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# FURZE NEWS

**Newsletter 9 – 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

Dear Parents/Carers,

**HAPPY NEW YEAR AND WELCOME BACK!**



Welcome back to school and we are pleased to say that everyone seemed to enjoy a lovely Christmas break. We hope Father Christmas brought you some lovely presents and that you enjoy a happy and prosperous 2018. The children have quickly settled back into school after all the Christmas excitement and have started their new year's work.

**SAVE THE CHILDREN – CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY**

We raised a fantastic £279.25 for Save the Children. Thank you very much to all who participated in this event.

**ADMISSION TO FURZE RECEPTION 2018**

If your child's birthday falls between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2013 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2014 (Nursery aged children) then you need to be aware that on-line applications for Reception 2018 are only available until **15<sup>th</sup> January 2018**:

*You must **APPLY ON-LINE** at*  
[www.lbbd.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.lbbd.gov.uk/admissions)

**Time is running out to make your application!**

**ATTENDANCE HOTLINE**



**If your child's at home, pick up the phone. When your child's feeling better, please send in a letter.**

We have a 24 hour attendance 'hotline' for you to use when reporting your child's absence from school. This is a message only service. You should record your absence message on the answer phone which must include your child's full name, class and reason for absence. Please call the number below on the day of absence **before 9.30am** and send a letter in when your child returns. Any absences not notified with a valid reason will be registered as Unauthorised Absences.

**Furze Infants' Attendance Hotline ☎ 020 8270 4424**

**NB: If your child is absent from school for more than 3 days the school expects parents to seek medical advice**

**and provide us with supporting medical evidence relating to the absence.**

**SCHOOL STATUS**

All parent/carers should check the school website in the first instance for any school closures (emergency eg snow or otherwise eg INSET days) as this is where the most up to date information is always found and the school office may also be closed so telephoning the school may not be an option.

<http://furzeinfants.schooljotter2.com>

The Barking & Dagenham School Status also allows parents to check if their child's school in the Borough is open. School status page:

<https://www.lbbd.gov.uk/residents/schools-and-learning/school-status/>



**LATE ARRIVALS AND COLLECTIONS**

I would like to congratulate the vast majority of parents and carers for ensuring that full-time pupils attend school on time and are collected on time when school closes at 2.45pm. The school doors open at 8.45am which means that ALL of the children should be in class and ready to start the school day by 8.55am. However, there is a small minority of parents who regularly bring their child to school late and/or collect their child late at hometime which causes unnecessary distress to both child and adult. To these parents I must urge you to meet your parental responsibility of ensuring that your child attends school regularly and on time and is collected on time when school closes. The Attendance Officer will become involved when children are persistently late. Please can I also remind Nursery parents that *all children MUST be collected by the end of their session (NO later than 11.30 am and 3.30pm respectively).*

Yours sincerely,  
**MRS BARRETT**  
 Head of School

***FURZE INFANTS' SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME 2017/2018***

<b>SPRING HALF TERM 2018</b>	<b>LAST DAY OF TERM</b>	<b>FIRST DAY OF TERM</b>
<b>EASTER 2018</b>	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February
<b>MAY DAY 2018</b>	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March <b>(1.15pm closure)</b>	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>SUMMER HALF TERM 2018</b>	<b>School closed to all pupils Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2018</b>	
<b>SUMMER 2018</b>	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> June
	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> July <b>(1.15pm closure)</b>	
<b>School opens at 8.45am and closes at 2.45pm (AM Nursery 8.30am to 11.30am/PM Nursery 12.30pm to 3.30pm) unless otherwise notified. In addition Nursery closed to am and pm pupils on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018 and Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018.</b>		
Any alterations or extra days will be notified separately.		