



Furze Field Primary School

Instilling a love of learning



September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a fantastic first month into the Autumn term for us this year. The children have settled in well and I have been impressed by the level of care, nurture and dedication displayed by our staff. This is a school that cares, and it shows.

The transition of an incoming headteacher can be a challenging period for a school, however I have tried to approach the task with care whilst being mindful that change must sometimes be gradual and at other times more quickly paced. What I can say with certainty, is that the pupils, staff and parents have been extremely adaptable to my arrival and have taken it in their stride. I thank all of you for the smiles at the gate, the willingness to stop and chat and for your best wishes. It is much appreciated. For those of you that were able to come and meet me during the drop-in session, it was a real pleasure and extremely insightful to get your honest views on what we do well here and what needs to be refined.

I have an exciting vision for Furze Field, one that is rooted in the safety, well-being and highest standards of education for every child, but also one that recognises and embraces the rich diversity of our community. Our work on a new set of school values will be our first step towards that vision and I am grateful to all of you who have already contributed to that project via our survey <https://forms.office.com/r/7dVjJ4hDpE>. Please encourage other parents and carers to contribute by completing the survey if they can.

Home-school communication is something that I know is extremely important to parents. As a parent of a child in primary school, I know it is one of the most important factors in building strong links between us. My team and I are working hard on how we can make improvements in this area this term and I hope that when finalised, they will be of value to us all.

I would like to end with a thank you. To all the pupils and staff of this school for their hard work but also to all of you for your support in these first few weeks. I look forward to working with you all over the next academic year. Together, I believe we can secure the very best outcomes for your children.

Many thanks, and enjoy the newsletter!

Mr Govinden

Caught Being Good

We would like to share with
you the children who have been
rewarded recently:



Week ending 5th September

Year 6	– Sanda O
Year 5	– Husayn
Year 4	– Winnie
Year 3	– Isabel M
Year 2	– Aradh
Year 1	– Charlie W

Week ending 16th September

Year 6	– Riley
Year 5	– Lillie
Year 4	– Charlotte
Year 3	– Lou-Lou
Year 1	– Jonas

Congratulations!

Week ending 23rd September

Year 6	– Sofia
Year 5	– Mia
Year 4	– Leon
Year 3	– Owen
Year 2	– Zach
Year 1	– JJ

House Winners - Red

Week ending 30th September

Year 6	– Ronnie
Year 5	– Chloe
Year 4	– India
Year 3	– Eliana
Year 2	– Jorgie
Year 1	– Cameron



Attendance Achievers this month



Week ending 5th September

KS1 – 1WM - Spain
KS2 – 6Wig - Rwanda

Week ending 16th September

KS1 – 2F - Iceland
KS2 – 5FS - Fiji

Week ending 23rd September

KS1 – 1M - Italy
KS2 – 6Wig - Rwanda

Week ending 30th September

KS1 – 2F ICELAND
KS2 – 5FS FIJI



Stars Of The Week



KS1 Week ending 9th September



Week ending 16th September

KS1



KS2



Week ending 23rd September

KS1



KS2



Year 1 would be grateful for any donations of the following resources for their outdoor provision. Thank you!

WE'RE LOOKING FOR ...



We are working on our outdoor provision this year and are looking to up cycle and use some of the following items.

We just ask that all items are cleaned and don't have any sharp/broken parts to keep the children safe.



Tractor, go-cart tyres, bike/scooter tyres, pram tyres or steering wheels



Tarpaulin, diggers, plant pots, garden tools, pots, pans and utensils



Old decking, long pieces of wood, log slices and tree stumps.



Bread crates, vegetable crates, old shopping baskets etc



Cable reels of all sizes and materials!



Guttering pieces, pipes and piping



Nuts, bolts and screws (not rusty please)

PIC•COLLAGE



Iceland Class

This month we have been studying The Gruffalo. We read the story together before recreating the characters and then putting actions to the words.



