

May 2021

# Fakenham Infant and Nursery School Newsletter

Since the wider opening of schools on the 8th March, the children have returned to school with smiles on their faces and a commitment to trying their best with their learning. Adjusting back to school life has been hard for many of our children, but we are incredibly proud of the way in which they have tackled this challenge.

A huge thank you too, to our wonderful parents and carers who have supported us to keep our school community as safe as possible during this difficult period. We are all very much looking forward to the warmer weather, the relaxation of restrictions and a hopeful return to normalcy, as I'm sure you are too!

Sarah Gallichan -Head Teacher

## School crossing patrol

As many of you will be aware, our lovely Lollipop lady Alice is unfortunately too poorly to return to work. She will be greatly missed by us all. If you would like to donate towards a leaving present, please place it in an envelope and post it into the school letterbox by the front door by Friday 21 May.

Thank you

## If your child is poorly

If your child is poorly please phone the office before registration time leaving a message on our answerphone with your child's name, class and the nature of their illness. Please may we just remind you that if your child has been sick or has a tummy upset, they must not come into school for 48 hours from the last incident. Many thanks

## Staggered start/finish times

While many things remain uncertain as we come out of lockdown, so that you can plan your child's drop off/pick-ups, until the end of the school year we are planning to keep the staggered start/finish times in place. Please remember not to arrive too early and once you have collected/dropped off your child please leave the school site.

## Bikes & Scooters

Sorry to nag, but can we please remind you again not to let your child ride their bike/scooter down the path into school - please walk and push them. People have been getting run over!!!!



## Sports Day

Sports Day will not be able to take place as normal this year, due to Covid restrictions. We will be holding some class based activities instead. More details to follow shortly.

## School photographer

The children will be having their photos taken on Tuesday 18 May. Unfortunately, we will not be able to offer the opportunity for siblings to be photographed together this year due to the Covid restrictions.

## No Smoking

There is no smoking permitted on school premises, this includes the use of e-cigarettes/vaping.



## Change of Clothes

If for whatever reason your child requires a change of clothes we are happy to provide these, but would greatly appreciate it if these could be washed and returned, as our supplies are limited.

## Induction Day - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021

This is a very exciting day for our children as they all spend the day with the class teacher they will have in September. They love exploring their new classrooms. Our Year 2 children will start and end the day at the Junior School, more details will follow nearer the time.

### Attendance/holidays in term time

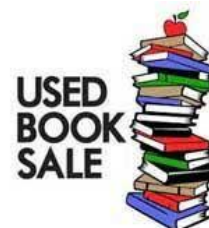
Now we are all back in education full time, there is an expectation that holidays will be taken out of term time. If you need to take holiday in term time, you must complete a form (available on the website or from the office). The holiday request will be unauthorised and may be referred to the Local Authority for consideration of a fixed penalty notice. Currently the regulations come into effect if a child has at least 9 sessions (4.5 days) lost to unauthorised absence.

On a more positive note, since school re-opened on 8<sup>th</sup> March, attendance overall has been really good and is currently 97.36%. This is well above the 96% target. Well done everyone.

We do have some children that are arriving late on a regular basis. Learning starts as soon as the children arrive at school, so even missing the first 10 minutes can have a big impact. If you have a family situation which is resulting in your child frequently arriving late, please come and talk to us so we can work out a plan together. We're here to help.

### Fundraising

Tesco in Fakenham have very kindly offered to donate the proceeds of their book table sale to our school for the next two weeks. So why not pop along and grab yourself a bargain and help the school at the same time.



### Dates for Summer Term

Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> May:	School photographer taking individual photos
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May:	School closes for half term
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June:	School opens
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> July:	Reports to go out
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July:	School closes for summer holidays

### Next school year dates

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> Sept:	School opens
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October:	School closes for half term
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November:	School opens
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December:	School closes for Christmas
Weds 5 <sup>th</sup> January:	School opens
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> February:	School closes for half term
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> February:	School opens
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> April:	School closes for Easter
Weds 20 <sup>th</sup> April:	School opens
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May:	May Day Bank Holiday
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May:	School closes for half term
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June:	School opens
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> June:	School closed for training day
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July:	School closed for summer holidays