

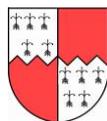
PROPELLER ACADEMY TRUST  
Fitzwaryn

*'Through learning to learn, pupils will access society'*

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Dear Parents and Carers

It is so lovely to be back at school and see all the pupils happy and hard at work again! I do hope that you all had an enjoyable summer.

The pupils who have changed classes or are new to the school have settled in so well and those who have stayed where they were have been very welcoming to their new classmates, helping them all with the new routines and expectations. The school has a calm and purposeful atmosphere once again.

You will be receiving a letter from your child's class teacher very soon outlining the details that you need to know along with a curriculum map and a timetable for the class. In time you will find the documents on the website for ease of use.

### Staffing News

I am delighted to say that we have had 9 new pupils join us this term. We have also had some new members of staff join our team:

TAs – Kayleigh O'Brien, Helen Pitt, Ivy Abedi, Judith Golightly. Tammy Bunce and Tracey Bishop have returned to take up TA posts once again.

Teachers – Orsi Winton who you will have known as a TA has now completed her training and has re-joined the staff as a teacher in Cedar Class. Kirsty Taylor also returns from maternity leave and will be teaching in Senior School and the Student Centre.

This week we have completed a successful round of TA recruitment and I will let you know the outcome of that once all the details have been finalised.

Mrs Offill who held a HLTA post with us has now moved into the Propeller Academy Trust central team as part of the administration team. A new post of a bid writer has also been created for the Trust and we welcome Helen De Broize into that role.

I am also delighted to welcome back Lesley Bucke who will be re-joining the therapy team at Fitzwaryn.



## **Fitz Kids Holiday Club**

Once again, under Clair Taylor's expert guidance, Fitz Kids holiday club was very successful. Judging from the photographs, the adults had just as much fun as the children! A report and photos will be on the website very shortly.

Some of you also attended the 'Swings and Smiles' outreach events, which by all accounts were a success.

Clair also received a Quality Monitoring review visit from OCC, who commission the club, and I am delighted to let you know that Fitz Kids has been given the highest grading with very positive feedback. Thanks must go to Clair and her team for making the club so successful.

## **INSET**

We had three very successful INSET days to start the term. There is always a great deal of statutory training to do including safeguarding and medical training. On Tuesday, we were able to train all class-based staff in our new phonics programme 'Read Write Inc'. Miss Watkins will be writing to you all to outline the programme and we will make sure that we keep you well informed of the details as we go forward. It will take some time before the programme is embedded into the school, but we are very excited to be undertaking the scheme as we know it will make a significant difference to pupil progress.

## **Arbor Parent Portal**

Parents and carers should by now have received an email with instructions on how to access the Arbor Parent Portal and Arbor App.

Once logged in, you can view the information we hold for your child, make online payments for school meals and accept or decline various consents (photo permissions etc).

Shortly we hope to enable payment for clubs and booking of parent-teacher consultations.

If you have problems accessing the Parent Portal or haven't yet received your login details, please call the school office and the admin team will be happy to help you.

## **Traffic**

For those of you who come to school, you will know that there are significant traffic delays due to roadworks in the area. I am afraid that this disruption will continue for some time as the new ring road is completed. Please consider there may be delays when planning your journey into Wantage. Additionally, if you are parking offsite and collecting your child on foot, please be mindful of the highway code and considerate of our neighbours.

## **Dates for your diary**

- The school photographer will be visiting school on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October (except for Years 11 and 14 who have their photos taken in the Spring term)
- Macmillan Coffee Morning – 30<sup>th</sup> September
- Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October 4 – 5pm – Leaver's event postponed from the summer term due to the heat
- Relationships and Sex Education information evenings for parents (no pupils) – 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> October 5 – 6.30pm – more details to follow
- Parents' Evening dates for the year – 9<sup>th</sup> November, 15<sup>th</sup> March, 14<sup>th</sup> June

**Monthly Coffee Mornings** – the sixth form will once again be hosting the very successful monthly coffee morning for parents, carers and friends of the school. I know that many of you who attended these coffee mornings previously really enjoyed them so I am delighted that they are making a comeback! The sixth form students will be sending out more information soon regarding dates.

### **Friends of Fitzwaryn**

As you know Friends of Fitzwaryn did an amazing job with their fundraising last year! The date for the first meeting of the group is **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September at 9.30am** in the staff room at school. All parents are welcome to join the committee and attend the meetings. During the meeting we will be planning the fundraising events for the next year. If you cannot join the committee or attend the meetings but would like to be involved or have any ideas and useful contacts please let the school office know via email: [office.7027@fitzwaryn.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office.7027@fitzwaryn.oxon.sch.uk)

As always, if you have a query about your child at school, please email into the school office in the first instance and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

Best wishes

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