



FEJS NEWSLETTER

Autumn 2
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Enriching the curriculum with the Mini Police

School rules, procedures and expectations

Attendance

It's really important that children attend school regularly and keep good attendance in line with the school's target of 96%.

Please remember to contact the office to report your child's absence from school otherwise your child's absence will be recorded as unauthorised. If we do not hear from you, we will send a reminder text. If we still do not hear from you, 2 members of staff will make a safe and well-being visit to your home. This is usually by 10:00am. As a last resort, we will contact the police to try to establish contact with you.

From time to time parents, may be asked to attend an interview panel regarding your child's absence from school. Please attend the meeting as the school will seek ways to help and we're always at hand should you be having difficulty getting your child to school.

It is a legal requirement to send your child to school unless they are being home tutored, all absences are monitored and high levels of unauthorised absence, continued high absences, as well as holidays being taken during term time, will be referred to the local authority for fining.

School attendance for last term was 95%.

Snacks in school

The school tries to encourage healthy eating throughout the week. Healthy eating matters and we deliver information for children through the curriculum. We talk to the children about having sweets and chocolate as a treat, this is the reason we provide a tuck shop full of treats on a Friday but in the week, we like to encourage healthy eating.

Please remember to send your child to school with healthy snacks and healthy packed lunches. Fruit, crackers, flapjacks, regular sized bags of crisps all make ideal snacks. The school provides fruit throughout the week should the children get hungry.

Large bags of crisps, sweets and chocolate bars are not

allowed. We thank you for following our school rule.

Parents Evening

Thank you to all those who attended parents evening, it was lovely to see so many of you. A few parents commented on how they felt the parents evening was a little bit too early in the term so, next year we will change the timing towards the first half term, around mid-October.

If you didn't manage to pick up your Home School Agreement, please see the school website where you'll be able to download a copy. The Home School agreement sets out what you can expect from school and the teachers here as well as what the expectations are of children and yourselves for us all to work together to support your child's learning and well-being in school. We don't expect parents to sign it but we do expect parents to support the work of the school.

Thank you too for all the lovely comments made on the evening and included on the feedback forms, it was very much appreciated!

Anti-bullying and improving positive socialisation between children

The school has an anti-bullying policy with leaflets for both children and parents. Please see attached.

We have a number of ways, throughout the curriculum, where we take the opportunity to develop relationships between children and prepare them for a wider world such as in PSHE, Positive Play intervention, RE and even general rules in class and in school.

Our one school rule is 'To show good manners at all times'. This just about includes anything and everything and the children decided upon the rule for this very reason. In class, the children develop a 'class charter'. This sets out every child's expectations [children's rights] to be able to come to school and happy, be good listeners, showing respect to others, including the teacher and so on. The children decide what they want on the chart for their own classroom. Attached are some examples for you to see.

School Development

School grounds

The school has secured a little section of the field at the back of the building for its own use. In order to create a safety barrier between the children and the general public, the school plans to develop its own sensory garden.

The curriculum

The school is focused on developing children's reading, for pleasure and for purpose which enables them to access learning in

every subject. Reading at home with your child as much as you can make such a big difference in their confidence at school. If you'd like any advice about how to read with your child at home, please speak with your child's class teacher or alternatively speak to Mrs. Hewson, our Literacy Leader.

The school has just earned the Bronze Arts Mark Award for the arts curriculum in school. Thanks to Mrs. Johnson for leading this initiative.

Staff training and community partnership

The school is working closely with Derby Research Centre to develop children's writing alongside the other schools in the Buxton cluster. This will involve developing sentence work initially and moving on to developing writing stamina as children are expected to write increasing amounts of writing as they move up the school. Children in Year 3 are expected to write up to a full page in their book by the end of the year, Year 4 are expected to write 2 pages and so on. Mrs. Hewson will lead this initiative.

The whole staff team recently took part in emotional coaching training with the educational psychologist. This was really insightful. We're planning on making the training available to parents as soon as possible. We'll let you know when. Thanks to Mrs. Wood for organising this training.

Mr. Staniford and Mrs. Taylor are currently training to be Forest Schools leads. This will greatly

benefit the school and allow for more sessions being introduced each term for our children.

Staffing changes

Unfortunately, we have two members of staff leaving us shortly.

Mr. Neequaye, who has worked at the school for over ten years, will be taking up a post as sports coach at a school in Tameside from December 3rd. We wish him all the best for the future. Aim High will be continuing to provide sports clubs during the holidays.

As part of the staffing changes, we have already trained two other members of staff in Forest Schools.

We are currently in discussions with Peak Active Sports to continue with the holiday clubs. We are also in the process of securing the special needs football on Saturdays.

Mrs. Wood, who has been our school SENCO for a number of years now, will be leaving us at the end of this term to take up a post in Manchester. We wish her all the best.

We will keep you updated with all future plans during the next half term.

Both members of staff will be sorely missed.

Cost of Living

We recognize that there are concerns about the cost of living at the moment and the impact this can have of the community.

For this reason, we will continue to support working parents with childcare before and after school and continue to provide the children with free fruit throughout the week.

We resisted the increase cost of school dinners last year at £2.30 per day and we will not increase these costs until April 2023, after the winter period.

Diary Dates

November 2022

2nd – Year 5 trip to Jodrell Bank

7th – Music workshops in school with [all children taking part]

10th November – The school Council taking part in 'Together for our Planet' conference at The Octagon in Buxton. This is a whole day event therefore children will need packed lunches. Teachers will send a separate letter out about this.

11th November – Remembrance Service for children in hall.

14th November – Anti-bullying Week.

17th November – Year 4 trip to Buxton Museum as part of their topic on the Romans

25th November – Winter Disco [more information to follow].

Please remember that children in Year 3 and 4 require an adult to stay with them.

December 2022

11th December – School Choir singing at St.John's Church. Mrs Johnson will send further information out.

13th September – Christmas Dinner – if your child usually has a packed lunch but would like a Christmas dinner please order one through the office.

14th December – Year 6 residential to Leigh Green Outdoor Education Centre

21st December – School finishes for Christmas and Party food dinner

Party lunch - If your child usually has a packed lunch but would like a Christmas dinner please order one through the office.

22nd December – training day for staff