

F&B NEWSLETTER

Spring Term: Monday 6th February 2023

Front Page News

Dear Parents and Carers,

Message from the office: Do you have the Arbor App? We now use In-App messaging as a replacement for texting. We use this to notify you of any changes to menus, return times of trips, class activities and cancellation of clubs. We might also use this to request reason for absences if you have not managed to inform us via telephone. You can also use it to notify us of any absences relating to sickness.

To ensure you don't miss any urgent messages – it is preferable that you have notifications set up to alert you of any information we have sent.

Thank you,

Helen & Rebecca

PTA: The Silver Bottle Challenge is back! This is a class challenge which we ran last year at F&B and this year have extended to Reedings as well. The challenge starts on 6th Feb and finishes on 28th Feb.

The children are challenged to earn silver coins (50p, 20p, 10p, 10p) at home in exchange for helping out. They could tidy their room, unload the shopping, unload the dishwasher, read everyday, say 'yes' rather than 'no' - whatever tasks you wish to set. They then bring their coins to school and post them into their class bottle. At the end of the challenge the class at each school with the highest coin count (not value) will win the challenge.

The winning class will decide on a prize from a list agreed by each school. For example this could be a film afternoon or an extended lunch break. They will also receive a Silver Bottle Chocolate Lolly (or equivalent for dietary needs) made by Alix's Sweets Treats and very kindly sponsored by Wright and Co. Estate Agents.

Holiday Clubs:

- This February Half term we are hosting two clubs. A Multi-Activity Holiday Camp by our fabulous sports company. Please see the flyer later on in this newsletter for more information. **Simply click the link [here](#) to view the camp. If searching by the QR code below and enter your postcode, it will pop up with Fawbert and Barnard, then click view camps and scroll to the bottom to book the Multi-Activity Holiday camp. £24 per day: 9am to 3:30pm**
- The second club is an exciting Art and Crafts Club! This is being run on Monday and Friday of half term only. Please see the poster further down on how to book. £25 per day 9am to 3pm

Montessori:

Children are capable of much more than we usually believe and it is generally adults trying to impose their schedules, expectations and ambitions—all born out of the best intentions—on children which leads to disharmony, irritability and a change in behaviour, both in the classroom and at home. A Montessori approach gives children the freedom to make choices and to pursue them without interruption. It encourages them to respect the choices of those around them and to take pleasure in their own accomplishments. As we mentioned last week, during our ChIL (Child Initiated Learning) time is when this really comes into fruition at F&B. This is a chance for children to have uninterrupted periods of discovery and learning both inside / outside.



EYFS: This week's skill is from Maths. The Sandpaper Numbers teach children the symbols that represent each number, allowing them to visually identify any number from 0-9. The Sandpaper Numbers are used to give children a tactile impression of the written numeral. The children trace the number with their fingers which helps develop their muscular memory. This week's skill is from Maths. The Sandpaper Numbers teach children the symbols that represent each number, allowing them to visually identify any number from 0-9. The Sandpaper Numbers are used to give children a tactile impression of the written numeral. The children trace the number with their fingers which helps develop their muscular memory.

Year 1: We have been using the Montessori alphabet box to build words containing special friends 'ai'. Some children have been use the beans to explore number



A quick reminder that as a school we do allow and encourage families, if able to, to administer medicine to their children themselves by popping up to the school.

Mr L Wells, Headteacher

The Silver Bottle Challenge is back!

After the incredible success at F&B last year, the Reedings and F&B PTA are running the Silver Bottle Challenge across both schools. The challenge will start on Monday 6th February and finish on Tuesday 28th February.

How does it work?



At F&B we are running **The Silver Bottle**

Challenge the same as last year. It's a class competition where children earn silver coins (5p, 10p, 20p, 50p) of any value for helping at home. These coins are then brought into school and posted into the class bottle. At the end of the challenge the coins are counted and the class with the most coins (not value) wins the challenge.



