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Fitzwaryn

'Through learning to learn, pupils will access society'

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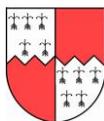
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Dear Parents

First of all, I would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year!

I do hope that you have all had a good break over the school holidays; it is good to see the children back and busy looking forward to finding out what they will be learning this term.

The children who attended FitzKids last week certainly had a fabulous time!

Fitzwaryn at 50!

On January 6th 1970, Fitzwaryn School opened with 50 pupils on roll. We will be celebrating the school's 50th birthday during 2020, more details will follow.

Thank you from the staff

I would like to thank you on behalf of the staff for all the wonderful presents, cards and good wishes that were received at the end of term, your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Present Palace

I do hope that some of you received your gift from 'The Present Palace'. As you know, this was an initiative for the sixth form students; they had put in a great deal of thought and preparation to what was a very successful event. The proceeds were donated to Homeless Oxfordshire who sent us this response:

On behalf of Homeless Oxfordshire, I would like to thank you for your recent donation of £260.00 which we received on 18/12/2019. Because of your contribution, we will be able to make a lasting change and continue to help people off the streets working with them towards getting a home of their own.

Safety, shelter and a satisfying meal - It sounds so basic, yet so many still go without.



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Every year over 550 people turn to us for these crucial survival needs. And we're always here; providing accommodation for over 200 people a night and serving up 75,000 meals every single year. We support people out of homelessness for good. We are Homeless Oxfordshire.

Congratulations must go to the staff and students in the sixth form for this wonderful activity.

Friends of Fitzwaryn – Fete planning meeting

The next Friends of Fitzwaryn meeting is on Thursday 30th January at 2.00pm in the staffroom. This is the first meeting of 2020 and a very important one because the committee will be starting to plan for the Fitzwaryn Fete to be held on Saturday 13th June. The school celebrates its 50th birthday this year and it would be great to make this a really special occasion!

It would be lovely to welcome more parents, grandparents or friends of the school to join the committee. Also, if you or someone you know cannot attend but would like to be on the Friends email list, or if you have any fundraising ideas please let the school office know.

Staffing

I would like to welcome to school a new Teaching Assistant – Mrs Hannah Hughes who will be based in Beech Class. I hope that she will be very happy with us.

There have been some changes to the Teaching Assistant staffing in some of the classes; your child's teacher will outline any changes on the class letter.

Holly Class staffing

For the spring term, Mrs Broomfield will be teaching in Holly Class on Mondays and Tuesdays as well as continuing her teaching commitment in Willow Class on Thursdays and Fridays. Mrs Broomfield is an experienced teacher and member of the Senior Leadership Team; she knows the Year 10 and 11 curricula extremely well. Mr Slatter will continue teaching in Holly on Thursdays and Fridays. In addition, Miss Esme Khalon will be teaching in Holly Class on Wednesdays.

Fitzwaryn's Curriculum Statement

One of our School Development priorities has been to ensure that we communicate our curriculum offer to all stakeholders. We have now uploaded our 'Fitzwaryn School Curriculum' document onto the website. You will find this along with the termly curriculum maps at:

<https://www.fitzwaryn.oxon.sch.uk/page/?title=Curriculum&pid=15>

An outline of the curriculum offer for Post 16 can also be found at:

<https://www.fitzwaryn.oxon.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=114&type=pdf>

Please take a look and let us know if you have any feedback.

Attendance and arrival times

Please see the attached information regarding your child's attendance at school. You will also find this information on the website. Should you have any queries about your child's attendance, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

We are currently monitoring the arrival times of some of the transport to school as there is concern that some children who receive transport are arriving later at school than they should be and therefore missing the start of the day. We will be reporting our findings to parents and to OCC transport in due course should we have any further concerns.

Medication at school

If your child has to have medication in school, please could you check that it is in date and order more supplies well in advance? A reminder also that we do not hold stocks of paracetamol based medication.

Transport

If you require a change in your child's school transport such as a change of address when you have moved house, please be aware that it takes two weeks for any changes to be implemented.

If you have any concerns about transport including the routes and vehicles that your child is placed on, please contact transport directly. School may be consulted on any changes but final decisions must be agreed between parents and transport.

Car Park

As you know, we manage the car park at the end of the day with the safety of the pupils as top priority. Mr Slatter will be sending out a communication regarding the management of the car park at the end of the day.

We have recently welcomed the local police in to the school to review our procedures and will be following up any suggestions that they have made.

Unfortunately, we have also received a number of complaints about unsafe parking down the nearby residential streets. Please can I ask that you are mindful of the Highway Code when parking your car?

Severe weather closures

I am hoping that there will be no need to close the school due to extreme weather conditions. However, if this is to be the case, please listen to Radio Oxford 95.2MHz, Heart 102.6 MHz or Jack FM 106.8 MHz.

We will also try and update the website with information as early as possible.

Coffee Mornings

Coffee mornings continue this term in the Student Centre from 10 – 11am on the following dates.

Friday 10th January

Friday 7th February

Friday 6th March

Friday 3rd April

Please bring along your families and friends to sample the delicious cakes, biscuits, teas and coffees. All the proceeds of the coffee mornings go towards resourcing the classrooms.

I hope to see as many of you as I can at this term's Parents Evening on Wednesday 11th March (4 – 7pm) more details to follow.

In the next few days, you will be receiving a letter and a timetable from your child's class teacher outlining the plans for this term.

In the meantime, please do not hesitate to get in touch should you have any queries.

With very best wishes

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