

# November 2016



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you had an enjoyable half term and are ready for a fun-filled and very busy second half of term! Before we know it Christmas and all its festivities will soon be upon us! Listed below are the dates of things happening between now and Christmas for you to put on your calendars and/or in your diaries.

November	
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup>	FOBPS Halloween Disco
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee morning – meet the Governors- 9am
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup>	Flu immunisations for Years 1, 2 & 3 Yr R Phonics meeting 2:30pm (hall)
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup>	Individual and siblings photos
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup>	Own clothes day ('Spotty')-Children in Need
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup>	Own Clothes day – FoBPS 'donation' event
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup>	School Christmas Fair (FoBPS)
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup>	'Perform' Dance workshops Years 1 - 5
December	
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup>	*Children's Christmas lunch*
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS & KS1 Nativity 9.30am
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS & KS1 Nativity 2pm
Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS & KS1 Nativity 9.30am
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup>	Class Christmas parties
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Carol service at church - evening

\* bookings will be taken

### FoBPS information

Our Parents Association is currently getting ready for the Christmas Fair. In preparation for this, they are asking for a Jolly jam jar to be donated on 18<sup>th</sup> November – please bring these to the school office.

On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November the children can wear their own clothes to school in return for donating a gift for the tombola stall. Members of FoBPS will collect these from the children before school that morning.

### Visitors

We've had a number of visitors in school already this term. These visits enhance the children's learning and are always enjoyed by teachers and pupils alike. Mrs Ruston has been in to take two assemblies as well as Harvest Festival. On Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October we had visitors from the Hindu Centre to talk to the children about Diwali. They talked to the whole school about the celebration and what it means, and then followed this with workshops in some classes.

### Arts Week

We had a very enjoyable and busy Arts week with lots of visitors and exciting things going on in all classrooms. Particular highlights were; a visit from the story teller, Peter Optical and Emily Grant from the Theatre group Perform. It was very clear from the children's responses how much they enjoyed both of these sessions and how much they gained from them.



In addition to this, all the teachers planned special 'Arts' related activities and lessons, often focused on the work of famous artists. It has been lovely to see all the wonderful interpretations of different artist's work around the school. Hopefully you may have seen the 'Giraffe' that we decorated on behalf of the Churchill Theatre which has raised money for Great Ormond Street hospital. The week ended with all the children and staff dressing up as a Roald Dahl character. As always we were very impressed with the effort you went to with costumes and props. Thank you for all your support with this event!

### Sporting triumphs!

On 30<sup>th</sup> September the Boys' Football team attended their first tournament of the season. They played really well in their fixtures, despite some very tough opposition and finished third in their pool. The boys then had two fantastic wins; on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October they beat St Mary Cray 12-0 and on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October they beat Farnborough Primary 3-0 in the league.

The Girls Football team had a fantastic start to their season in early October beating Balgowan Primary School 4-1. All the girls played very well but special mention goes to Bethany Hartigan who scored all of the goals! We are waiting to hear who we play in the next round.

We also took two teams to the Netball Tournament at Newstead Woods. Despite only a few weeks practice, our A



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team finished second in their league and our B team finished fifth. A big thank you to Mrs Phlipott and Mrs Funge, Rosie's mum, who have been coaching the teams.

On the last Wednesday of half term 19 children took part in a Tag Rugby tournament at the Old Dunstonian Rugby Club. All the children played incredibly well. The A team came 2<sup>nd</sup> and the B team came 4<sup>th</sup>. Both brilliant achievements, so well done to everyone!

### **Reminder**

Year 6 swimming will continue for the next three weeks, please make sure your child brings their swimming bag to school on Wednesdays.

### **New Playground equipment/Midday Supervisor training**

FOBPS have very kindly donated £500 towards new playground equipment which has been much appreciated. Using PE premium money we were able to provide playground training for all staff who work on the playground. The feedback was very positive and much of the training and ideas have been put into place. We know it will make a big difference in terms of playtime experience for all our children.

### **Entrance Area/Driveway**

I'm sure you will agree with me that it is our primary concern to keep your children safe and therefore it is very important that children stay on the path when walking into school. This road is used by staff and/or delivery vans that arrive or leave school at these times. Children who come to school on a scooter or a bike should not be riding up or down the path and should instead get off their bike/scooter and push it along the path instead. Parents should not use the driveway to drop off their children unless this has been previously agreed. Please also be aware about where you are parking when dropping your children off. Hopefully, now that the AEC Site gates are open again in the morning and after school, congestion at the front entrance will ease a little.

### **After school arrangements**

I know that this has been mentioned in many previous newsletters; however, we are still dealing daily with the same issues. I would like to reiterate the rules for those parents and children who are on the premises after school. As it is after school your children and their behaviour is your responsibility.

This means ensuring that they:-

- Do not climb on the bank
- Do not climb on the fence, benches or gazebo
- Do not move the goal posts
- Do not drop litter
- Do not play ball games

It is currently a privilege to use the school grounds at the end of the day. However, the new Head teacher and I will be discussing whether these arrangements can continue in the future.

### **School dinners**

A new school dinner menu is available to view on Fronter and the School website.

### **KS2 Lunch Prices**

Weekly - £11.00 (by cheque or parent pay only please as we are now a cashless school).

### **Autumn Term**

2<sup>nd</sup> Half term (Nov & Dec): £83.60

### **Children in Need**

Our School Council are keen that we support the Children in Need cause again this year. They are asking children to come to school wearing their own clothes to include something 'spotty' on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November, in return for donating £1.00.



### **Poppies**

Year 2 will be selling poppies before and after school over the next two weeks. I hope you will support us as always in raising money for this worthy cause. There are other items available to support the British Legion in the school office including enamel badges, wristbands and bracelets.

Thank you in advance for all your support in these areas.

Yours sincerely,

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Acting Head teacher

