

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to those of you who came along to the Ofsted drop in meeting in the Old Library last week – it was brilliant to know that you are all so supportive of our school and want to do your bit to help. Some of you have been asking what you can do to help the school further. These things would be really helpful. They may seem small, but together they make a big difference!

1. Ensure that your children are in school, ready to learn, by 8.45 am every day and that you do not take your children out of school for holidays in term time. We need everyone to pull together to help us meet our 96% attendance figure.
2. Take an interest in your child's learning and help support them with reading, learning spellings and any home learning set.
3. Ensure your child comes to school with a PE kit (house colour T shirt, blue shorts / joggers and trainers) and that they wear school uniform including black shoes or sensible flat sandals with strap around the heel (white / brown / black). Any headscarves worn should also be navy to match our school uniform.

Painting Competition

Well done to all of you who entered the painting competition for Hunters Estate Agents. It was very hard to choose a winner from each age group. Congratulations to Harley, Ashika and Elvin in Reception, Niko in Year 1, Billie and Hester in Year 3 and Fiza in Year 4 who have their pictures displayed in the estate agent's window, and also received vouchers for The Mall. It was good to have Mark Symons (Branch Manager) present the awards in Assembly on Friday. Thanks also for their generous contribution for art materials to help fund the competition.

Sports Days

It was great to see so many of you coming to support the children as they showed courage on the track and competed for their house teams. A special mention to all of you who were brave enough to run the parent race...hope you are recovering well!

Teaching Staff appointments

I am pleased to say that we have now filled our teaching staff vacancies for next year and this now means that I can announce our staffing structure for 2018/19. Please see later in the newsletter for details. (Letters will be coming home shortly to let you know which class your child will be in next year.)

We will be saying goodbye to Mr Gibbs and Mr Lawrence as they move onto new challenges in Ireland and Australia. Mr Groves has taken the decision to resign after two lengthy periods of absence. Mr Taverner and Mrs Poole, Miss Narjee & Miss Owen will also be moving on to new ventures at the end of the year. Good luck to you all – you will be missed!



Principal: Mrs Debbie Coker

Chair of Local Board: Mrs Trish Dodds

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Please let the office know if you or anyone on house or changed their mobile number.

It is important that our records are kept up-to-date in case your child is sick or we need to contact you.

Don't forget, school begins at 8.45am!

Did you know you can text us as well as ring us about your child's absence before 9.30am? Please state the full name of your child, their class name or teacher and reason for absence in your text.

Our text number is **07786 208896**



Value of the term: **Courage**

As you know, we place our values at the core of our Academy. This term our value is Courage. Each week focusses on a different question.

26/6/18 – How do we stay courageous when facing opposition?

2/7/18- What can we learn from Martine Wright?

9/7/18- What are you looking forwards to when you move classes?

School Dinner and After School Club arrears

Please ensure that all monies owing to the School for dinners and After School Club are paid up to date. Yr 6 children will need to clear any outstanding balance.

School dinners cost £2.05 per day.

After School Club costs £3.50 until 4.30 pm and £9.80 until 6 pm.

Staffing for 2018/19

Year Group	Class Name and Teacher	Class Name and Teacher
Nursery	Seahorse Ms Claire Hawkins	
Reception	Minnnows Miss Saira Uddin	Stickleback Miss Kate Burgess (Early Years Lead)
Year 1	Butterfish Miss Madeleine O 'Loughlin	Rainbowfish Miss Hannah Whittaker
Year 2	Parrotfish Mrs Elinor Watt	Surgeonfish Miss Alice Sutherland
Year 3	Mandarin Miss Emily Fitzgerald	Blenny Miss Pippa Knowles
Year 4	Firefish Miss Cherith Scott	Talapia Mrs Carole Seddon (Y3/4 Lead)
Year 5	Salmon Ms Richenda Brown / Mrs Rachel Sadler	Marlin Miss Hannah Edwards
Year 6	Sunfish Miss Sian Fox (Year 5/6 lead)	Manta- ray Miss Kathryn Fitch

Miss Rebecca Goodman will continue in her role as **Vice Principal** and will also **lead KS1** (Year 1 & 2)

We will also be joined by **Ms Tanya Kewell** as **Assistant Head**. Tanya will be taking a lead on pastoral matters and will also be our Pupil Premium lead. This post is part time (0.5) and is fixed term for a year.

Mrs Vicky Smith will continue as our school **SENCO** (Special Needs Co-ordinator)

Miss Sally Adams will continue to lead Art / Music as part of the **PPA** offer alongside **Mr George Harrold** who will continue to **teach sport** and lead sessions on a healthy lifestyle.

Mrs Gill Benarous will be coming out of class and covering leadership release time and running pupil **interventions in KS2**.

We have asked that all of our new teachers come and join us for 'Moving Up Day' on July 16th. This will give the children a chance to meet their new teacher in their new classroom. There will be the opportunity for parents to come into school (with their child) at the end of the day (3.15pm) on July 16th to meet the teacher and see the classroom/cloak rooms etc. I hope that as many of you as possible will take up this opportunity.

Friends of Fishponds Academy dates for the Diary:

29th June: Summer BBQ, 6-8pm

10th July: Cakes and snacks sale at the school (school council will also have a stall)

At the Summer BBQ, we will have a FREE 'guess the number of sweets in the jar' but only parents signed up for 'classlist' will be able to participate. Prize will be a £50 voucher for the 'At play in the woods'. Please go to www.classlist and register or send an email to friendsoffishpondsacademy@gmail.com and we will send you an invite to join.

A few pictures from learning over the last few weeks...



New Baby News!!

Congratulations are due to Miss Culver and her partner and daughter. Baby Eena has arrived safe and sound at a healthy 7 lb 4 oz. All are doing well. Baby Eena pictured above.

With best wishes, Debbie Coker, Principal

Dates for your diaries:

Friday 29 th June	Friends of Fishponds Academy school BBQ 6pm – 8pm
Wednesday 4 th July	Y2 Sharing Learning 2.40pm
Wednesday 11 th July	Y6 Play am and pm.
Friday 13 th July	End of year reports sent home with children.
Monday 16 th July	Moving up Day! 3.15pm- 3.45pm Parent meet the teacher / see the classroom open evening.
Tuesday 17 th July	Y1 Sharing Learning 2.40pm
Wednesday 18 th July	Reception Tea Party 2pm and Nursery Stay and Play
Friday 20 th July	Y3 Sharing learning 2.40pm
Friday 20 th July	Y6 Leavers Assembly @10am All Saints Church (Y6 parents welcome)
Tuesday 24 th July	Last day of Term 6

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