



## September 2018 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has already been an exciting week and a bit, with new children and staff to welcome. Thank you for all your good wishes and welcomes. As a team, we are already working hard to make sure your children are getting a broad and balanced curriculum and are pleased to announce that after school clubs will start again next week (see below for details). These will run alongside the after school care (ASC) provision and you can book your children to attend ASC after a sports club if you so wish.

I have included a list of dates for your diaries and will keep you posted about any updates or changes.

Have a wonderful term.

Mrs Dodgson-Hatto

Our value this term: **FRIENDSHIP**

"There are 'friends' who destroy each other, but a real friend sticks closer than a brother." Proverbs 18:24

**BABY**



**NEWS**

Most of you will have noticed something a little bit different about Miss Adair - we are thrilled to officially announce that Miss Adair is expecting her first baby. I am sure that you will all join us in congratulating her on this wonderful news.

The recruitment process is already underway and we will keep you posted when we have appointed. We are, of course, aware that Miss Adair is a hard act to follow, but are determined to find an equally outstanding teacher.



We are so proud of our **Friends of Finstock School (FoFS)** who work tirelessly to raise money so that the children can have experiences that would not otherwise be available to them. They have very kindly agreed to forego their usual cake sale on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September so that we can instead raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support and take part in the 'World's Biggest Coffee Morning'.

I am sure many of you will know someone affected by this awful disease, and as a caring community we would like to raise money for this very worthwhile cause. As it is a little easier for us, we will be holding the coffee morning in the afternoon - we thought this would be a lovely way to end the week.

On Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September we will have a non-uniform day where the children may 'dress down' or 'up' if they prefer, for a voluntary donation of £1 (or any other amount). From 3pm-4pm tea, coffee, squash, cake and biscuits will be sold in the school hall. We would be most grateful if donations of cakes or biscuits could be brought into the reception area on that day. If anyone has an urn we could borrow, it would be appreciated! We welcome all family members and Finstock residents – please feel free to spread the word.



### The best parents ever!

A huge thank you to our wonderful parents for the enormous amount of work they carried out over the summer holiday. They have cleared rubbish, gardened, moved sheds, painted, cleaned, created paths and borders and produced new and exciting areas - the school looks incredible! Without your help and support, the school would not be the fabulous place it is. Many, many thanks.

### Clubs are back!

Clubs begin on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September.

Monday – Club Energy Multi-sports (separate letter went out on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>). Open to Year 1 to Year 6

Tuesday – Football Club 3:10-4:10pm (see attached for details and how to book)

Wednesday – Hockey Y4-Y6 until October half term. This club is a free club and is mainly for those wishing to be in the hockey team. However, it is also open to those who are genuinely interesting in playing. 3-4pm

Thursday – Homework club 3-4pm

Friday – Netball – **start date to be confirmed**. This will also be a free club running until October. More information to follow. 3-4pm

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2019** – End of Term 6, 2pm

More dates will be added as they are confirmed as well as any corrections and amendments. I will do my best to keep you as informed as possible. Mrs D-H



ParentMail and ParentPay



We apologise again for the issues we had with these two vital services at the beginning of term. Hopefully all the problems have been resolved, but please do let the office know if you are unable to book something as we can do it manually and look into any issues. Just to let you know that ParentMail has an App which you can download and used on your phone.



### Diary Dates



- Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September** – School Photographs
- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September** – Beech Class trip
- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September** - Children’s First Aid Course (time tbc)
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September**–Pamper Evening FoFS, Village Hall,7-10pm
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September** – World’s Biggest Coffee Morning 3-4pm in the school hall.
- Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October** – FoFS AGM
- Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October** – Cornbury Park Fun Run – 10am
- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October** – 2:15-3pm – Parent’s Open Afternoon
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October** – 1:45pm – Harvest Festival, Holy Trinity Church – all welcome
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October** – Term 1 ends, 3pm
- Half term:** Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October inclusive
- Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October** – Term 2 begins, 8:40am
- Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November** – Open Morning, 9-10:15am
- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November** – Open Afternoon, 2-3pm
- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> - Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November** – Assessment Week
- Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November** – Flu vaccinations (year groups tbc)
- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December** – Parents’ Evening, 3.30-6pm
- Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December** - Parents’ Evening, 3.30-6pm
- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December** – Christingle Service, Holy Trinity Church, 9:30am – all welcome
- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December** – End of Term 2 for children, 2pm
- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December** – INSET
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December** – INSET
- Christmas Holiday** – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> January inclusive.
- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019** – Term 3 begins, 8:40am
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019** – Term 3 Ends, 3pm
- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February** - Half term
- Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February** – Term 4 begins, 8:40am
- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April** – Term 4 ends, 2pm
- Easter Holiday** – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> – Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April inclusive
- Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April** – Term 5 begins, 8:40am
- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May** – KS1 SATs period begins (May)
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May** – KS2 SATS week
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May** – End of Term 5, 3pm
- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June** – Term 6 begins, 8:40am
- Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June** – Phonics screening week
- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July** – Henry Box Transition days Y6