



Furzeham Primary and Nursery School

'Inspired to learn, inspired for life'

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new year at Furzeham Primary and Nursery School. It has been lovely to see all of the children again and to welcome our new starters. We are looking to build upon the many successes of last year. Our school has grown bigger over the summer, with a new classroom in years 1 and 2 and we now have had a few more areas in school which have been freshly decorated. We are currently renovating our library and providing a new cloakroom for Mrs. Hewitt's room. We are in the process of creating a 'reflective/quiet space' in the walkway from the hall to Key stage one. We are looking out for anybody who can help us with this, we need some free standing blinds to create a cosy space and any other ideas are welcome. If you think you could help in any way, please contact the office and ask to speak to Mrs. Thompson.

We have many exciting things to look forward to in the school year and continue to have very high expectations of the children in and around school. We always appreciate the support of parents and if you have any queries please see the communications letter which is attached.

START OF THE SCHOOL DAY

The main gates are open at 8.45am for your child to arrive in school. The school day begins at 8.55am with registration.

All children in our school learn phonics and spellings at 9.00am so it's vital your child is in school at the correct time and ready to learn. School gates will be closed at 8.55am. Arrival after this time will be via the main office.

ATTENDANCE

As you will be aware, good attendance is paramount to children progressing well and reaching their full potential. As a school we are held accountable for every child and every child's attendance. If your child is unwell with a cough and cold we can accommodate this in school by allowing the child to possibly 'stay in' during break times or allowing medicines in school. (please see office regarding forms to allow staff to administer.) If your child is actually sick then our 48 hour policy remains, to ensure the sickness isn't passed on. Our attendance target for this year is 96%. If you have any concerns about attendance please contact Mrs. Shuttleworth through the school office and she will endeavour to support.

On the first day of your child's absence please ensure that you:

- Inform the school before 9.15am explaining the reason for their absence via either telephone (01803 853347) or email admin@furzehamprimary.org
- If unable to speak directly to the office please leave a message on the answer phone.

If we have not had confirmation of your child's absence by 9.15am, then we will contact you to check on their safety. (Please ensure your contact details are up to date).

END OF THE SCHOOL DAY

The main gates to the school will be open at 3.10 in order for you to come on site for collection of your child. School ends at 3.15pm. Please ensure that your child is collected at this time. Children not collected at 3.15 will be put in to after school club where a charge may be applied. If you are aware that you are running late please contact the main office.

We would respectfully ask that once you have collected your child you leave the school site as entrances and exits will need to be secured for children that remain at school.

READING DIARIES

Your child should now have been given a reading book and reading diary. We would encourage your child to read every night and record this in the book. As a parent of a child in Early years or key stage one (year 1 and 2) please write the page number and sign and date. If your child is in key stage two, you can write in the book but sometimes your child may write in the book too.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

It is lovely to see children arriving back at school looking smart and in Furzeham uniform. Please ensure that all clothing is labelled. Your child needs to wear appropriate black shoes with no bright colours or logos. Lost property box is located in the hall in the annex.

HOLIDAY REQUESTS

As you are aware, Head teachers may not now grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. This means that unless there are exceptional circumstances the absence request cannot be authorised. Any Parent/Carer who does take their child out of school without authorisation could be subject to a £60 penalty notice per child, per parent from the Local Authority.

SECONDARY TRANSFER FORMS – Year 6 pupils

Parents of pupils in Year 6 are reminded that application forms for transfer from Primary to Secondary School must be returned by 31st October 2017 (hard copies are available from the school office) or forms completed on-line at https://www.torbay.gov.uk/CCSEnterprise_Admissionsonline_LIVE

PUPIL PREMIUM

Did you know Just registering your child for Free School Meals means that the school gets extra money to spend on pupils?

The Government is giving money to schools to help children from lower income families do their best. This funding is called "Pupil Premium".

HOW DOES IT WORK?

