

## NEWSLETTER - 9<sup>th</sup> October 2018



Ysgol Feithrin Fairoak

### Dear Parents

Following a technical hitch Our School App is now up and running! You will receive reminders of events etc. from the Newsletter as well as notifications that need to be sent quickly to parents. If you have not yet signed up for this push notification App please ask for the letter that explains how to download it FREE.

### PTFA: Friends of Fairoak

The PTFA held their annual general meeting recently and are now ready to start this year's round of events. The first fund raiser will be held on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November from 10.00 a.m. until 12 noon. This will be an Christmas Fayre with a range of stalls and activities for the whole family. We will be issuing each child with raffle tickets before half term to sell ready for the raffle which will be drawn on the day. An important visitor will be taking time out of his Christmas preparations to meet the children and hear first hand what they want him to deliver on Christmas Eve!

### EXPLORE

Thank you to all the parents who have sent or brought a photograph for the children to use in our EXPLORE topic. On **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October** you will have the opportunity to see the children exploring the Literacy and Numeracy activities within the Nursery and look at the Reflection Books that contain the work done so far around the topic as part of our **Stay and Discover session** from **9.15 to 10.15a.m. or 12.45 to 1.45 p.m.**

### FAMILY OR INDIVIDUAL PHOTOGRAPHS

On **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October** the photographer will be on site to take photographs of your child – the packs offered vary in prices and are great as Christmas presents. If you would like a sibling taken with your child or a family photo with mum and/or dad as well he is happy to accommodate. If you wish to have a younger sibling or parents in the photograph please attend at 8.30 a.m. for morning children or 12.30 for afternoon children. If you have older school age children you would like to have photographed with your child please speak to Mrs Morgan as we can arrange for them to be photographed at 8.15 a.m. There is no need to stay with children who are going to be photographed on their own. All children will have an individual sitting during the normal session but there is absolutely no obligation to buy once you see the photographs.

### 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 16<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2018**

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018**

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019**

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October** - 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.

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October** – Photographs (see above)

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October** – Harvest singing and collection. Please bring in tins or packets of food for us to donate. Please come back half an hour early to hear the children sing. Grandparents or another responsible adult is welcome if you are unable to attend in person. The children will sing to you at 11.15 a.m. for the morning session or 2.45 p.m. in the afternoon session. Please note – NO MOBILE PHONES

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> December** – Visit to Greenmeadow – please see separate letter for details

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

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Party (date to be confirmed). Children only. Details to follow

We will also be 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 29<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2018

Last day of Autumn Term: Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Return to school: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> 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.**

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October (then every other Wednesday night) – Maindee Movie Nights – see the Maindee Library website for more details.