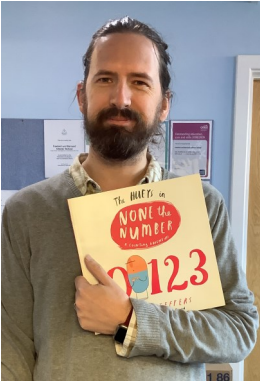

At **Reedings** we have added a twist. The Reedings children will be taking part in **The Silver Bottle Challenge -**

Coin Wars! The challenge will run as per F&B above, however... In addition, the children can earn bronze coins (1p, 2p) and bring these into school on a Monday. The bronze coins can then be posted into other classes bottles, and these will be deducted from their bottle total.



Remember - it's supposed to be
a bit of fun!

Secret Reader

	<p>“What a fantastic treat! Apple class was incredibly hospitable and did some lovely talking of numbers, Excellent numbering, Apple!”</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ed R</p>		<p>“Magnolia Class were so good and listened beautifully to the story. It was great to see Aoife enthralled by Gerald the Giraffe.”</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Emma D</p>
	<p>“Wow. What a lovely experience to read ‘The Mousehole Mice’ to Willow class. They listened beautifully.”</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Georgina E</p>		<p>“What a great audience Oak class were for ‘The book with no pictures’, lots of laughs and great fun reading to them”</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Peter R</p>
	<p>“Reading to Sapling class was simply magical. Seeing our little girl’s face light up was utterly priceless. Sapling class all loved the book ‘The tiger who came to tea’ and they were captivated, with lots of questions”</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Laura G</p>		<p>“I read in Hazel class today. The children were lovely. Thoroughly enjoyable”</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Lesley U</p>

Puzzles

Do you like to puzzle or know any adults, community group who do?

The school has a number of 500 to 1000 piece puzzles who need a good home.

If you do please contact the office

Sporting Star: Athlete Visit to F&B

Wow. Wow. WOW!

What more can we say. This morning we had Sean Rose attend the school to put us through our paces in a whole school HIIT circuit. Thank you to two of our school governors: Rosemary Shaw and Chris Male for coming along to support and join in.

The children and staff were hooked and engaged the entire time! At the end we all came together to hold an assembly allowing Sean to share this journey. He shared that from his successful international BMX-ing career, to his accident which resulted in him being a wheelchair user to mastering multiple sports and commentating at the Beijing Paralympics. That no matter what challenges, set backs or issues we have: we always have a choice. **The choice to carry on and find our new way of doing things.**





Tables



It was a great start to our TTRS lunch club this week with children from both year 1 and 2 taking part.

They took part in the 'Jamming' sessions where they had the opportunity to use resources to help them where needed.

Mrs Potma was very excited to come 1st in the 'Teachers Battle of the Bands' having ranked up 26,000 coins! She certainly enjoyed her rock star status.



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YOUR NEAREST MULTI-ACTIVITY CAMP

Venue: Fawbert and Barnard Infants' School - CM21 9AT

Dates: 13th - 17th February 2023

Times: 9.00am - 3.30pm

Price: £24.00 per day (10% sibling discount offered)

Ages: 5 - 12 (4 year olds can attend 9am-1pm)

Additional info: For any further information please contact us on 07803 725992

PLEASE BRING

- A packed lunch
- Plenty of water
- Suitable clothing
- Loads of energy!

Mix it up this half-term with our multi-activity holiday camps!

These camps are a perfect blend of activities for all ages, combining different sports with a variety of team games.

Every day is different, with a mix of fun activities that children may not have tried before – from roller skating to fencing, lacrosse to cheer.

Book now for a half-term full of fun!



TREAT YOUR FRIENDS
TO 20% OFF... AND GET
20% OFF TOO!

*Ts&Cs apply. Refer a friend discount on new bookings only.



