

Welcome to Furzeham Primary and Nursery School



Meet the team

Chair of Governors – Mrs D. Wilson

Headteacher – Mr. P. Adams – Overall responsibility for all aspects of the school

Deputy Headteacher – Mrs C Thompson – Responsible for teaching & learning and standards across the whole school.

Early Years Foundation Stage Lead Teacher – Mrs A Shaw-Giles– Reception Teacher and responsibility for standards and outcomes across the Foundation Stage (Nursery & Reception classes)

Senior leaders for Maths – Mrs G. Chapman

Senior Leader for English – Mrs D. Hewitt

Finance Administrator – Mrs L. O’ Flaherty – Responsibility for schools budget and leader of the administration team.

SENDco (Special Educational Needs & Disabilities Coordinator) – Mrs N Shuttleworth – Responsibility for ensuring that children with identified SEN are met.

Nursery Teacher – Miss H. Armstrong

Reception Teacher – Miss J Smoothy

Year group structure for September 2017

The schools PAN (Planned Admission Number) is 45. This means that we can admit up to 45 children in each year group. For academic year 2017/18 there will be two Reception classes with approximately 16 children in each class. The maximum number of children in each Reception class will be 22 or 23.

Class Name	Miss Armstrong's Class	Mrs A Shaw-Giles Class	Miss Smoothy's Class
Year Group	Nursery	Reception	Reception
Teacher	Miss H. Armstrong	Mrs A Shaw-Giles	Miss J Smoothy

Which class is your child in?

Decisions about which class your child will be in have been made taking a number of factors in to consideration:

- A balance of boys and girls within the class
- Peer and friendships groups
- The ability range of the children (a varied mix within the class)
- A balance of birth term (age of the children)

Most importantly decisions have been made to ensure that your child enjoys coming to school and that they are given the best opportunity to learn and progress.

At the end of the presentation you will be told which class your child will be in and get an opportunity to chat with your child's class teacher and see your child's classroom.

What will your child learn at school?

Your child will follow the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum (EYFS). It comprises of 17 areas of learning including reading, writing and maths. Phonics and teaching your child to read will take place daily and will be a focus for the year. We will be using a Nationally recognised programme to teach phonics and writing called 'Read, Write, Inc'.

In addition to teaching the 'basics' your child will take part in physical activity to develop gross motor skills and health, art, music and PSHE.

All your child's work will be recorded in a 'Learning Diary' which will be available for you to look at throughout the year. The children will also have independent writing books where their 'free writing' will be placed.

Lessons within the reception classes will take the form of whole class teaching, small guided group work with the teacher or teaching assistant and child initiated tasks where children are required to work independently at an activity.

How can you help at home?

We are committed to providing the best possible opportunities for your child to learn and progress to the best of their potential.

We recognise the importance of home learning and would encourage you to take an active role in supporting your child's learning whilst at home. We also recognise the importance of letting our children be 'children' and would not expect for your child to be doing 'formal' home learning at this stage. It is about 'striking a balance' and for the process to be 'fun'.

You can help by:-

- Reading to your child each evening and to develop the 'love' of books and words
- Talk to your child about their learning at school
- Getting your child to practise letter formation and to 'free write'
- Getting your child to read 'key words' (These will be sent early in the Autumn term)

There will be opportunities throughout the year to attend parent workshops and understand more about ways in which you can support your child.

Transition Days

On Tuesday 18th July between 9.15 and 11.45 there is an opportunity for your child to come in to school and spend some time with their new teacher/s.

Children that are currently in Nursery on these days will attend. Those children who do not attend on a Tuesday or are joining from another setting, please see Mrs O' Flaherty to sign up. These sessions are provided to help transition and are not compulsory.

Arrangements for September

In order to enable a smooth transition for your child to start in September we have planned for the first week to be 'Transition in to school'.

It will be an opportunity for your child to come in to school for shorter sessions in order that they can become familiar with their teacher and the routines within the classroom.

On Wednesday 13th September we would expect that your child attends school fulltime. This will include staying for either packed lunch or school dinner.

A letter will be given to you at the end of this presentation detailing which sessions your child needs to attend during the first week back. Sessions will be either morning or afternoon and will not include the lunchtime break.

