



Newsletter

Week 1 – 10 - 01 - 25

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school...we hope you had a lovely break over the Christmas period. This term tends to be one of the shorter ones, so is two blocks of 6 weeks. This half term we will be having our Parent Consultations which will focus on your child's learning and setting of targets. These will be sent to you prior to the meetings so you will have an opportunity think about them and consider any questions you may have. Targets and your child's attainment is based on data from tests we did at the end of last half term and teacher assessment.

At the Juniors we are currently working on developing children's oracy skills, so how well they can speak and listen in different situations. They are also looking at grammar and how we use it effectively in our writing.

At the Infants we are focusing on the way we teach phonics and making sure all children are able to access this learning. You will see in the Diary Dates that we have planned Parent Workshops to explain how phonics is taught in school so that you will be able to support your child at home. It's amazing how easy it is to slot sounds into normal conversations and how practising in short regular bursts really improves long term memory. We cannot underestimate the importance of early reading and how this impacts the rest of their learning and the ability to access the curriculum.

A few notices:

- Please could you be aware that it is the gate at the end of the Junior School playground that is supervised by staff from 8.30am each morning. If your child walks to school on their own, they are supervised once they come onto the playground. Please ensure that your child is clear whether you expect them to come straight onto the playground or whether you are happy for them to come to school via the Sports field play area which is, of course, not supervised. Either way, they should be present on the playground for when the whistle goes at 8.45am.
- A Bench watch has been handed into the Infant School office.
- Letters have gone out today for low attendance – we will be doing an article on this next week to explain more.

We look forward to seeing you around school soon,

David Masters



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Diary Dates

Key	
<p>This is a working document and will change over the year, therefore we use this colour key to show how updated versions are the same or different to previously sent.</p> <p>It is intended to be a list of events so they can be saved in diaries. Alternatively, you can subscribe to our online calendar using this link: https://farnhamcommonjunior.secure-primariesite.net/diary/grid/2024/01/</p>	
	What has stayed the same
	What is new
	What has been changed from previously stated
ED	An 'Event Details' document will be sent home

Spring 1 2024-25 Monday 6th January – Friday 14th February	
Wednesday 15 th January	Junior School Assembly – Guest Speaker Beth Tweddle (Ex-Olympic Gymnast and TV Presenter)
Monday 20 th January 9:00am – 10:00am 6:30pm – 7:30pm	Parent Workshop The teaching of phonics in Reception and Year 1 (2 repeated sessions)
Thursday 24 th January 9:00am – 10:00am 6:30pm – 7:30pm	Parent Workshop The teaching of phonics in Year 2 (2 repeated sessions)
Friday 24 th January	Target sheet for parent consultations to go home
Tuesday 28 th January 2:00pm – 5:00pm	Parent Consultations Learning and Progress Based (All except Hawthorn – tbc)
Wednesday 29 th January	Parent Consultations Hawthorn and Linden – times tbc
Thursday 30 th January 4:00pm 7:00pm	Parent Consultations Learning and Progress Based (All except Linden – tbc)
Monday 10 th February	Junior Choir to Young Voices at Wembley
Spring 2 2024-25 Monday 24th February Friday 4th April	



Monday 24 th February	Junior Book Fair until 3 rd March
Wednesday 26 th February	Prospective Parents Open Evening Acorn
Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day (Dressing up) ED
Monday 14 th March	Junior Theatre Group in School The Jungle Book
Summer 1 2024-25 Tuesday 22nd April – Friday 23rd May	
Monday 12 th May – Thursday 15 th May	KS2 SAT's Week – Year 6
Friday 23 rd May	INSET Day – Schools Closed
Summer 2 2024-25 Tuesday 2nd June – Wednesday 23rd July	
Monday 2 nd June – Friday 13 th June	Year 4 Multiplication Test Window
Thursday 5 th June	Meeting about Secondary Transfer Test and applying for secondary school – Year 5's
Wednesday 11 th June	KS2 Celebration of Work Year 3 to Year 6 ED
Thursday 12 th June	EYFS and KS1 Celebration of Work Nursery to Year 2 ED
Monday 16 th June – Friday 20 th June	Year 6 River Dart Residential
Tuesday 24 th June	New Reception Parents Meeting
Thursday 26 th June	New Year 3 Parents Meeting
Thursday 26 th June	Junior Clock Sports
Thursday 26 th June	New Classes Letters to Parents
Friday 27 th June	Sports Day ED
Tuesday 1 st July	Transition Day
Tuesday 8 th July	Nursery Transition Afternoon
Wednesday 9 th July	Nursery Transition Afternoon
Tuesday 15 th July	Reports to Parents
Tuesday 15 th July	Year 4 to Oakwood
Tuesday 15 th July	Year 2 Show
Wednesday 16 th July	Year 6 Show - Afternoon
Thursday 17 th July	Year 6 Show - Evening
Wednesday 23 rd July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Wednesday 23 rd July	End of Year



Next Week's Menu :

Week Two

W/C: 13/1/25, (17/2/25-Half term), 24/3/25

Meat Free Monday

- V Macaroni Cheese with Mixed Vegetables
- V Baked Potato with Grated Cheese & Baked Beans
- Cheese, Tuna or Ham Roll
- All accompanied by carrot sticks and cucumber
- Fresh Chopped Watermelon

Tuesday

- GF Chicken Korma, Vg GF Rice & Peas
- Vg Spinach, Potato & Chickpea Korma, Vg GF Rice & Peas
- V Baked Potato with Grated Cheese
- Cheese, Tuna or Ham Roll
- All accompanied by a fresh, seasonal salad
- V Vanilla Sponge Cake
- or
- Fresh Fruit

Wednesday

- GF Roast Chicken Vg GF Roast Potatoes,
- Seasonal Vegetables & V GF Gravy
- V Vegetarian Sausage Roll, Vg GF Roast Potatoes,
- Seasonal Vegetables & V GF Gravy
- V Baked Potato with Grated Cheese
- All accompanied by a fresh, seasonal salad
- Cheese, Tuna or Ham Roll
- Fresh Fruit Selection or V Yoghurt

Thursday

- * Beef Burger & Bun with Ketchup
- Vg Vegetable Burger & bun with Ketchup
- Baked Beans
- Vg Baked Potato with Beans
- Cheese, Tuna or Ham Roll
- All accompanied by a lettuce & tomato salad
- V Strawberry Swirl Mousse
- or
- Fresh Fruit

Friday

- * Breaded White Fish Fillet Vg GF Oven Chips, & Peas
- Vg Vegetable Samosa Vg GF Oven Chips & Peas
- V Baked Potato with Grated Cheese
- Cheese, Tuna or Ham Roll
- All accompanied with sliced cucumber salad
- V Oreo Cookie Bar
- or
- Fresh Fruit

