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News in School

Dear Parents and Carers,



We have been celebrating the Lunar New Year in school this week, with a visiting Chinese New Year workshop - which really brought the celebrations to life. The children were very exciting to learn about Chinese New Year (this year is the Year of the Rabbit) and to learn to dance with the traditional Chinese Dragon.



TchoukBall Tournament

Pupils from Robins, Bats, Foxes and Owls took part in an interschool Tchoukball Tournament this week and were an absolute credit to the school. They did an amazing job representing Fleet Wood Lane School showing excellent levels of team work and fair play. Whilst, Robins and Bats did a great job and came away with certificates and wrist bands, pupils in Foxes and Owls got all the way to the final where they were pipped at the post! Mr Eggleton and I were very proud to be presenting them with their runner up silver medals in assembly this morning. Well done everyone!

Ofsted Update

Our Ofsted report is within its final stages. I have received and approved the draft and will publish to you as soon as the final report is received.

Staff Update

We have been busy this term advertising and interviewing. I am pleased to advise that following interviews last week, we have appointed two permanent teachers. We are awaiting employment checks for our Year 3 appointment, once these are complete I shall advise you of the teacher's name. Mrs Hill was appointed to the Year 2 vacancy so is delighted to be continuing as Otters class teacher.

Mr Pike will join us on Monday as our new Caretaker and Mrs Twelvetree will be moving into Hedgehogs class as class TA. She is very much looking forward to be working more directly with the children each day.

We will continue with recruitment for replacement administrative staff. Mrs Gadsden is doing an amazing job helping us out Mon, Tues, Thurs and Friday mornings – we are not sure what we would have done without her.

Pupil Attendance

This week's whole school attendance is 92.83%. Robins run away with the top attendance award with 98.91% attendance. Well done to them. We are yet to have a class with a 100% attendance for the week – I wonder who will get there first? As we move into (hopefully) warmer weather we will see attendance increase as coughs and sneezes decrease – allowing us hopefully to achieve the 96% attendance target set by the Department of Education.

Please Remember to Notify Us

If your child is going to be absent from school, please do remember to let us know on the first day of absence please. If a child fails to arrive to school, and we have no notice or reason for this absence, we are required to follow up the absence to ascertain the reason for it, but also to ensure the safety of the child/family. If parents have not advised us of the reason for absence, we will contact parents on the telephone (at the close of morning register). In most occasions, we find that parents have forgotten to ring and are happy to advise us of the illness etc. In instances where we cannot get hold of a parent to confirm the reason for absence, we must continue to try to ascertain the safety of the child/family, so would be required to conduct a house visit to check that all was well. If we are unable to contact you on the phone, and despite leaving a message we fail to hear from you, we will leave a message and send an email advising you that we need to carry out a home visit.

This is a responsibility placed on all schools to ensure that if something has happened to child/family that someone would act. School may be the first person to notice a missing child - all unexplained absences are considered as this as children are expected in school as the norm. Therefore, we are required to do all that we can to ascertain the child/family safety.

In the event that something were to happen (and thankfully this is unusual), the school would be investigated to ensure that we had complied with safeguarding expectations. From experience, I am aware that home visits more often result from a parent forgetting to contact us and school has not been updated of changes to contact details, so contact with parent cannot be achieved when we ring parents at close of registers.

We realised that unnecessary home visits are unwanted, both by parents and the school too - to conduct them requires two members of staff to attend, so this does place a heavy burden upon us. That said, in the event that there was a safety issue, the visit would be very much welcomed by all.

Please do all you can to help us each morning, by calling in the reasons for any absences. We do have an answer phone, so if the call is not answered (due to current staffing challenges) please leave your child's name, class, and the reason for absence including details of what they are off ill with.

Chicken Pox – This week we have had children off school with chicken pox. Please do keep a close check on your children for this. Current advice asks for children to be kept off school for 5 days or until all the blisters have scabbed over.

Healthy Schools



We continue to promote the Healthy School ethos within the school, promoting healthy eating and lifestyles and we recognise the importance of the children remaining hydrated throughout the day.

Please do remember to send your child into school with a water bottle each day that can be left in class for them to access. As a Healthy School, we do ask that water bottles only contain water or sugar free juice as drinking pure fruit juice or sugary drinks throughout the day can be detrimental to children's teeth. Thank you.

Uniform reminder

As the half term approaches, please remember that the transition period for all children to arrive in school wearing the correct uniform comes to an end. So, we are hoping to see everyone arrive super smart in the correct uniform and school shoes and with navy blue PE kit. I have attached the uniform guide to this letter.

Children will need to bring their PE kit into school to be stored in their lockers to be available to change into for their timetabled PE lessons. Please be aware that this kit will be stored in the children's lockers and therefore, you may have to rethink the size of rucksacks that are sent in if coats, PE kit and lunch boxes are all to fit inside. To help us return misplaced/lost items, please ensure you name label all of your child's possessions. Thank you

PTEFA Fun

This term will conclude, next Friday 10th February, with a non-uniform day as well as a Valentine's Day disco. I have attached the disco flyer to this letter, for anyone who has missed it.