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Art Club

A jam packed day
of fun and crafts

Monday 13th February

Friday 17th February

9am-3pm



Krafts ★ Kidz

At Fawbert and Barnard School

£25.00 a day

To book please contact

fayemorganwren@virginmedia.com

Dates for Next Term

January 2023	
Spring Term 1	
INSET Day - 05/01/23	
09/01/2023	PTA - Tickets for Film Night Go on Sale. Film Night is 27/01/2023
09/01/2023	Fawbert and Barnard Nursery Tour (1) @ 09:30
10/01/2023	Local History Walk Year 2
10/01/2023	Year 1 Tea Party - Mayor Visiting
12/01/2023	Fawbert and Barnard Nursery Tour (2) @ 09:30
13/01/2023	PTA - Dress Down Tombola
15/01/2023	Application Deadline for Reception 2023 and Year 3 (including Readings)
16/01/2023	Nursery Application Window Opens - Via Link on our website
17/01/2023	Fawbert and Barnard Nursery Tour (3) @ 09:30
18/01/2023	Fawbert and Barnard Nursery Tour (4) @ 09:30
19/01/2023	School Census Day! Dinner time Raffle two per year group - includes those who have pack lunch!
23/01/2023	Special PE event Launch Assembly - sponsorship letter going home
26/01/2023	Fawbert and Barnard Nursery Tour (5) @ 09:30
26/01/2023	Trip: School Councillors Fawbert and Barnard with Readings to The Houses of Parliament
27/01/2023	PTA: Film Night! (Please note Football that evening has been cancelled)
06/02/2023	PE Special Event and Guest
06/02/2023	Parent Workshop: Inclusion - details to follow.
06/02/2023	PTA - Start of the Silver Coin Challenge - Ending: 28/02/2023
06/02/2023	Year R End of Topic - please look out for more information in your year group newsletters
07/02/2023	Year 1 End of Topic - please look out for more information in your year group newsletters
08/02/2023	Year N End of Topic - please look out for more information in your year group newsletters
09/02/2023	Year 2 End of Topic - please look out for more information in your year group newsletters
Half term 13 th to 17 th February 2023	
23/02/2022	PTA: Bags2School - drop off.
28/02/2023	PTA: Silver Bottle Challenge Ends
09/03/2023	PTA: Dress Down for Jazzy Jars
10/03/2023	Nursery Application Closes
13/03/2023	Rock Steady Concert
20/03/2023	Nursery Allocation Day
20/03/2023	Parent workshop: Inclusion
21/03/2023	Parents Evening - more details to follow - book via Arbor
23/03/2023	Parents Evening - more details to follow - book via Arbor
27/03/2023	PTA: Break the Rules Day

SAWBRIDGEWORTH EVANGELICAL
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH CM21 9EH

Make Lunch

Come and join us for fun, games, crafts and a
hot lunch!

We are here to support families needing a helping hand throughout the school holidays.



SCAN ME

Wednesday 15th February 2023
11:30 - 13:00

To book your place, scan the QR code or:

email: makelunch@secchurch.org.uk or phone: 07549006777

Term Dates 2022/2023

[Please click the link here: to find this years academic dates](#)

Additional Bank Holiday 8th May 2023—Coronation of King Charles III



Fawbert and Barnard Infants School Academic Year 2022-2023

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School days	School holidays	INSET Day/Occasional day	Bank Holiday	Weekend
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In addition, schools allocate five non-pupil days out of the school days indicated, or the equivalent in disaggregated twilight sessions.

Autumn Term:	Monday 5 th September 2022 – Wednesday 21 st December 2022 Monday 19th September- Bank Holiday for the State Funeral of HM Queen Elizabeth II Half Term 24 th October – 28 th October
Spring Term:	Friday 6 th January 2023 – Friday 31 st March 2023 Half Term 13 th February – 17 th February
Summer Term:	Tuesday 18 th April 2023 – Friday 21 st July 2023 Half Term 29 th – 2 nd June



MOVIE & Prosecco NIGHT

FRIDAY 3RD FEBRUARY

TICKETS
£11 PP



**AFTER
PARTY**

WITH DJ TO THE
CELEBS

DJ ROB!!

PROSECCO BAR

ALSO SERVING SOME WINE & SOFT DRINKS
FOR ANYTHING ELSE BYO £15 CORKAGE WILL BE CHARGED

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