

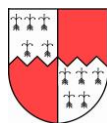
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Fitzwaryn

'Through learning to learn, pupils will access society'

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have had a wonderful half-term break.
It was great to welcome the pupils back to school today and hear of their weeks.
As usual, your child's class teacher will be writing to you very soon to let you know what they will be learning about during this term.

FitzKids

From all accounts, FitzKids was once again a roaring success with lots of fun had by all! Thank you to Clair Taylor and her wonderful team who worked over the two days to make the sessions so exciting.



We are acutely aware that the provision does not match demand for places and we have raised this a number of times with the County Council with whom we hold the contract. We will of course let you know should anything change.



Attendance

Please see the link to the website of the new attendance guidance that has been agreed by the governors.

<https://www.fitzwaryn.oxon.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=1642&type=pdf>

Please do not hesitate to get in touch should you need any further information.

Staffing

We have had a few changes in the staffing teams of late with new members of staff being recruited. Kate Green, class teacher in Willow left us at half-term to start her maternity leave and we wish her and her family all the very best! We have recruited Stacey Seigel to replace Kate in Willow class and we welcome her to the teaching team as of 20th February.

I am also delighted to say that we have had successful recruitment rounds for TAs and office staff recently, new staff will be joining us across the school over the next few weeks.

Mr Slatter is currently supporting an absence within the leadership team at Kingfisher School but will be back at Fitzwaryn after Easter. You will be pleased to know that he is still continuing the good work for Fitzwaryn behind the scenes.

Parent Teacher Evening

The date for the next Parents Teacher Evening is Wednesday 15th March (4 – 6.30pm) I will be sending out more details of how to book an appointment with your child's teacher but for now, make sure the date is in your diary. I was delighted to see many more of you at Parents Evening in November but I understand that the offer of a Teams meeting or phone call suits family life for some of you so we will continue with the hybrid offer.

Online Safety – How to keep your child safe

Increasingly we are having to pick up a number of issues regarding pupils' online safety at home including the inappropriate use of mobile phones. Whilst this area is a large part of our curriculum offer, we unfortunately cannot oversee what happens at home. If you need any advice and guidance about how to keep your child safe online, there are some excellent advice pages that we have included on our safeguarding page on the website:

<https://www.fitzwaryn.oxon.sch.uk/page/?title=Safeguarding&pid=16>

Should you need to discuss this area with school staff, please email into the office in the first instance.

Parent feedback survey – coming soon!

Your views about your child at Fitzwaryn are very important to us, especially around any improvement that you think we can make going forward. I will therefore be sending out the annual parent questionnaire and would be grateful if you could take a few minutes to fill it in. It will be circulated on 'Survey Monkey' for ease of access but if you would prefer a paper copy we can send you one via your child's school bag. Alternatively, if you prefer to talk to someone to give us your feedback or let us know your ideas for further developments, then please email into the school office and someone will be in touch to make an appointment for you. We will also have copies available at parents evening for those of you who will be attending school for your appointment. The deadline for responses is 24th March 2023.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/3ZWQWLR>

Coffee Mornings

As part of their enterprise initiative, once again the sixth form are planning one of their delicious coffee mornings for parents, carers and friends of the school.

The next one is scheduled for this **Friday 24th February from 10am** – all welcome!

Other dates for your diary are:

Friday 31st March

Friday 28th April

Friday 26th May

Friday 30th June

Friends of Fitzwaryn

Plans are underway for the next round of fundraising by the Friends of Fitzwaryn committee. Easter Bingo is on 23rd March – doors open at 6.00pm for eyes down at 6.30pm.

You can show your support by sending any donations of Easter/Spring themed prizes into school and/or come along to the event itself – bring your family and friends!

Rags to Riches bags will be sent out shortly for collection on **Friday March 24th** – please donate any good quality clothes and accessories: adults', children's, and babies' clothing such as jackets, jumpers, hoodies, trousers, skirts, scarves, gloves, belts, handbags, paired shoes and other footwear etc.

All proceeds to be donated straight back to the pupils.

Term Dates including INSET days 2023-2024

We have now agreed the INSET days for next year and you can find them on the website:

<https://www.fitzwaryn.oxon.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=1648&type=pdf>

World Book Day – 2nd March 2023

We are busy planning Fitzwaryn's contribution to World Book Day and the team will be sending information out very soon.

Comic Relief

The students from the Student Centre are busy preparing for Comic Relief Day on **Friday 17th March** – watch this space for further details!

As always, if you have any queries regarding your child at school please telephone or email the school office office.7027@fitzwaryn.oxon.sch.uk

With best wishes

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Headteacher