



## Autumn 3 Newsletter October 2018

### Dates, Dates, Dates!

We have a lot of things happening between now and Christmas so we thought we would send this newsletter with all of the important dates on it for you to book in your diaries.



### Curriculum Objective Evenings

These meetings are led by the Year Group teachers, to share with you the expectations of your child's learning in their new Year Group. Please come along to hear about what they will be doing in class and how you can help at home.

### Harvest Plans

We have invited Tom Copperwheat, from Limes Avenue Baptist Church to lead an assembly on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October.  
We will be taking a small group of children to the Over 60's Club at the Pavilion that afternoon to perform some Autumn poems and songs.  
We would like to present the residents there with bags of Harvest goodies provided by the children.  
If you would like to contribute to these gifts, please send in any donations of food from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October. Please could these items be small and not too heavy as the children will need to carry them to the Pavilion! Thank you

### Playground Organisation

We now have all 12 classes using the Year 2 playground for collection and dismissal each day. Please be aware of the wiggly yellow line that indicates where parents should gather to allow space for the children to join and leave their lines safely. Please try to move away from the front of the group once you have your children so other parents can be seen clearly by their child. Please use the Home/School book to send messages to the teachers, to prevent parents gathering in the lines in the mornings; children are unable to see where their class is due to the number of adults gathering amongst the children. Thank you.

### Open Afternoon

This term we would like to invite **one parent/grandparent/family member per child** to an Arty Afternoon in class with their child. Building on previous events, this time we will have one session open to all parents at the same time, to remove the need for booking a place. This does mean the classes will be busy however, the teachers will plan fun activities you can get involved in both inside and outside (weather permitting!) so you can all join in together.  
We still need to limit the session to one adult per child due to the space in the classes so please do not try to bring more than one person!  
We will be holding Mother's Day and Father's Day events again next year so there will be more opportunities to visit the class if you are unable to come this time.  
Please use the main entrance to school to visit during this session (the back gate will not be open).  
Parents will need to sign in on class sheets in the hall before being shown to classes. We look forward to seeing you all there.

### Dates for your Diary

#### Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October

*Curriculum Objective Events for all Year Groups*

New to F1 parents- 6.30 – 7.00pm in the DINING ROOM  
New to F2 parents- 6.30 – 7.00pm in the HALL  
New to Year 1 parents- 7.15 – 7.45pm in the DINING ROOM  
New to Year 2 parents- 7.15-7.45pm in the HALL

#### Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October

*Open Afternoon for Parents 1.45-3.00 pm*

#### Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October

*School Closes at 3.00pm for half term*

#### Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October

*School reopens for Autumn Term Two*

#### Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November

*Parent Evening for F2, Y1 and Y2 parents 3.15 – 7.00pm*

#### Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November

*Parent Evening for F2, Y1 and Y2 parents 3.15 – 5.30pm*

#### Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December

*Christmas Fayre 3.00 – 5.30pm*

#### Christmas Plans

*11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am- F2 Nativity Shows*  
*14<sup>th</sup> December 9.15am- F1 Christmas Concert*  
*17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am- Year 1 Christmas Show*  
*17<sup>th</sup> December 1.30pm- Year 2 Carol Concert*

#### Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December

*School Closes for the Christmas Holidays at 1.30pm*

## Foundation 1 News

We have a fantastic new blog, which we are updating weekly with photos of what your children have been doing at school. We are also letting you know what our focus will be for the following week, so that you can discuss this with your children. Please access it through the school website (not the app). It is shown on the F1 page.

I'm sure that you can see that there are some fantastic activities set up for your children in the mornings. We are finding that some of our resources are diminishing and wonder if you could check your children's pockets/bags in case some of them are going home.

We aim to have the children's pegs up for the Hedgehog/Fox groups as soon as possible, thank you for your patience with this. To help the situation, please could we ask everyone to name their coats clearly.  
Thank you.

## Year 1 News

The Year 1 children have all settled so well into their new routines and we have been so impressed with their independence. So far, we have enjoyed a trip to the spinney, writing Autumn poems and creating a new 'Leaf man' character with water colours. Please continue to read with your children every evening, we have been so pleased with their progress! We look forward to welcoming you next Friday for the open afternoon. The Year 1 Team.

## Year 2 News

The children have already made an impressive start to Year 2!

We have been studying some well-known and well-loved fairy tales and using these traditional tales to support our own writing. We have already learned about instruction texts and written about making delicious 'Fairy Porridge'. Last week we wrote our own variations on the Ugly Duckling story, replacing the duckling with a weird and wonderful range of other creatures. We will continue to look at narratives in the upcoming weeks as well as using Fairy Tales to inspire our work in Maths, Science and throughout the curriculum.

## Foundation 2 News

What a brilliant start to the year! we are all so proud of how well the children have settled in and are enjoying our special fairy wand treat today to say well done to the children.

**Physical Development:** PE sessions with Nathan and pencil control

**Communication and Language:** learning to be a good listener through fun games

**Personal, Social and Emotional Development:** talking about what we are proud of

**Literacy:** reading familiar favourites such as The Gruffalo and The Three Little Pigs. We have spoken about the characters and sequencing the stories

**Phonics:** we have introduced the sounds s,a,t,p,i,n,m,d,g,o,c, and k. We have also learnt the tricky word l and are beginning to blend and segment CVC words

**Maths:** counting to 10 through songs, exploring 2D shapes and using positional language

**Understanding the Word:** discussing families, sharing family photos and using computers

**Expressive Arts and Design:** colour mixing, drawing portraits and making homes for the Three Little Pigs

A busy start to the year, but the children are enjoying every minute!

The Foundation 2 Team

### Playground Update

Thank you for your patience with the new lining up arrangements in the Year 2 playground in the morning. We appreciate there have been issues this week with parents and children getting used to the new system. We are starting to see an improvement in parents moving out of the line quickly so children can see their teachers and know they are in the right lines. Thank you for your suggestions for improving this through the week.

We have reviewed how things work and decided that F2 will now walk up the steps rather than wait for all of Year 1 and 2 to go in. We hope that this small change, enabling the classes to go into school more quickly, will help children to happily leave their parents and have a more positive start to their day.

We will continue to review how things work and make changes as necessary. We thank you for your continued support.