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Fitzwaryn

'Through learning to learn, pupils will access society'

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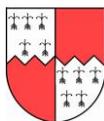
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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to the new term. It has been wonderful to see such happy smiling children back at school. They are keen to share their summer adventures with us and they have settled well already.

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to our new pupils and their families and I hope that you are very happy here at Fitzwaryn. This is the first newsletter of the year and as usual there is a lot of information to share with you. We always upload our newsletters to our website should you need to refer to them at a later date.

Once again, the school was a very busy place while the pupils were not here. The staffroom facilities have been refurbished and the hall floor has been stripped back and varnished. There has been the usual maintenance to keep the school in good order and ready for the pupils to return.

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.

Staffing news:

During the summer holidays, Mrs Taylor gave birth to a baby girl and they are both doing very well.

Mr Shaw is leaving us mid-September to take up a place at Winchester University and Miss Gardiner will be going to Durham University. We wish them both well in their new adventures!

Holiday Club

Holiday Club was once again a great success with pupils (and staff!) enjoying activity days at school and trips out. Thank you to Mrs Clair Taylor for organising and the school staff for supporting the club.

Meeting your child's teacher

I would like to welcome you to come and meet your child's teacher on **Wednesday 2nd October**. This 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



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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?

EHCP Annual Review meetings

You will already have received the date of your child's EHCP Annual Review.

Parents Evening and Information Fair

Parents Evening for the Autumn Term is on Wednesday 13th November from 4pm – 7pm. We are combining the evening's events with an Information Fair – more details will follow.

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 fundraising events providing additional funding to support the children in their learning.

The first meeting is on Thursday 3rd October 2.30pm in the staffroom.

Please contact the school office for further details. If you know of anyone who would like to support us including members of family (e.g. grandparents) please pass on the information.

You are all very welcome to join us!

Some reminders

Swimming will take place at Wantage Leisure Centre for your child at times throughout the year on a Wednesday morning. 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.

Car Parking

For those of you who drop off and pick up your child at the beginning and end of the day, you can appreciate how difficult the situation can be given the space we have for vehicles. We are currently working to create more parking spaces in the car park which may ease the situation. The safety of our pupils and the safety of all those who visit our site is our highest priority and therefore three of our staff monitor the area on a daily basis. Our systems are regularly reviewed by OCC and we have frequently sought advice from the local police. I ask that you continue to work with us to ensure that the drop off and pick up at the beginning and end of the school day is as smooth as possible.

Uniform

I am delighted to see so many of the children in school uniform, looking extremely smart! 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

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 are allocated to the pupils in the school.

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

Friday 13th September

Friday 4th October

Friday 8th November

Friday 6th December

Friday 10th January

Friday 7th March

Friday 3rd April

Friday 1st May

Friday 5th June

Friday 3rd July

Dates for your diary

Harvest Assembly (Lower/Upper/Senior School) Friday 18th October at 2.00pm.

Term Dates 2019 - 2020

Term Dates for the academic year 2019 – 2020 can be found on the website:
<http://www.fitzwaryn.oxon.sch.uk/> If you need a paper copy, please contact the school office.

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 2nd October 2018 between 3.30pm and 5.00pm

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 2nd October to find out more about what is on offer Y/N

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