

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 Senior Teacher – Miss J Smoothy– Reception Teacher and leader across the Foundation Stage (Nursery & Reception classes)

Senior Leader for Maths – Mrs G. Chapman

Senior Leader for English – Mrs D. Hewitt

Senior Leader KS1 and Phonics lead teacher – Mrs Shaw-Giles

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

SENDCO (Special Educational Needs & Disabilities Co-ordinator) – Mrs N Shuttleworth – Responsibility for ensuring that children with identified SEN are met.

Nursery Teacher – Miss H. Armstrong

Reception Teacher – Miss J Smoothy

Structure for the academic year 2018/19

In September Miss Smoothy will have overall responsibility for your child's learning and progress. They will be part of our new Foundation Unit where their learning and development will be supported by all members of staff with in the team.

The following members of staff will be working alongside Miss Smoothy and Miss Armstrong in the unit:

Mrs Griffiths
Mrs Bevan
Mrs Rendell
Miss Samateh
Mrs Burnell

Each of these members of staff will assist in your child's learning and development.

What will your child learn at school?

Your child will follow the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum (EYFS)

There are 7 areas of learning and development that help guide and shape the curriculum we provide. All areas are important and inter-connected. 3 areas are particularly crucial for igniting children's curiosity, enthusiasm for learning and for building their capacity to learn, form relationships and thrive. These are the Prime areas:

Communication and language
Physical development
Personal, social and emotional development

There are an additional 4 'Specific' areas, through which the Prime areas are applied and strengthened:

Literacy
Mathematics
Understanding the world
Expressive arts and design

The children will all engage in a daily phonics lesson. All children in the Early Years and Key Stage One follow a nationally recognised Phonics programme called 'Read, Write, Inc'.

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 learning new words
- Talk to your child about their learning at school
- Getting your child to practise letter formation and to 'free write' (Mark making on paper)
- Getting your child to read their '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 Wednesday 11th, Tuesday 17th and Thursday 19th July between 9.15 and 11.45 there is an opportunity for your child to come in to school and spend some time exploring their new learning environment.

If your child does not attend the Nursery or is not in on these sessions please sign up on the sheets provided.

These sessions are provided to help transition but are not compulsory.

Arrangements for September

In order to enable a smooth transition for your child to start in September we have planned a period of transition into school.

During this time there will be an opportunity for your child to come in to school for shorter sessions in order that they can become familiar with their teachers and the routines within their new learning environment.

The first day back at school is Wednesday 5th September. During the first 3 days (Wednesday, Thursday & Friday) the day will be split and you will be invited to attend a 'stay and play' session. This will be an opportunity to speak with the teachers and discuss your child. During this time arrangements for drop and pick up along with other practical information will be shared.

Week commencing Monday 10th the children will be split in to 2 groups (A & B groups) and will either come in to school mornings (8.45 -12.15) or (12.15 – 3.15) Each group will have their lunch in school. This could either be a school meal or packed lunch.

On Monday 17th September we would expect that your child attends school fulltime.

Practical Information

School Uniform:

School uniform can be purchased either directly or via the internet from our supplier 'Lavender Mob' They are based near the central car park in 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 white polo shirts, blue jumpers, charcoal grey trousers or shorts, charcoal grey pinafore or skirt or blue dresses 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 Furzeham. Hot meals are served daily. Menu's are sent out at the beginning of term. Meals are to be ordered online. Any problems please come to the main office. An information leaflet is enclosed within your welcome pack.

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 Mrs 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 will 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 2018/19.

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.

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, blogs 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 Furzeham 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!