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.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs M Parker
Head Teacher

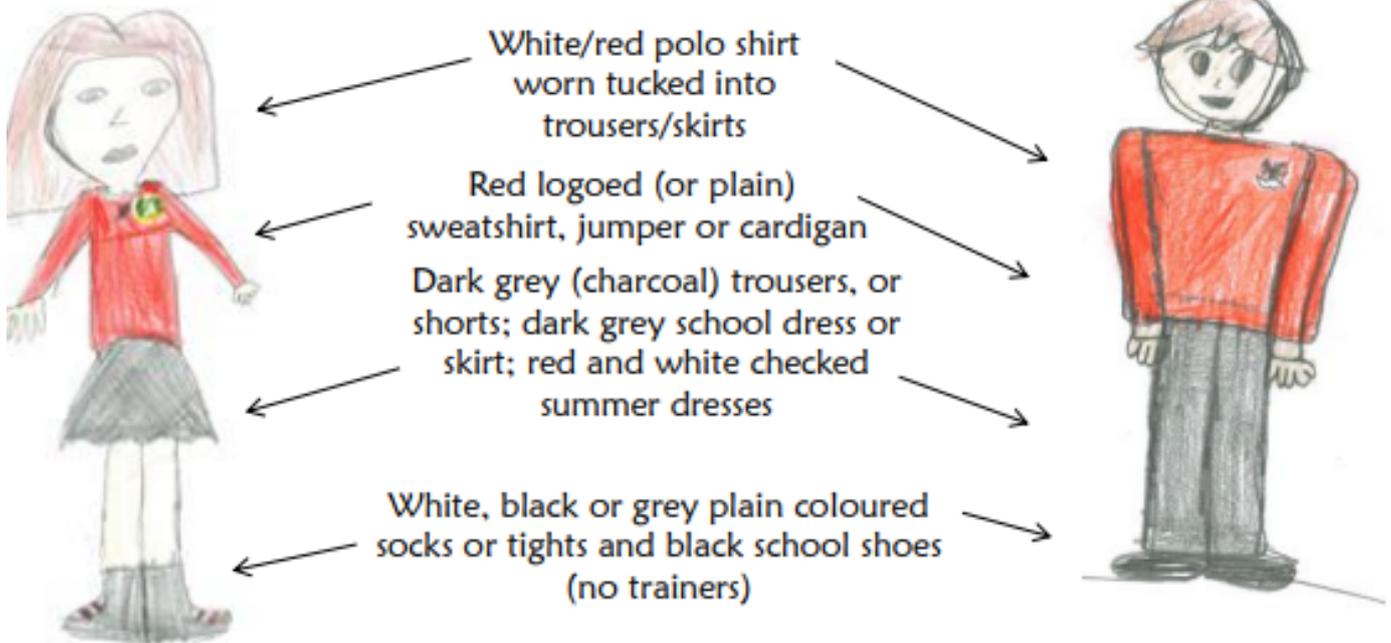
Fleet Wood Lane - Our Uniform

Girls

- Red sweatshirt jumper/cardigan (school logoed or plain)
- White or red polo shirt
- Dark grey (charcoal) trousers, dress, skirt or school shorts
- Red and white checked dress
- Red fleece jacket (outside wear)

Boys

- Red sweatshirt jumper/cardigan (school logoed or plain)
- White or red polo shirt
- Dark grey (charcoal) or trousers or school shorts
- Red fleece jacket (outside wear)



Outdoor shoes/wellington boots

As we use the outdoor field at playtimes – in all seasons – your child will need a spare pair of shoes/trainers in school to change into at playtime. Wellingtons are needed in wet/winter weather, as the field can be muddy.

PE Kit

Plain navy-blue or school logoed T-shirt and navy-blue shorts for indoor lessons.

Children will also need trainers, navy-blue tracksuit or warm navy-blue leggings worn with a plain navy sweatshirt for outdoor games.

Fleece jackets, logoed jumpers/cardigans, logoed PE T-shirts, PE shorts, drawstring PE bags and book bags bearing the school logo, are available from Shotbowl or www.schooltrends.co.uk. Logoed uniform is not mandatory; plain - supermarket uniform is entirely acceptable.

It is essential that you name label all items of clothing and PE equipment, otherwise it is impossible for us to return misplaced items to their rightful owner. Sewn in name labels are the best - as they don't wash off or out!

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Valentine's DISCO

KS1

Friday 10th February

3.15 till 4.15 Dormice, Hedgehogs & Otters.

£4

Includes entry, face
painting, treat bag
and juice.

All funds raised go towards improving the resources and environment for our children at Fleet Wood Lane.

Face painting kindly gifted by



Please return the below form along with your £4 by Friday 3rd February

I confirm by returning this form that I consent to my child attending the school disco.

Name _____

Class _____

I give consent for the person named above to have
their face painted. Signed _____



Friends of Fleet
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Valentine's DISCO

KS2

Friday 10th February

4.30 till 5.45 - Robins, Bats, Foxes & Owls

£2

Entry.

**Tuck shop &
treats available
from 50p**

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