

September 2021

Fakenham Infant and Nursery School Newsletter

Welcome back to a new school year.

We hope you enjoyed your summer break.

A particular warm welcome to our new boys and girls and their families. We 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 back up the chained side, from school. We encourage children to ride bikes/scooters to school, but they should walk them along the paths please.

Allergies

We currently have some children in our school with a nut allergy. Therefore please make sure you don't send in any nuts or nut products (don't forget this includes Nutella chocolate spread and some others, please check ingredients label). 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.



Arrival at school

The gates will be unlocked at 8.40am when you're able to leave your child on the playground, or you're welcome to wait with them until the bell rings at 8.50am. School staff will be available to direct the children and take any messages. Your child's class teacher will be on the playground to talk to first thing in the morning, to share any information you have or answer any questions.

If you have any forms to hand in, these can be placed in the locked office post box on the wall as you enter the playground and also there is one outside the office doors.

Wet weather

We still need to organise how this will work but will aim to let you know as soon as possible. Thank you.



Tapestry & Seesaw

It's great to see so many parents/carers accessing and engaging with Tapestry and or SeeSaw. Just a reminder that staff may, but are not expected to respond to messages between 4pm and 8am. Thank you.

Worries

If you have any concerns or worries about your child, please speak to 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.

Reading Books

Please return any reading books that your child had last year. Thank you.

Snack

We provide the healthy mid-morning snack for your child, please do not send one in. Thank you.

After School Club

Our After School Club is up and running again. We do have a few spaces if you need childcare after school. The club runs until 5.00pm every weekday, please ask at the office for more details.



No Smoking

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

Water Bottles

Please can we remind you the water bottles that your child takes into their class is to contain water only, no juices/cordials. Thank you.

HELPS (our PTA committee)

Our wonderful HELPS team is back up and running. Please come along and hear what they've got to say. They would very much welcome new members. It's a good chance to make new friends and get involved in your child's school. The next meeting is Monday 11th October 2021 on the grass area outside After School Club.

Toys

Please can we remind the children that no toys are allowed into school, including fidget toys. Thank you.

Telephone Numbers

Can you please make sure that your contact details are up to date on our records, especially when you change your mobile phone. This is to make sure that we can contact you if your child is ill or there is an emergency. Thank you.



Packed Lunch Boxes

Just a reminder that there should only be **one** chocolate coated biscuit bar, not chocolate bars or multiples and no sweets. We are a school that encourages Healthy Lunchboxes.

Uniform

Children are not permitted to wear make-up to school. Earrings are to be studs and hair accessories should be small.

Handle with Care

If your child may need extra time, patience or help during the day because of experiences outside of school, please send an email or leave a message stating 'Handle With Care' and your child's name, nothing else will be said or asked.

Harvest Time

This week we have been thinking about Harvest. We are collecting non-perishable food to be given to a local charity food bank. Please bring to school by Friday 8th October. Thank you.

FINS Food Bank

Our Pastoral Support Mrs. Walker has set up our own Food Bank box positioned in our waiting area outside the office, feel free to put in non-perishable goods to help support the families that need a little extra help.

Any-one who could benefit from these items, please feel free to help yourself. This can be accessed between 8.30am to 3.30pm.

School Packed Lunches on Trips

Please make sure you let us know if your child does **not** want a School Packed Lunch on a trip when asked, as we had 19 wasted lunches on the last trip. Thank you.

Appropriate Clothing

As the weather is now changing, please ensure your child comes to school with a coat/ raincoat as we do try and go outside in all weathers.



Dates 2021/2022

Wednesday 29 th September:	Fire Engine to visit Reception on the playground 2pm
Wednesday 20 th October:	Parent Consultations
Thursday 21 st October:	Parent Consultations
Friday 22nd October:	School closes for half term
Monday 1st November:	School opens
Monday 1 st November:	Divali Dancing for Reception
Monday 15 th November:	Whole school flu immunisation nasal spray (not nursery)
Friday 19 th November:	Children in Need Day
Tuesday 23 rd November:	Individual photographs -we will arrange for siblings in our school and nursery to have a photo taken together
Friday 17th December:	School closes for the Christmas Holidays
Wednesday 5th January:	School opens
Friday 11th February:	School closes for half term
Monday 21st February:	School opens
Friday 18 th March	Red Nose Day
Friday 1st April:	School closes for Easter holidays
Tuesday 19th April:	School opens
Monday 2nd May:	School closed for May Day
Friday 27th May:	School closes for half term
Monday 6th June:	School opens
Thursday 30th June:	School closed; Training Day for Staff
Friday 1st July:	School closed
Friday 22nd July:	School closes for summer holidays