

Newsletter

18th September

Issue 1



Dear Parents

We would like to wish a warm Fairoak welcome to all our new parents and children, and welcome back to those who were with us before the holidays.

Newsletters will be emailed to parents that have given us their email address. Please remember to let us know if you change your email. You can also read a copy of the Newsletters on our website at www.fairoakschool.co.uk

INSET

Training days have been arranged for this academic year. The Nursery will be closed to children:

Monday 26th September 2016

Friday 21st October 2016

Friday 16th December 2016

Monday 27th February 2017

Thursday 4th May 2017

HOME SCHOOL PARTICIPATION

On Monday (19th) we will be sending home a paper plate with your child. We would like you to decorate the plate any way you would like using whatever resources you have available. Then return the plate to us by Monday 3rd October for us to display in the Nursery. We are looking forward to seeing how inventive you and your child can be in your choice of resources!

BUSY BAG LENDING SCHEME

We will once again be loaning out our Busy Bags. Each bag contains the equipment to carry out an activity with your child and gives suggestions of other activities you could try linked to the activity in the bag. The bags cover a range of skills including mathematical, language, physical, creative etc. This year we have added to the range available with a number of new bags being added to those available. Please complete and return the form attached if you would like to

participate. Bags can be collected from the Reception area on either a Tuesday (and returned Thursday) or a Friday (and returned Monday).

Information Evening

There will be an Information Evening on Wednesday 21st September at 6 p.m. to explain the curriculum your child will follow during their time in Nursery. Please enter the Nursery through the Church Road entrance. You will receive information about the Foundation Phase Curriculum and the Skills Frameworks as set out by the Welsh Government. All schools within Wales follow the same curriculum. We will also be explaining the assessments we will be carrying out on your child and the records we will keep to pass on to their next school. This will be an ideal opportunity to ask any questions you may have about what your child will be learning during their time at Fairoak.

Coffee Morning/Afternoon Tea –donations for MacMillan Nurses

Please join us for tea/coffee/cakes or biscuits in aid of MacMillan Nurses on Tuesday 27th September at either 9.15 a.m. or 12.45 p.m. This will also be an ideal opportunity to socialise with other parents.

Workshops

We will be running our workshops again this term. You will have an opportunity to stay with your child and participate in a range of activities around a particular curriculum area. These will run in the morning and the afternoon. We will also be holding an Evening Workshop Session where all five workshops will be available for those parents who were unable to attend in the day for whatever reason. This will be one evening where all five workshops will be represented for you to receive the handouts, trial some of the activities and ask any questions.

Literacy – Wednesday 5th October 9.15 – 10.15 a.m. or 12.45 to 1.45 p.m.

Numeracy – Thursday 20th October 9.15 -10.15 a.m. or 12.45 to 1.45 p.m.

Outdoor Learning – Thursday 3rd November 9.15 - 10.15 a.m. or 12.45 to 1.45 p.m.

I.C.T – Wednesday 16th November 9.15 – 10.15 a.m. or 12.45 to 1.45 p.m.

Creativity – Monday 21st November 9.15 - 10.15 a.m. or 12.45 to 1.45 p.m.

Workshop Evening – Wednesday 23rd November – 5.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.

Stay and Play in Woodland Park

On **Wednesday 12th October** the Nursery sessions will be held in Woodland Park. Staff will be at the park waiting for you at **9.30 a.m.** for the morning session and **1 p.m.** for the afternoon session. An adult will need to stay with your child. Please ensure you and your child have suitable clothing and footwear. The Woodland Park volunteers will be providing activities around Apple Day and a tree will be planted for Fair oak within the woodland. The children will then have opportunity throughout the year to watch it flourish. A donation to the Nursery from the Woodland Park volunteers will also purchase an identical tree for the children to take care of within the Nursery Garden.

Half Term

Fairoak will be close for half term on Thursday 20th October and reopen on Monday 31st October.

Parental Consultations

Parental Consultations will be held during the week beginning 7th November 2016. Appointments will be circulated nearer the time.

Other events this term

During the final week we will be holding the Christmas Concerts, Parties and a visit to Caerleon Nursing Home. We are also hoping to arrange a trip in December. Further details will be circulated once they have been finalised.

APPLICATION TO RECEPTION

If your child is due to transfer to Reception September 2017 the online application process opens on 7th November 2016 and closes on 13th January 2017. Decisions will be issued on 31st March 2017. Please see the posters around the Nursery for more information. If you intend to apply to a Catholic Primary School please contact the school for their admissions process and application form.

FOOD CO-OP

Flying Start are running a Food Co-op where you can buy fruit or vegetables. Salad, fruit, stir fry and vegetable packs are available at £3.00 each with stew pack available at £1.50. Please give your order in by Tuesday each week with the money and we will pass them to Flying Start. – THIS IS NOT TO BE CONFUSED WITH THE FOOD CO-OP RUN AT SUMMERHILL BAPTIST CHURCH they offer dry goods in £3 and £6 bags. If you wish to purchase these please visit the Church at 11 a.m. on a Wednesday. There are no restrictions on who is eligible for these bags.

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Reminders:

Please remember:

Donations of £1 per week and fruit

Label all your child's clothing

Let us know if your child will not be attending or someone else will be picking up your child. Our telephone number is: 01633 259415

Please check the notice boards in the cloakroom for regular updates

Please ensure your child brings a coat to Nursery everyday as we go outside in all weathers

Please help yourself to the free school uniform on the rail in Sunbeams cloakroom

BUSY BAGS

I would be interested in borrowing a Busy Bag.

Child's name:

Parent's Name:

I would prefer to borrow a bag:

(please tick preferred choice)

Tuesday to Thursday

Friday to Monday

I agree to inform the Nursery should anything get lost or broken.

Signed: