



# Fleet Wood Lane School

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## News in School – Welcome Back to Autumn Term 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new term, there is lots to look forward to.

This term's curriculum focus is Design Technology in Key Stage 1 with Hedgehog class's topic being 'Magical Movies' which will see them constructing moving pictures. Otters will be making fabric bunting in their topic of 'Sew Much Fabric'.

Key Stage 2 topics are focused on History this term with Robin's learning about the stone and iron age in their topic 'Dig Deep. Bats are learning about the 'Gruesome Greeks', Foxes are focusing on the 'Amazing Anglo Saxons' and Year 6 Owls will be learning about the 'Magnificent Mayan'.

Your child's class teachers will be sharing further information regarding current learning across all curriculum areas, via the class Teams pages. Please keep up to date with these.

Reading and spelling are key areas for development in school and are areas that you can support at home too. Please read with, and to, your child regularly and remember to record this in their reading journals please. When hearing your child read, please remember that your child should read their reading books a number of times, in order to develop both comprehension and reading fluency. As they practise reading the book, they will become more confident and will develop a 'story tellers' tone.

At the end of last term, class teachers shared common exception word spelling lists. Please choose a group of these each week to practise reading and spelling at home. They do not all have to be learnt at one go, a little and often will help your child to remember these key words.

### **IMPORTANT – PLEASE BE AWARE**

### **CHANGE TO STAFF TRAINING DATES**

We have been fortunate to have been offered whole school staff training related to phonics and reading. The training will benefit all children, as we focus on improving outcomes in phonics and reading. Unfortunately, the date offered to us is Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November. Due to the importance of reading within the curriculum and across the curriculum, the governors agree that accessing this training is a priority for staff and children. For this reason, they have agreed to reschedule previously published training dates. Please be advised, that the

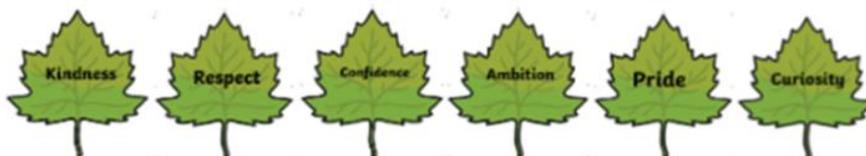
school will be closed on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2022, and will instead be open on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023 (previously published as an inset day).

We realise that this change may cause a degree of inconvenience, and we apologise sincerely for this. The decision has not taken lightly, but only after significant consideration and with the interests of the pupils at the forefront of our minds.

### Parent Questionnaire Feedback

Many thanks to everyone who took the time to complete the recent parent questionnaire. The vast majority of parents (98%) reported that their children felt happy at the school (93.5%) of parents reported that the school makes sure children behave well. Whilst this is a very positive return, we are keen to do all that we can to ensure that the children are supported to be the best that they can be. So, as we start the term, I have shared with the children three key rules that we will be using to support high levels of care in the school and to support us all to live out the school values – *something that parents reported that they valued in the school.*

	
<b>Care</b>	<b>Be Ready</b>
	<b>Be Respectful</b>
	<b>Be Safe</b>



As the term progresses, we will be taking feedback from the children regarding the new – easy to remember rules - using this feedback as part of our review and update to the behaviour policy.

### **Residential Trips – Bookings open on Parentpay tonight.**

Parents of children in Robins, Bats, Foxes and Owl should keep a look out for letters that have come home relating to this year's residential trips. Mr Ardito has worked very hard arranging these events. Numbers are limited, so please ensure that you make your booking and place your deposit via ParentPay -ASAP. This is a first come, first served situation.

### **Parent Pay - Cash Free School**



Please remember that the school will be going cash free from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November. Bookings for wrap around care and school trips will only be accepted via the ParentPay system. Please be assured the system is straight forward and much more efficient than the manual systems currently in place. The system will have been in operation for over a month at this point, which we feel is a reasonable period for transition.

We are keen to assist all parents to move with us in the change, so if you have any difficulty registering or using the on-line system, please do contact Mrs Reid in the office. She will be pleased to help. Mrs Reid and Miss Richardson will be presenting a ParentPay support drop in session today Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 3.15-4pm.

### **The weather is on the turn**

Whilst today is unseasonably mild, the weather is set to turn as the week progresses. Please ensure that your child arrives to school with a coat. Thank you.

### **Dates For Your Diary**

Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October -	First day of term ParentPay Drop in support session 3.15pm
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November -	Yr5/6 Mini Police anti bullying event
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> November-	PTA Halloween Discos (please see flyers already sent out)
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> November-	Reception Open Morning 9.30-11.30am PTA meeting 5.15pm
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> November-	Flu Vaccine
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> November-	Road Safety Day – whole school
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> November -	Children Need Day
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> November-	Y6 Internet Safety Day – Stay Safe Partnership Y2 Friendship and emotions workshop – Stay Safe Partnership
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> December-	Christingle Yr5/6
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December-	Y2 Archery competition
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December-	Yr1/2 Throwing and Catching competition
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December -	Christmas Lunch Day
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December -	Yr6 Level 3 Bikeability
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December-	PTA Santa's Grotto event
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December -	KS1 Nativity
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December-	KS1 Nativity Yr3-6 Archery Competition
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December-	Carol Service -2pm
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December -	Christmas Party Day LAST DAY OF TERM

As always, if you have any queries or comments regarding the contents of this letter, or any other aspect of the school's operations, please do contact us directly. In the unfortunate situation that you feel that we have not addressed a concern you have raised, you are able to escalate your concerns through our complaints policy. This can be found on the school website. Of course, we hope that you do not have the necessity to refer to this. We wish to work with you, so will strive to meet your needs.

On behalf of myself and all the staff, we hope that you enjoy a wonderful half term holiday.

Your faithfully,

Mrs M Parker  
Head Teacher