

September 2020

Fakenham Infant and Nursery School Newsletter

Welcome back for another new school year. We hope you enjoyed the prolonged summer break and the beautiful weather.

A particular welcome to our new boys and girls and their families. We have planned a busy and exciting year and look forward to working in partnership with you.

Please do not hesitate to ask questions if you are unsure of anything.

Sarah Gallichan, Head Teacher

Car Park and Keeping the Children Safe

I would like to remind you that the car park is for staff only and a few parents with a parking permit. Please do not try and come into the car park; traffic will then be kept to a minimum to help keep our children safe.

As our children are very young, please keep them with you as you walk down the path to and from school. We encourage children to ride bikes/scooters to school, but they should walk them along the path to the bike shed.

Allergies

We currently have some children in our school with a severe nut allergy. Therefore please make sure you don't send in any nuts or nut products (don't forget this includes Nutella chocolate spread). As a school we take a pride in putting our pupil's health and well-being at the forefront of our minds and your help in this matter is much appreciated.



Flu immunisation

The school nursing team will be coming in on Wednesday 21 October to complete the flu nasal spray immunisation for our school (not Nursery). You should have received an email to either opt in or out. Please complete this by Wednesday 30 September or your child will not be able to take part.

Wearing of masks

Please can we remind you to wear a face covering as soon as you enter the path at the top of the driveway into school and do not take it off until you exit the path. Our path into school is relatively narrow and we feel it's the safest way to avoid any possible transmission of germs.

Parking outside school

We have been notified by the Police that they will be conducting regular patrols around the school. They have received some complaints from local residents who cannot get in or out of their own driveways due to inconsiderate parking by some of our families. Please can we ask you to take care when parking, we realise there may be a short walk to get onto the school premises, but we cannot keep being a nuisance to our neighbours. Any cars found to be parked inappropriately will receive enforcement action by the Police.

No Smoking

Smoking is not permitted on school premises; this includes the use of e-cigarettes/vapours.



Volunteers in school

At the moment due to Coronavirus restrictions we're unable to accept volunteers in school. If the situation changes we will let you know as our parent helpers provide a valuable extra pair of hands.

Adults on site

Please restrict the number of adults coming onto site to only 1 adult per family, at any one time. While waiting to drop off/collect your child please respect social distancing guidelines. A problem area has been identified at the top of the path into school. Try to allow other families the space they need to access school safely.

Collection from school

Please can we remind parents that if your child is being collected by someone different to normal, please either tell their teacher in the morning or contact the school office. We will not let your child go home with someone if we have not been informed or if they are not listed on the admission form.

Returning to school

We would like to say a big well done to our children who have returned to school ready to learn and have adapted to the new way of doing things really well. With only a few exceptions they are all settled and already finding their feet in their new classrooms. Our new Reception children have coped remarkably well considering they weren't able to have any induction days etc. You should all be really proud of your children, as are we. The hard work now begins to make up for all the lost time in school!!!!

Contact details

We will be sending your child's Data Collection sheet home shortly. Please make sure that all of your child's details are correct on our records, especially your contact numbers. Don't forget to make sure that you inform us when you change your mobile phone number or if you move house. This is to make sure that we can contact you if your child is ill or there is an emergency. Also keep checking your emails as we will be using these instead of sending out paper documents. Thank you.

Worries

If you have any concerns or worries about your child, please email your child's class teacher in the first instance. Any further concerns will then be passed on to the Head Teacher, Senior Leadership Team, Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator or Pastoral Support as necessary.

2020/2021 term dates

Autumn term

School opens Monday 7 September - Friday 23 October
Half term holiday: Monday 26 October - Friday 30 October
School opens Monday 2 November - Friday 18 December
Christmas holiday: Monday 21 December - Monday 4 January

Spring term

School opens Tuesday 5 January - Friday 12 February
Half term holiday: Monday 15 February - Friday 19 February

School opens Monday 22 February - Friday 26 March
Easter holiday: Monday 29 March - Friday 9 April

Summer term

School opens Monday 12 April - Friday 28 May
Half term holiday: Monday 31 May - Friday 4 June
School opens Monday 7 June - Wednesday 21 July

School will also be closed on Monday 3 May (bank holiday) & Wednesday 30 June (staff training day)

Nursery funding

If your child receives extended hours nursery funding, don't forget to renew your code in time for the following term. New applications have to be made before the last day of the previous term (31st August for the autumn term, 31st December for the spring term and 31st March for the summer term).

