

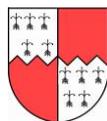
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Fitzwaryn

'Through learning to learn, pupils will access society'

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Dear Parents and Carers

I was delighted to welcome the pupils to school this morning! They have settled so beautifully and are busy getting to know each other again after their summer break. We welcome several new pupils to the school, they looked so smart in their uniforms and they all came in quite happily!

Thank you!

Once again, you were so generous with your end of term gifts and your kind words in July. On behalf of all the staff, thank you! The staff have recharged their batteries over the summer, and we are eager to get the term started, we had three very successful INSET days last week.

Class Information

You child's teacher will be sending out a class letter to you soon outlining class specific information that you will need for Term 1. I will also post the letters on the website for ease of reference.

Staffing

We also have several new staff starting with us today:

Teachers

Mrs Lucy Orchard will be teaching in Cedar Class
Mrs Hannah Midgley will be teaching in Hazel Class
Mrs Leanne Scott will be teaching in the Student Centre
Miss Kate Green will be teaching across the Student Centre, Chestnut and Holly

Teaching Assistants – we welcome Mrs Sharon Russell, Miss Niamh Thomson and Mrs Rachel Lock. We are interviewing for further Teaching Assistants over the course of this term, I will of course let you know when we have new staff in post.

Over the summer I received a resignation from Esme Kahlon – Esme leaves us to take up a full-time post in Oxford. We wish her well and thank her for all that she has done for the school. Isobel Coneboy also leaves us on 17th September – she is starting a degree in Liverpool, again we thank her for all that she has done and wish her well! We hope to see her back to work at FitzKids in the future.

Uniform

Whilst our uniform is not compulsory, we do need to ensure that all of our pupils are appropriately dressed for school. There has been some great work recently by members of the Friends of Fitzwaryn, recycling uniform for redistribution. Please let us know if you would be interested in any of the items available and we will pass the message on.



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Please label all school clothing – it really does help when we are matching lost property items to their owners.

Snacks and Milk

Please provide a piece of fruit for your child's morning snack. For those children who are eligible for school milk, we continue to receive deliveries.

Fruit snacks are available to purchase from the school office for those pupils in Year 3 and above (pupils below Year 3 are entitled a piece of fruit a day as part of their Universal Free School scheme) at a cost of 20p per piece.

Medical information

Paracetamol – we can only administer it if you supply it – we do not hold stocks of it in school.

Natalie and Andrea can be contacted at school should you wish to speak to one of our Nurses.

Facebook page

The 'Keeping the Fitzwaryn Community Strong' Facebook page continues to delight everyone with the lovely posts. If you are a new parent and wish to join, please do! School staff hold the administration rights to the page.

Friends of Fitzwaryn

The 'Friends of Fitzwaryn' is a small group of dedicated people, working hard to fundraise for the school. All parents, friends of the school, extended family, etc are more than welcome to attend the meetings. During last year, meetings were put on hold, and it proved difficult to plan events, however, I know that there is great enthusiasm for them to be started up again! I will let you know a date as soon as I have one in the diary.

School Dogs

Betsy, one of our school dogs has retired due to ill health, she is enjoying her new life at home.

Lola, her sister will return to school soon as our 'meet and greet' dog.

COVID19

The revised COVID19 risk assessment is now on the website – please take a look. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch via the school office email or by telephone. For those of you who were dropping children off at school today, you may have noticed that face masks are now optional in school. We will reintroduce them for all if we find that infection rates are high. We will continue with all of our other infection control procedures.

For now, we are keeping EHCP meetings either by telephone or Zoom – these were working well and feedback was positive. We do hope to return to face to face meetings at some time in the future, I think you will agree with infection rates rising locally and nationally, that keeping everyone safe as possible still needs to be a priority for us.

For your information, during holiday club, there was one case where a staff member tested positive for COVID19. Subsequently, there has been one further case of a positive case in a staff member. I know that Mrs Taylor acted swiftly, contacting those who were deemed to be close contacts to mitigate any further spread. I have been in contact with the DfE and Public Health England and there are no further actions we need to take as a school.

Vaccinations for pupils – we have received some enquiries about whether COVID vaccinations are going to be administered in school. As yet, we have had no information, we will of course keep you posted if the situation changes.

The term dates for the school year are on the website including dates of the INSET days – please take a look.

<https://www.fitzwaryn.oxon.sch.uk/page/?title=Term+Dates&pid=26>

Please do not hesitate to get in touch should you have any queries.

Best wishes

Stephanie Coneboy
Headteacher