We then reminded ourselves of the difference between a noun and an adjective and practised using adjectives to describe the Gruffalo and the woodland where he lives. We are now in the process of creating our own woodland monsters – watch this space!

National Coding Week!

19th-26th October



Y2 spent some time learning what an algorithm was. First, we debugged Robot Miss Murphy, to help her draw a picture of a football. We realised we had to be very specific with our instructions, as she didn't understand instructions like 'do a hexagon in it'.

Next, we watched a viral dance video and used various methods to decide on a code that would help anyone learn the routine. We practised the routine, A LOT! Then once we had it, we all had a go!



We worked out that each person had to move FORWARD, FORWARD, DIAGONALLY BACK, FORWARD, DIAGONALLY BACK, then repeat with one new person entering the grid each time. We were very proud and tired at the end!



Our vision for maths at Furze field is for it to be:
Purposeful so that children understand the place of mathematics in everyday life and the world of work.
Personalised to enable all children to reach their full potential.

Practical and exciting to engage pupils in a love for mathematics, through a range of experiences.

Maths Challenge!

Autumn is one of my favourite times of the year with acorns, conkers, berries and the changing colours of the leaves. While we have all these beautiful natural resources why not go outside and have a go at some of these outdoor maths ideas: Go on a Maths Nature Hunt in your garden or in the park. Can you find some natural objects that represent a particular number?



Why not create a symmetry pattern with natural items? Remember to take a photograph and let me see your wonderful pieces of maths art!

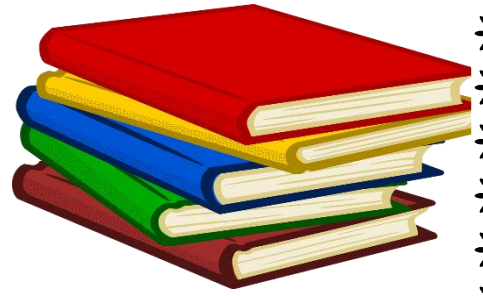


Estimate how many leaves there are in this picture or a pile of leaves. How many shapes can you see on the gate?



Remember, Maths is everywhere!
Miss Hutchings









Reading Focus



October is magical book month!

We want to encourage children to read books with a magical theme from the school library Merstham library or from their own collection.

Magical book ideas

-  The Magic Porridge Pot
-  Snow White
-  Meg and Mog
-  Winnie the Witch
-  Harry Potter
-  Worst Witch
-  Chronical of Narnia
-  Lord of the Rings

We would love to see pictures of the children having a spooky read this October or read their haunting book reviews. With half term approaching, there's a great opportunity to compare their chosen book to the film/tv adaptation.

Please hand any photos to your class teachers, and we will display them on our new display board in the school Library.

Many Thanks,

Miss Hornsby and Mrs Turner





Globetrotters go local



On Wednesday 21st September, the Geography club 'Globetrotters' went on a local adventure! We walked to and around Spynes's Mere, along Bletchingly Road to the Hub, continued to Brook Road Open Space where we had a picnic and played in the park before litter picking up the bund. Finally, we completed a local area study and a map scavenger hunt before returning to school. We walked about 5 miles! The children were amazing! They picked so much litter - even before the litter pick started! Luckily Merstham has an army of litter pickers so there wasn't much litter, but we still found a lot of single use plastic and discarded cans.





Harvest Festival Performances

We are looking forward to inviting you to our Harvest Festival performances in October.
Invites will be sent out separately.

Early Years

Thursday 20th October at 2.30pm

KS1

Wednesday 19th October at 9.15am and 2.30pm

KS2

Friday 21st October at 9.15am and 2.15pm



Harvest Festivals 2022

During our Harvest Festivals next month, we are supporting Loveworks and would appreciate food donations. To help Loveworks please see the list below that will explain what they need and don't need – your donations make such a difference – Thank you!



