teachers, TAs, Kitchen Staff and FOBIS helpers for giving up their time to allow this event to be such a huge fundraising success.

MUFTI DAY: Friday 20th March

All BIS children are asked to donate some in-date/sealed Easter themed Chocolate, in return for coming to School wearing their own brightest clothes. Please no fancy dress, and remember to dress sensibly for the weather. Donations can be left with a FOBIS team on the Main Entrance or Y2 Playground Gates at drop off.

SPRING BINGO: Friday 27th March

Tables are booking up fast for our annual family bingo event. Booking is open until 12pm Friday 20th March via [Parentmail](#). Purchase your Bingo cards, raffle tickets, dabbers, alcoholic drinks, refreshments and sweet treats on the night. Cash only event. Doors open at 5:30pm.

SMARTIES CHALLENGE: Easter Holidays

Each Easter, Michael Anthony Estate Agents sponsors our Smarties Challenge. Each child is sent home with a full pack of Smarties at the end of term to eat and enjoy. The idea is for them to do good deeds, or chores, over the holidays in which they are rewarded with money. These coins are popped back into the Smarties tube and donated back to the Charity via School bags.

This Year we hope to smash last year's final profit of £680.

If you would not like to take part this year, head to the [Parentmail](#) shop and choose to Opt Out. If FOBIS does not hear from you by 12pm, Thursday 26th March, we will send home Smarties with your child/ren the following week.

SUMMER TERM ENTERTAINER: Simon Says Magic, Thursday 30th April

The brilliant 'Simon Says Magic' will be putting on a special magic show for the F2, Y1 & Y2 children on Thursday 30th April from 3- 4.15pm.

Tickets can be booked via [Parentmail](#), and will close at 12pm, Tuesday 21st April. Tickets include a take home sweet treat, (no food will be served at the event itself, water will be available.) Tickets cost £3.50 per child.

If you have any questions please contact the FOBIS Team directly.

FAMILY FAYRE, Saturday 11th JULY

Planning is under way for our big End of Year, Summer Event, '[Family Fayre](#)'. We hope to be able to provide you, and your guests with live music, inflatables, great food, refreshments, adult bar, fun attractions, soft play and stalls. But for this to happen **we need Volunteers to give up 30 minutes** of their time to help run this. Each year our Summer events raise over £2,000 - and with the Outdoor Project underway, we need the money to help boost the coffers to help pay for this amazing opportunity for our children and for generations of infants to come. Without you, we will have to cancel the event :-)

PLEASE consider giving up just 30 minutes - and if you can, then head to [ParentMail](#) and select the 'Family Fayre' Volunteer Opt In.

If you run your own business and would like to have a Stall at the event to sell your wares. Please email us with information all about you and your products.

A stall fee of £20 will apply.

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