Practical Information

School timetable:

School starts at 8.55. Gates to the school will be open at 8.45. We expect all children to be in school by 8.55 for registration and for lessons to begin at 9.00. The gates will be closed at 9.00am so any child arriving after this time will have to enter school via the main entrance.

Miss Smoothy's children will arrive under the covered archway and Mrs Shaw-Giles children will arrive through the garden entrance to the right of the main school office. This will be shown to you when you visit your child's classroom.

We encourage parents to come in to their child's classroom between 8.45 and 8.55. This is an opportunity for you to pass messages to either the teacher and/or teaching assistant and for you to see your child's work or to just share a book. We would respectfully ask that you leave at 8.55 in order for registration to begin.

Children are to be collected from the same entrance at 3.15 (end of school)

Practical Information

School Uniform:

School uniform can be purchased either directly or via the internet from our supplier 'Lavender Mob' They are based on New Road Brixham. Please see Phil Jackson who is at the back of the hall if purchases need to be made tonight. Our uniform policy is for children to wear blue or white polo shirts, blue jumpers, black or grey trousers or shorts (boys) black or grey trousers (girls) or blue dresses (girls) in the summer term. Suitable black shoes and preferably with Velcro fasteners. PE kit is black shorts, white t-shirt and plimsolls.

School meals: (Universal Free School Meals for Reception & KS1 children)

ISS catering services provide our school meals at Furzesham. Hot meals are served daily. Menu's are sent out at the beginning of term.

All lunches (either hot dinners or packed lunches) are eaten in the main hall. Lunch begins at 11.45 and finishes at 1.00pm.

In the first few weeks Miss Stoneman, our mealtime supervisor will be on hand to support your child. Teachers and teaching assistants will also go in to the hall.

Practical Information

Reporting your child's absence:

If your child is unwell, please contact the school office . Please do this before 9.00am. If there is no message to report your child's absence, then the admin team will contact you before 10am to ensure the safety of your child.

Medicines or Allergies:

Please ensure that you have added your child's medical needs to the form within your starting school pack. If during the term your child needs or requires non prescribed medicines then please complete a medical form and pass these to the class teacher or teaching assistant with a clear indication of the dosage required. Your child's teacher or TA will administer this medicine. Calpol for example. Any prescribed medicines must be passed to the admin team at the main office where upon our first aiders or admin team will administer the medicine.

Practical Information

Requests for absence during the school term:

Only requests for 'exceptional circumstances' can be 'authorised'. General holidays within term time will be 'unauthorised' and may incur a penalty charge. Good attendance at school is intrinsically linked to good outcomes. The school has a target of reaching 96% good attendance for the academic year 2017/18.

School book bag:

Book bags for your child will be given to them on their first day at school. These will be provided by the school. It will enable your child's reading book, keywords and information to parents to be kept safe and for it not to get lost. Please could book bags be checked each evening.

Practical Information

Name labels:

Please write your child's name in all of his or her clothes, shoes and PE kits.

Communication:

Please communicate any messages or concerns to the class teacher in the first instance. In most instances any problems or concerns can be resolved. If you feel that your concern has not been resolved then please make an appointment to speak with the EYFS lead teacher Mrs Shaw-Giles.

Events, messages and information taking place at school will be sent via letter, an e-mail or text message. We will also post information re school dates, information of forthcoming events and successes on our schools website and Twitter account. Newsletters are sent out each half term and will also be posted on our school notice boards.

Practical Information

Parents evening:

There are 2 formal parents evenings throughout the year. These take place in early Autumn and Spring terms. There will also be open days and class 'showcases' throughout the year. You are of course always more than welcome to request a time to come and look at your child's work at any point during the year.

PTA (Parent Teacher Association):

We have a very active and hard working PTA. If you would like to join or can help in any way for events or fundraising events then please speak to Margaret Fensome (chair person) one of the PTA members or the office and pass your contact details to them.

Daily fruit and milk (under 5's):

Your child will get free fruit and milk each day as part of their healthy snack. Milk for over 5 year olds can be purchased costing 22p per day.

Finally.....

At Furzesham School we are committed to keeping your child safe and to provide an enriching, stimulating and inspiring curriculum that allows for your child to learn and progress achieving the best possible outcomes.

We are extremely proud of our school and feel able to accomplish this with our hard working, dedicated and professional staff.

Thank you for attending this evening and welcome to our school!

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