HARVEST 2022

PLEASE DONATE

♥ Tinned veg (carrots, pea, green beans, sweetcorn)	♥ Rice Pudding
♥ Tinned Fruit	♥ Breakfast Cereals
♥ Tinned meat (corned beef, spam, chicken, ham)	♥ Biscuits
♥ Tins of meat casserole	♥ Custard
♥ Pasta or curry sauce	♥ Long grain rice
♥ UHT Semi skimmed milk	♥ Toilet rolls
♥ Small jars of coffee	♥ Bags for life (for the parcels we deliver)



HARVEST 2022

PLEASE CAN YOU **NOT** DONATE

- ♥ Out of date items (please check the 'best before date' is later than Dec 2022)
- ♥ Anything that is open or damaged
- ♥ Items that are not on our list
- ♥ Medicines
- ♥ Anything containing alcohol
- ♥ Perishable food
- ♥ Currently we have plenty of stocks of soup, baked beans, toiletries and nappies

For more information www.loveworks.org.uk

Thank you



Christmas Show Dates

Nursery and Shining Stars
Wednesday 14th December
10.45am and 2.30pm

Reception Show
Thursday 8th December
9.30am and 2pm

KS1
Wednesday 7th December
9.15am and 2pm

KS2
Friday 9th December
9.15am and 2.15pm





Open Mornings

Tours at 9:00 and at 10:30

Tuesday 4 October • Wednesday 5 October • Thursday 6 October (Earlswood Exclusive)
Tuesday 11 October • Wednesday 12 October • Thursday 13 October

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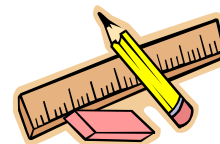
To ensure the safety of pedestrians and other road users, please ensure that you park considerately when dropping off or picking up your children from school.

Do not park on the zig zag lines outside the school, and please respect our neighbours by not blocking their driveways.

Thank you



Attendance and Punctuality



Thank you for all your support in helping us to improve the overall attendance at Furzefield Primary School.

As we all know, attendance is so important for your child to achieve their full potential at school.

It is important that you inform us as soon as possible if your child is absent from school for any reason. You can do this by phone, note to the teacher/ office or by email (enquiries@furzefield.surrey.sch.uk).



If you need to book a medical appointment for your child, please try to make it out of school hours. Please make as much effort to enable them to spend some of the day in school.

We monitor children's attendance and lateness on a regular basis, with the Educational Welfare Officer (EWO) and we cannot authorise absences during term time for reasons such as holidays (please see our Attendance Policy for further details).

Penalty Notices

A Penalty Notice may be issued as an alternative to the prosecution of each parent/carer for their child's unauthorised absence from school and requires the recipient to pay a fixed amount.

The amount payable on issue of a Penalty Notice is £60 per parent per child if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice, rising to £120 if paid within 28 days. If the Penalty Notice is not paid within 28 days, the Local Authority must prosecute the parent/carer for failing to ensure regular school attendance under Section 444 Education Act 1996. Please note that penalty notices are issued per parent/carer per child so a family of two parents and two children will receive 4 penalty notices.

Prosecution



You could get a fine of up to £2,500, a community order or a jail sentence up to 3 months. The court also gives you a Parenting Order.

It is also very important that children have a good routine of settling into school every morning, so do try to ensure they arrive at school on time.

Please remember that the school opens at **8.40am** to allow for the children to settle in. Registration begins at 8.50am when the children should be in their classrooms and ready for learning. A late mark is recorded on the register after this time.

Therefore, please aim to be at school at 8.40 and not 8.50am so that the children are not missed off the class register. If they are late, they **must** come and report to the office.

