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Fitzwaryn

'Through learning to learn, pupils will access society'

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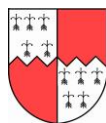
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Dear Parents/Carers

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to you all to Fitzwaryn. This is the first newsletter of the year and as usual there is a lot to share!

I do hope that you all had a great summer holiday and managed to see some sunshine!

First of all, I would like to take the opportunity on behalf of all the staff to say an enormous thank you for the very generous presents and good wishes staff received at the end of last term, they were greatly appreciated.

There has been a huge amount of work done in the school over the holidays; the new sixth form block has now been completed and the students are very excited to be settling into their new environment.

The main playground and the outside area in Lower School have also been totally transformed and by Monday we will have completely transformed play areas for all the pupils.

As always it is going to be a busy and exciting term. You will be receiving a welcome letter, timetable and curriculum map from your child's class teacher in the next few days that will outline key information.

Please remember to visit the website where you will be able to find more information.

We are delighted to welcome 17 new pupils who are starting with us this term. We now have 108 pupils on roll and have added a new class – Willow, into Lower School.

I am sure that all the new children will settle into their classes and routines very quickly.

Staffing news:

We are delighted with our newly appointed members of staff:

Miss Charlotte Watkins will be teaching in Willow Class, Miss Rowan Gleadle will be teaching in Rowan Class, Miss Kate Murphy will be teaching in Hazel Class and Miss Becky Allen will be returning to the school as teacher in Maple Class having left us a few years ago to do her training.



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We also have a number of Teaching Assistants who will be joining us:

Mrs Sarah Winter will be in Maple Class, Ms Ewa Grzybko will be in Beech Class, Mrs Lisa Talbot will be in Cedar Class, Mrs Terri Matthews will be working between Hazel and Willow Classes and Mrs Lynne Artus will be in Ash Class.

I do hope that all the new members of staff will be happy working with us at Fitzwaryn.

Holiday Club

During the holidays, the holiday club ran for eight days; many children enjoyed fun filled days and trips out. Thanks must go to Clair Taylor and her team for organising such a great programme of events.

Meeting your child's teacher

I would like to welcome you to come and meet your child's teacher on Wednesday 3rd October. The informal session will run from 3.30pm until 5.00pm and we would love to see you for 20 mins or so. You will be able to chat to your child's teacher, look round the classroom and meet other parents at the same time. Your child is very welcome to join you and I am sure they will be very proud to show you round their classrooms! Please note this is not a meeting when you will be able to discuss your child's progress at school.

For those of you who are considering the Student Centre for the next step in your child's education, this is also an ideal opportunity to go and visit the centre to get a better understanding of what is on offer.

Please could you fill in the reply slip below so we know who we are expecting?

Friends of Fitzwaryn School

Friends is a small group made up of staff, parents past and present, carers and friends of Fitzwaryn School who meet approximately six times a year to organise fund raising events to provide an additional means of supporting the children in their learning and school activities.

The first meeting is on Thursday 20th September at 2.30pm in the staffroom. Please contact the school office for further details if you need them. You are all very welcome to join!

Some reminders

Swimming will take place at Wantage Leisure Centre for your child throughout the year on a Wednesday morning either in Terms 1, 3 and 5 or Terms 2, 4 and 6. Your child's class teacher will let you know very soon when they will be swimming.

The children who access hydrotherapy will continue to do so on a weekly basis at Kingfisher School.

Yoga continues on a Tuesday and a Thursday and Jennie Wood is looking forward to meeting the new children. Comfortable clothes need to be worn.

Transport

We get many requests from parents to contact transport for various reasons. It is up to parents to liaise with transport directly and not through the school.

Uniform

I am delighted to see so many of the children in school uniform, looking extremely smart! We will soon be undertaking a consultation regarding school uniform and we would appreciate your views, more details to follow. In the meantime, whilst the uniform is not compulsory we do expect dress to be appropriate to school. Please ensure that your child is appropriately dressed for school at all times

All pupils must wear suitable shoes for school activities. Pupils will not be permitted to undertake any activities if they do not have suitable footwear to ensure their safety. For reasons of safety and hygiene pupils are not permitted to wear make-up or jewellery to school. If your child has pierced ears, then they are allowed to wear one small stud or a very small sleeper. Any form of pendant earring is dangerous. Pupils are allowed to wear a wrist watch.

Please ensure that you name all of your child's clothing as this makes it much easier for us to return clothing to the right owner if it goes missing.

Absence due to sickness

If your child is unwell, we ask that you phone the school to record their absence from school on the first day. Once your child returns to school, please send a letter explaining their absence. If your child is suffering from sickness/diarrhea, the school policy, following guidance from the Health Protection Agency, is that they should not return to school for 48 hours after the last bout of illness. It is particularly important that parents abide by this advice as we have vulnerable pupils in the school and we want to ensure that we are doing our utmost to keep them and our staff well.

If your child suffers from a medical condition, it is your responsibility to inform transport and liaise with them how a situation is managed should an emergency occur. It is also your responsibility to inform transport if your child is off school for any reason.

Attendance and holidays in term time.

At the end of last term there was an increase in the number of parents taking their children out of school for holidays. As you may be aware, I am only able to grant absence from school during term time in exceptional circumstances. Requests to take your child out of school for any reason should be made in writing to me in the first instance. If your child has a medical appointment, you may be required to produce the appointment card if requested.

We monitor attendance figures regularly and if we have concerns over your child's attendance at school for any reason, we will ask you to come in to school for a meeting.

Changes in personal circumstances

Please inform us if your personal circumstances have changed in any way or if you have updated your contact details.

Coffee Mornings

We would once again like to extend a warm welcome to parents/carers and families to our monthly coffee mornings in the Student Centre. There are delicious homemade cakes and biscuits to be purchased all made by the students themselves as part of their accreditation.

Please come along and bring your friends and your families. All the proceeds of the coffee mornings help to support the learning in Post 16.

The coffee mornings are from 10 – 11am on the following dates:

Friday 5th October

Friday 2nd November

Friday 7th December

Friday 11th January

Friday 1st February

Friday 1st March

Friday 5th April

Friday 3rd May

Friday 7th June

Friday 5th July

Term Dates 2018 - 2019

Term 1	Thursday 6 th September – Friday 19 th October
October Holiday	Monday 22 nd October – Friday 26 th October
Term 2	Monday 29 th October – Wednesday 19 th December
Christmas Holiday	Thursday 20 th December – Friday 4 th January
Term 3	Monday 7 th January – Friday 15 th February
February Holiday	Monday 18 th February – Friday 22 nd February
Term 4	Monday 25 th February – Friday 5 th April
April Holiday	Monday 8 th April – Monday 22 nd April
Term 5	Tuesday 23 rd April – Friday 24 th May
Late Spring Holiday	Monday 27 th May – Monday 3 rd June
MAY DAY	Monday 6 th May
Term 6	Tuesday 4 th June – Wednesday 24 th July
INSET DAYS	4 th & 5 th September; 20 th & 21 st December; 3 rd June

Term Dates for the academic year 2018 – 2019 can also be found on the website:
<http://www.fitzwaryn.oxon.sch.uk/>

We are here to support you and your child at school, if you need to discuss anything at all, please make contact via the school office.

With kind regards,

Stephanie Coneboy
Headteacher

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Please return this tear off slip and return it to school:

I/We will/will not be able to attend the informal meeting with my child's class teacher on Wednesday 3rd October 2018

Child's name:.....

Parent/Carer.....

Time of visit (approx. 20 minute slot)

I am thinking of the Student Centre for my child's future and I would like to visit it on 3rd October to find out more about what is on offer Y/N

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