1. First, check if you qualify – it is not just if you are unemployed, so please look at the list below.
2. Registering is really quick and easy – if you think you qualify, contact the school office where someone will help you to register.
3. If you want your child to have a free, healthy meal at lunchtime that's great – they will get the free meal (saving you more than £350 a year), extra benefits and the school receives £1320 extra per pupil.
4. If you do not want your child to have the school meals they can continue as normal – as long as you qualify and are registered, the school still gets £1320 extra.

DO YOU QUALIFY?

You can register your child for Free School Meals if you get any of these benefits:

- Income support
- Income-based Job Seeker's Allowance
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190.
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' – the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.

Application forms are available from the school office.

Flu Immunisation – Reception to Year 4

Letters will be sent out to all parents of Reception, Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 regarding the flu immunisation. Please could all parents return letters stating if permission has been granted or refused.

PTA

We have a wonderful and extremely hard working PTA who organise lots of fabulous events through the year. If you can help in any way, even if it's small, please contact Margret Fensome or Heather Ingram via the school office.

DIARY DATES

14 th September	Final Great Potheridge House Meeting at 3.30pm in the main hall. Year 6 Open Evening at Brixham College – 6.00pm to 8.00pm–
18 th September	New reception class photographs – 10.00am
18 th September	Year 6 Open Morning at Brixham College – 9.00am to 12.00pm
2 nd September	5 week swimming block commencing for Miss Shears' and Mrs Hewitt's classes
19 th -22 nd September	Great Potheridge House Residential Trip – Year 5 and 6
22 nd September	Mrs Hewitt's class breadmaking with Warburtons
21 st September	Orienteering at Berry Head – Miss Shears' class
25 th September	Extra-curricular clubs start
28 th September	Cyclo-cross training – Mrs Chapman's class
5 th October	High-5 Sports Event at BCC – Mrs Hewitt's class
12 th October	Scholastic Book Fair arrives for one week
17 th October	Miss Wilkinson's Parents Evening only
18 th October	Parents Consultation Evening
19 th October	Parents Consultation Evening
20 th October	Harvest Festival for Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 - 9.30 am

30 th Oct-2 nd Nov	Bikeability Course for year 5 children
31 st October	Flu immunisation – Foundation to Year 4
6 th November	Sports Athletics at BC – Mr Ward's class
3 rd November	Autumn Disco - PTA
3 rd November	5 week swimming block commencing for Miss Shears' and Mrs Hewitt's classes
6 th November	Mrs Bennett's class bread making with Warburtons
8 th November	Tempest Photography School Photographs – Individual and Siblings
9 th November	Sports Athletics at BCC –Miss Wilkinson's class
13 th November	Mr Ward's class breadmaking with Warburtons
17 th November	Children in Need Day – wear something spotty
10 th November	Lantern parade community workshops 3.30-4.30pm
17 th November	Lantern parade community workshops 3.30-4.30pm
23 rd November	Multi-skills at BC –Mr Bennett's class
25 th November	Brixham Lantern Parade – meet at the Quay
30 th November	Multi-skills at BCC – Foundation Stage
30 th November	Mrs Wilkinson's Class Showcase
1 st December	Christmas Fair
4 th December	Mrs Chapman's Class Showcase
6 th December	Key Stage 1 Christmas Nativity – 2.00 am
7 th December	Key Stage 1 Christmas Nativity – 10.00 pm
	Triathlon (fitness suite challenge) at BCC – Miss Wilkinson's class
8 th December	Christmas Dinner for the whole school
13 th December	Early Years nativity to parents – 10.00 am
14 th December	Early Years nativity to parents – 2.00pm
15 th December	Last Day before Christmas holidays

SCHOOL HOLIDAY DATES 2017/2018

TERM	FIRST DAY	LAST DAY
Autumn	6 th September 2017	15 th December 2017
Spring	3 th January 2018	29 th March 2018
Summer	17 th April 2018	24 st July 2018

Half Term Holidays

Autumn Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October 2017 inclusive
Spring Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February 2018 inclusive
Summer Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June 2018 inclusive

Thanking you for your continued support.

P Adams
Head teacher