The office opening times are 8am to 4pm. Our email address is enquiries@furzefield.surrey.sch.uk however this is monitored term time only during the hours of 8.30am to 4pm

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2022/23

Oct	6 th	Frozen Theatre Trip – 3.00pm-11.30pm
	6 th	Chessington for Gruffalo Workshops
	10 th – 14 th	Feeling Good Week
	11 th	Individual Photo Day
	14 th	Yr3 – RHS Wisley
	18 th	Flu Nasal Spray – YrR-Yr6 – 8.30am-2.30pm - Narnia
Nov	21 st	KS2 Harvest – 9.15-10.15am and 2.15-3.15pm
	9 th	Wales - Parents Phonics Workshop – 9.15-10.15am
	11 th	Ocean – Oxted Cinema – 9.00am-12.30pm
	14 th	Odd Sock Day
	14 th – 18 th	Anti Bullying Week
	14 th – 18 th	Nursery Rhyme Week
	14 th	6W – Henley Fort
	15 th	6WIG – Henley Fort
	16 th	6T – Henley Fort
	16 th	Scotland – Parents Phonics Workshop – 9.15-10.15am
	16 th	Yr 1 – Gatton – 9.00am-3.00pm
	17 th	Yr1 – Gatton – 9.00-3.00pm
	18 th	EY & KS1 - Nursery Rhyme Dress Up Day
	7 th	KS1 – Christmas Show – 9.15am and 2.00pm
Dec	8 th	Reception Christmas Show – 9.30am and 2.00pm
	9 th	KS2 Christmas Show – 9.15-10.15am and 2.15-3.15pm
	14 th	Nursery and Shining Stars Christmas Show – 10.45am and 2.30pm
	15 th	Robin Hood Pantomime – 9.00-11.00am
Jan	17 th	O2 Performance – 10.30am-10.30pm
Feb	3 rd	Yr5 – Juniper Hall – 9.00am-3.00pm
	3 rd	NSPCC Number Day
Mar	27 th – 3 Mar	World Book Week
	2 nd	World Book Day
	9 th	Starsteppers
	8 th	KS2 – Luke Temple Author – 10.00-10.45am
	8 th	R & KS1 – Luke Temple Author – 11.00-11.30am
	9 th	Luke Temple Book Signing – 9.15-10.15am
May	13 th – 17 th	Science Week
	15 th	Choir – Dorking Halls 3.30pm - 8.30pm
	7 th	4WIL – Watts Gallery – 9.00am-3.00pm
	8 th	4WA – Watts Gallery – 9.00am-3.00pm
	12 th	Watts Gallery – Yr4 and Parents – 9.00am-3.00pm
	14 th	4WIL – Delight in School – 9.00 – 3.00pm
	15 th	4WA – Delight in School – 9.00am – 3.00pm
	21 st	4WIL – Delight in School – 9.00am – 3.00pm
Jul	22 nd	4WA – Delight in School – 9.00am – 3.00pm
	5 th	4WIL – Delight in School – 9.00am – 3.00pm
	6 th	4WA – Delight in School – 9.00am - 3.00pm

2022/23 Term Dates

Autumn Term 2022

- **INSET Thursday 1st September**
- **INSET Friday 2nd September**
- Children return to school Monday 5th September
- Half Term Monday 24th - Friday 28th October
- Children return to school Monday 31st October
- **Nursery and Pre-School children's term ends Thursday 15th December**
- Children's term ends Friday 16th December (1.30pm collection)
- Christmas Holidays Monday 19th December to Monday 2nd January 2023

Spring Term 2023

- **INSET Tuesday 3rd January**
- Children return to school Wednesday 4th January
- Half Term Monday 13th - Friday 17th February
- Children return to school Monday 20th February
- **Nursery and Pre-School children's term ends Thursday 30th March**
- Children's term ends Friday 31st March (1.30pm collection)
- Easter Holidays Monday 3rd - Friday 14th April

Summer Term 2023

- Children return to school Monday 17 April
- Half Term Monday 29 May - Friday 2 June
- **INSET Monday 5th June**
- Children return to school Tuesday 6th June
- **Nursery and Pre-School children's term ends Wednesday 19th July**
- Children's term ends Thursday 20 July (1.30pm collection)
- **INSET Friday 21st July**