

NEWSLETTER - 7th September 2018



Ysgol Feithrin Fairoak

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. We look forward to working with you throughout the next year.

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

We also have an app with push notification that you can download free to receive regular updates and reminders. Details of how to download the app are on the accompanying letter. You can also find us on Twitter!

PTFA: Friends of Fairoak

Fairoak are fortunate to have a really successful PTFA group who work tirelessly throughout the year to raise funds to benefit all our children. Their efforts mean that the cost to you as a family for trips, visits, parties etc are often free or at greatly reduced prices. They are always looking for new members. If you are able to help please speak to Mrs Morgan who will put you in touch with the Chair of the PTFA. As this is a FRIENDS group, any relative or friend of a pupil present, past or future is welcome to come along.

EXPLORE

Our first focus for learning will be EXPLORE and will involve a range of opportunities and experiences. Each half term there will be a different focus for learning. Our approach to learning and the curriculum we follow will be explained more fully in our **Information Evening on Tuesday 25th September**. Refreshments will be available from **5 p.m.** with an information sharing part of the evening starting at 5.30 p.m.

Part of our work will be looking at exploring ourselves and our families. If you have a family photo that you are happy to share we would like to use them to enhance the children's understanding of families and personal relationships. You can email us a photo or send in a photograph for us to copy and return. Please make sure your child's name is on the back of any photo you send in or on the email if you send it digitally.

INSET DAYS

All schools are required to have five Inservice Training days during the academic year. Nursery will be closed on these days to pupils. The five days for this year are:

Friday 26th November 2018

Monday 3rd December 2018

Friday 21st December 2018

Friday 22nd February 2019

Thursday 2nd May 2019

FUTURE EVENTS

We like to give you as much notice as possible of up and coming events to enable you to plan or arrange time off if you are working, however this does sometimes mean that dates have to be changed. We try not to change dates unless we absolutely have to but we will endeavour to give you as much notice as possible should we need to amend a date.

Tuesday 25th September – Information Evening for Parents. Refreshments from 5 p.m. with information sharing starting at 5.30 p.m.

Thursday 18th November - Stay and Discover Day with a focus on Literacy and Numeracy. Stay with your child when you bring them to Nursery to try out some of the activities and experiences around these two important areas. Learn how to help your child develop the skills they need. If you are unable to attend a grand parent or another family member is welcome (over 18 only please). This is for about an hour; you are welcome to take your child with you when you leave if they are upset by the change in routine.

Wednesday 21st November – Adventures in Food Workshop. You are invited to attend a one hour session where you and your child will work together to produce three different edible treats! Further information about the times will be published nearer to the day however there are likely to be three different sessions – two during the morning and one in the afternoon. A form will be sent home for you to book the session most convenient for you depending on spaces.

Friday 14th December – Seasonal Visit. More details will be circulated as soon as possible once the venue, prices and timings are confirmed. This is likely to be a longer session than normal and may cover the morning and afternoon session. Some parents will be required to accompany us but volunteers will be sought nearer the time.

Monday 17th December – Seasonal “ Concert”. Parents will be invited to join us to watch and listen to the Stars of Tomorrow! More details to follow.

Wednesday 19th December – Christmas Party (date to be confirmed). Children only. Details to follow

We will also be having an Autumn Fayre and supporting fund raising events for local charities – these dates will be published as soon as they are available.

END OF TERM DATES

Half term holiday: Monday 29th October to Friday 2nd November 2018

Last day of Autumn Term: Thursday 20th December 2018

Return to school: Monday 7th January 2019

COMMUNITY:

We like to let you know of things happening in the local community. If you hear of any local events please let us know and we are happy to publicise them.

Saturday 15th September – Seeding the Streets 2 – 4 p.m. Maindee Library

Saturday 22nd September - Peace One Day 2 – 5 p.m. Community House Eton Road

Wednesday 3rd October (then every other Wednesday night) – Maindee Movie Nights – see the Maindee Library website for more details.

Saturday 6th October – Newport Food Festival. See the Newport City Council Website for more details.